

March 25 Sermon Notes

9 and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services - March 25 - PALM SUNDAY

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

Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton

Scripture: Luke 19:28-44

Title: Entering the City with Christ

Big Idea: : After entering Jerusalem, Jesus wept because the people could not see Him as God's Messiah.

Holy Week

Wednesday, March 28 - Taizé Prayer** 7 p.m., Walker Chapel

Thursday, March 29 - Maundy Thursday Service* 7 p.m., Sanctuary

Friday, March 30 - Good Friday Service with Chancel Choir* 7 p.m., Sanctuary

*Childcare Available **Childcare available upon request by contacting front desk

April 1 - RESURRECTION SUNDAY - 9 and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services

Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton

Scripture: Luke 24:13-27

Title: The Resurrection Changes Everything

Big Idea: : What happens when Jesus opens our eyes to recognize Him?

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

This morning is a Fellowship Sunday, which means there will be no Adult Education Hour classes, and all are invited to gather between the two worship services in Roy Hall and enjoy one another's company. Youth and Children's education classes will continue to be held, as will the Lenten Small Group in Room 102. All are welcome!

This morning after both services, we host the Connections Room in Room 103, at the front right hand side of the sanctuary. If you are a first time guest, have been visiting for a while, or want to ask more questions, stop by for coffee and refreshments and to get connected with staff and members here at FPCE.

This morning, in addition to our regular offering, we are taking up a collection for the One Great Hour of Sharing annual donation drive. Each bulletin has a collection envelope for your donations. Checks should be made to First Presbyterian Evanston.

Today is the last day to purchase Easter Floral Remembrances. Donate \$10 toward the purchase of the floral plants to be placed in the Chancel on Easter Sunday in memory of loved ones (Note: there is not one plant per remembrance.). Forms are available at the front desk.

Our annual series of Taizé Lenten Prayer concludes this Wednesday, March 28. The gathering will be held at 7 pm 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.

A Wednesday Night Dinner will be held this week at 6 pm in the Dining Room, prior to the Taizé Lenten Prayer. The main course will be Boeuf Bourguignon à la Julia Child – the classic, from *Mastering the Art of French Cooking* – with noodles and French bread. The cost is \$5 per person. Reservations by Monday, March 26, at the front desk are appreciated.

Join other families from First Presbyterian Church for a family-friendly Good Friday Workshop on March 30! We will spend the morning sharing snacks, participating in worship together, and creating an Easter seed project to take home. We'll be in Walker Chapel, but our time will be more casual than a Sunday morning - little voices are welcome and encouraged! If you are able, please bring a breakfast food or cut fruit to share during our snack time. This is a free event, open to all, and begins at 10 a.m. in the Dining Room upstairs. Questions? Contact Kristin Mueller.

Worth Noting

We offer our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the Weber family for the passing of Zack's father, Vic Weber, who died March 14 in Jacksonville, IL. A funeral was held March 24 in Deerfield.

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. All are welcome to join us for our discussion.

Senior Varsity will meet on Thursday, April 5. Our topic will be "Celebrate Life: People with Special Needs." Join us for a discussion with Sister Rosemary Connelly, RSM. She serves as executive director of Misericordia/Heart of Mercy, Chicago, a home for over 600 children with disabilities. What makes the lives of the residents thrive with satisfaction and happiness? Come and hear this inspiring story of dedication and find out what is planned for the future. Registration will begin at 10:30 am, the presentation at 11, and lunch will be served at noon (cost: \$5 for lunch). Please register by April 3 at the front desk by calling (847) 864-1472. All are welcome, especially seniors.



Missions

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Pray for Our Mission Partners

Pray for our mission partners, 10th of Ramadan Church, from pages 94 and 95 of 52 Weeks of Prayer for Mission. Ask God to guide the elders and congregation as they seek to be a light for Christ in the Cairo, Egypt, region. Pray for their courage and vision in the midst of increased anti-Christian hostility and for hearts that continue to burn for the lost throughout the Middle East. Ask God to guide Pastor Isaac, and his family while he is studying in the Netherlands.

We are seeking a donation of airline fly-points to purchase a ticket for one of our Mission Partners who is hoping to attend the 150th celebration of First Presbyterian Evanston. If you are interested in helping, please contact Caryl Weinberg.

Thank you to all who have donated items and service to our First Friends Syrian refugee family. Continue to keep them in your prayers!

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

Personal care items sought

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, washcloths, pillows, blankets, and sleeping bags.

The Deacons would like to offer a special "Thank You" to the children from SLC for their donations of washcloths, socks and other personal items for our Clothes Closet guests.

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.

Children and Families

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We invite you to take a moment to interactively pray for the children and youth in our church. Our large bulletin board outside the Sanctuary has sheets with the names and ages of children and youth. Each week, we encourage our whole church to choose a child's name, write him or her a prayer, and then continue to pray for that person throughout the week. As you write on the pages, please use your words to encourage the children and youth in our church through prayers, Bible verses, and blessings. If you notice that your child or youth's name is not included, please stop by the front desk and fill out a page so that we can include you. As we take the papers down, we will return them to the children and youth with our words and prayers. Thank you!

2nd Grade students will be presented with a Bible during both worship services on Sunday, April 15. We imprint Bibles with each student's name. If you haven't received an email request for your child's name, please contact Kristin Mueller so that your 2nd grade student receives a Bible.

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 from June 17-22. We sleep 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/>

Summer Save-the-Dates!

- 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/>

Reclaim lost and found items

The members closet and lost and found at the front desk are full of unclaimed items. If you have an item that needs to be picked up or if you have a lost item, please claim it at the front desk by April 29. On April 30, all unclaimed items will be donated or discarded.

Youth and Families

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High school Youth Group (PYGS) meets downstairs in the PYGS lounge from 4-6 pm this Sunday afternoon. Dinner will be served. A \$5 donation is requested to cover the cost of food. This week we will be testing our knowledge with a game of trivia! There will be prizes!

No middle school Youth Group (NUBS) or high school Youth Group (PYGS) March 30. Youth and their families are invited to join us for the Good Friday workshop at 10:00 and the 7:00 worship service on Good Friday. Please also join us for Easter worship at 9:00 or 11:30 with Sunday school in between.

High school students, college students, and young adults are invited to apply to be a camp counselor at Church Camp this summer! 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 or online.

The 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. Scholarships are available. Registration details can be found on the Sunday School table, online or by contacting Pastor Amanda. **Deadline to register: Sunday, April 8.**

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

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

Employment Opportunity

First Pres is seeking applications for a part-time salaried position of Worship Band Director. The post will require 10-12 hours of work per week (flexible work hours, Monday through Friday plus Sunday mornings). The job description is posted on the First Pres website <http://www.firstpresevanston.org/about-us/employment> To apply, please e-mail your resume to fpceworship@gmail.com attn: Eleanor Ehresman.

Young Adults and Families

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First Pres has a small group for folks in their 20/30s which meets every other Sunday at Pastor Henry's house. If you are interested in coming, know you are most welcome to join. Reach out to Pastor Henry in person or by email.

We're putting together another team for the Chicago Spartan Race Sprint! The race takes place Sunday, June 24, and scholarships are available for the registration fee. All are welcome if they're willing to push themselves and work together in a team. If Pastor Henry can do it, you can do it! Interested? Reach out to Pastor Henry. Deadline for signups is the end of April.

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, from first time visitor to long time member, are welcome to join with us as we seek the answer! When: 10:30 am. Where: Upstairs in the Parlor. *NOTE: This class does not meet this week due to Fellowship Sunday.*

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/>

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.