

## March 4 Sermon Notes

9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services

**Lenten Series - “Living our mission: Knowing, Following and Serving Christ, through the Gospel of Luke”**

**Preacher:** Rev. Raymond Hylton

**Scripture:** Luke 9:28-36 (*New Testament, pp. 65-66*)

**Title:** Transformed with Christ

**Big Idea:** The transfiguration foreshadows Christ’s future glory and our transformation.

## Next Week

9 and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services - March 11

**Preacher:** Rev. Raymond Hylton

**Scripture:** Luke 22:39-46

**Title:** Praying with Christ

**Big Idea:** The privilege of prayer in a time of crisis.

**Listen to Sunday Sermons** on the FPCE website or via the “First Presbyterian Church of Evanston” iTunes podcast. Sermons are usually uploaded by Tuesday evenings.

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## Highlights

**A celebration to honor Liz Ribeiro and thank her for her service as interim youth director will be held this morning during the Fellowship Hour after first service in Roy Hall. All are welcome!**

**All are invited to come to the Pilgrimage “Spring Training Ultreya” this afternoon from 2-4 pm in the FPCE Dining room!** Wear your favorite team jersey, t-shirt, or hat and join us for “training snacks” to nourish us to serve, fellowship, worship, meditate, and have fun.

**Our annual series of Taizé Lenten Prayer continues this Wednesday, March 7.** Subsequent services will take place March 14, 21 and 28. Each of the gatherings will begin at 7 pm and will be held in Walker Chapel. Join us for a service of meditative prayer with simple and reflective songs in the style of Taizé. Communion will be celebrated at each of these events.

**The 24th annual FPCE Men’s Retreat will be held March 9-10.** Sign up today! This is the Last weekend to register. Dr. Clifton Black, Professor of New Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary, is our retreat speaker. REv. Henry Coates describes him as “one of the best dang professors I’ve ever had.” We will be studying the Gospel of Mark. More information and registration forms at the reception desk or the FPCE website. Join us!

**FPCE will host a Jazz concert, Sunday, March 11, at 4 pm in the Sanctuary.** The event is part of the 9th Annual ChiTown Jazz Festival. The performers include Sherry Cothran and the group “Jazzy Divas.” Proceeds go to help fund programs for the hungry throughout Chicagoland. More information and ticket info are available on the FPCE website.

## Worth Noting

**We offer our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Mary Anne Hoover, who passed away on February 24. Memorial Service will take place on March 16 at 4 pm in Walker Chapel.**

**Childcare is available by request for our Wednesday evening Lenten worship services.** We are happy to staff the Crib Room for families who would use this service, but we ask that you rsvp to the front desk by the Tuesday prior at 5 pm. We will not have childcare on Wednesdays if we do not receive any reservations. For Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, care will be available in our Crib Room during both these 7 pm evening services, with no need to RSVP.

**Please help the Deacon’s Clothes Closet provide the comforts of home to our guests by donating the following new or gently used items: towels, wash cloths, pillows, blankets, and sleeping bags.**

**This morning, we are commissioning five new Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministry training sessions span a 6-month period of 42 hours of in-class training.** A free and confidential service, Stephen Ministry serves people who are struggling with a special need or going through a difficult time. Each person is paired with a trained lay person who will offer Christian support and care. Those being commissioned this morning are: Stephanie Minich, Charlene Parris, Shirley Stang, Delphine Tar and Terri Van Der Veer, who is a member of North Park Covenant Church and will be leading the Stephen Ministry program there.

**The Parish Nurse Book Club will meet again Tuesday, April 3, from 1:30 to 3 pm in the Parlor. They will discuss *Year of Wonders* by Geraldine Brooks.**



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**Pray for Our  
Mission Partners**

**Pray for our mission partner, Larry and Lisa Roettger of Wycliffe Bible Translators, from pages 86 and 87 of 52 Weeks of Prayer for Mission.** Pray for Larry's work as a translation consultant. Lift up the safety of the Nigerian team of translators and consultants. Praise God that His word has power to change lives and nations!

**Our mission-focused adult education class entitled "Building Friendships with Muslims and Internationals: Cultivating Meaningful Spiritual Conversations" continues this morning at 10:30 am in the Dining Room.** Come and be trained on being Christ's ambassadors here in Chicagoland, now through March 18. Facilitators include Dan McNerney, Dave and Sally Ivaska, Ned and Sharon Hale, Melanie Myatt and Caryl Weinberg. The group will be using a video series, Muslims, Christians and Jesus by Carl Medearis. Books (optional) are on sale at the Front Desk for \$10.

**Wanted: a vacuum cleaner is needed by one of our First Friends' Syrian families.** If you have one, please contact Kungsiu Lao at kungsiulau@gmail.com for details. Thank you!

<http://www.firstpresevanston.org/serve/in-the-world/>

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**Prayer in the Parlor**

**The Parlor on the second floor is open each Wednesday for prayer and meditation from 9 am to 9 pm. All are welcome to come and spend time in prayer and praise in the space set aside for a holy time with God.**

**"Lent in a Bag" at-home kits for families to use during the season of Lent are now available at the Children's Ministry table outside the library.** We invite you to take one bag per family. The symbols and devotional guide inside will give your family a Bible story to reflect upon each week of the Lenten season.

**Fish banks for the "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering are available at the Children's Ministry table outside the library.** Children are invited to give offering throughout the Lenten season, and then return the bank to church on Palm Sunday, March 25. An engagement map with activities is also available as a tool to show where our offerings are sent each year.

**Registration for Church Camp at Phantom Ranch in Mukwonago, WI, is now open!** Children currently in 2nd through 6th grade are invited to join us for a week of fun, friends, and faith-building! From June 17-22, we sleep away in cabins staffed by at least two counselors and spend the days horseback riding, playing games, learning Bible stories, and sharing life together. Brochures are available at the Children's Ministry table, and scholarships for some or all of the camp fees of \$425 are available. Register online at <http://www.firstpresevanston.org/learn/children/first-kids-camps/>

**High school students, college students, and young adults are invited to apply to be a camp counselor at Church Camp this summer!** The role requires boundless energy, love, commitment, and prayer. Counselors are asked to invest a week of their time (June 17-22) in our children, but volunteers find the work to be incredibly rewarding and eternally significant! Application packets are available at the front desk, online, or by contacting Kristin Mueller.

**Has your family outgrown your Fisher Price Little People characters and sets?** We are looking for gently used Little People toys for use in our Crib Room here at church. We are in search of playsets, vehicles, people, animals, and other fun pieces. As we collect these items, we will also share the donations with families in our First Friends ministry. Thank you!

**Summer Save-the-Dates!**

- Church Camp, Phantom Ranch, Mukwonago, WI – June 17-22
- Family Camp Weekend, Stronghold Camp, Oregon, IL – July 6-8
- Vacation Bible School, on-site at First Pres – August 6-10

<http://www.firstpresevanston.org/learn/children/>

**PYGS meets from 4-6 pm this Sunday afternoon.** Dinner is served and a \$5 donation is requested to cover costs. All high school students are welcome.

**NUBS meets each Friday, from 7-9 pm, in the NUBS lounge.** Students from grades 6-8 are invited.

**Service Saturday will be held March 10. Students and families are invited to join us from 10 am to 12:30 pm at Hilda's Place Shelter located down the block from FPCE at 1458 Chicago Ave.** We will tackle a mix of projects that may include: cleaning, sorting clothing, and food donations, preparing move-in kits or special maintenance tasks. We need 15 volunteers. Please sign up online.

**Summer 2018 we're heading to The Great Escape.** Rising 7th graders through graduating 8th graders are invited to go to the longest running middle school conference in the country July 9-14. It's a huge high energy Jesus filled week of fun! Registration is \$475. Scholarships are available. Registration details can be found on the Sunday School table, in email, or online.

**High School Mission Trip will be July 22-27 in Benton Harbor Michigan.** We will be serving the communities youngest and oldest residents alongside other churches. Registration fee is \$450. Registration details can be found on the Sunday School table, in email, or online.

*More details about Youth events can be found in our weekly email. Text YOUTHGROUP to 42828 to subscribe!*

<http://www.firstpresevanston.org/learn/students/>

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**Sunday Morning Greeters sought**

**Do you want to help make our church more welcoming to visitors?** If so join the welcome team as a greeter Sunday mornings. We are looking for volunteers to greet before and after the Sunday morning services. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact Stephanie Homan at stephanie.b.homan@gmail.com.

**Want to know Jesus more fully? Looking for a Sunday school class that will delve deep into the Bible and not shy away from hard questions?** Come to Pastor Henry's class on The Gospel of Mark! We are studying Mark chapter by chapter, attempting to take in a holistic view of the Scripture text that encompasses historical, literary, and theological insights. Mark's Gospel centers around the question Jesus asks of his disciples, "Who do you say I am?" All are welcome, from first time visitor to long time member, to join with us as we seek the answer! When: After the First Service. Where: Upstairs in the Parlor.

**Family Open Gym**

*Thursdays, 4-7 pm, Roy Hall*

Open for parents and their children to come run around, shoot some baskets, play some games. No need to RSVP; just show up and have a great time!

<http://www.firstpresevanston.org/learn/adults/young-adults/>

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**150th Anniversary Art Exhibit planned**

**Wanted: Visual artists! As part of the 150th anniversary celebration in July, the Arts Ministry Team plans to stage an exhibit of our congregation's artistic talent.** If you wish to participate with an example of your talent in the genres of photography, painting, drawing, watercolor, collage, calligraphy, needlework or quilting, please contact Dan Van Heukelem at danvanenterprise@sbcglobal.net to express your interest and get more details.