

April 1 Sermon Notes

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

Preacher: Rev. Henry Coates

Scripture: Luke 24:1-12 (*New Testament pp. 84-85*)

Title: The Resurrection Changes Everything

Big Idea: The empty tomb changes our course forever.

9 and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services - April 8 - Communion

Preacher: Rev. Henry Coates

Scripture: Luke 24:13-27

Title: Meeting Jesus on the Emmaus Road

Big Idea: Just as Jesus meets us on the Emmaus Road, he meets us in all the mundane areas of life.

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Highlights

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 just want to ask questions about FPCE, stop by for coffee and refreshments and to get connected with staff and members.

This week, there will not be any Adult Education classes. Please join us between services in Roy Hall (2nd Floor) for refreshments and an extended time of fellowship. Adult Education classes will resume April 8. Our spring offerings are listed on the back of the Sunday bulletins.

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.

Next Sunday, as part of our communion services, we will take an additional offering on behalf of the Deacons' Fund. These bi-monthly offerings are the only source of revenue for a wide variety of ministries here at FPCE. Envelopes for these gifts, which are in addition to regular pledge commitments, will be available in next week's bulletins. Please prayerfully consider your giving.

Worth Noting

April's Service Activity Sunday will take place next week, April 8 from 2 to 4 pm. All youth, children and families are invited to give back to the First Presbyterian music program by joining us to clean the bells and straighten the sanctuary. There will be a job for all age levels. This is a great opportunity to participate in service as a family and to show our children and youth that it takes a community to keep a church going strong. RSVP to Pastor Amanda.

Save April 28 for our Annual Rebuilding Together day with one of our Evanston Neighbors. Most of this year's work will be painting and lawn and garden work. The home is very near ETHS! Details and sign up to begin soon!

On Saturday, April 28, Prison Ministry will be taking Angel Tree children to the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum in Lincoln Park. We're seeking volunteers to ride along or drive in order to facilitate this day special for children who have a parent in prison. We leave the church at 11 am and will return around 4 pm. If you can help, please contact Sonia Evenstad at 847-869-5112 or evenstad@sbcglobal.net. Remember those in prison as if you were with them. Hebrews 13:3.

The 2017-2018 FPCE picture directories have arrived! They are available to be picked up at the front desk Monday through Saturday this week for those who have pictures in the directory. Additional copies will be sold to others at a later date.



Missions

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Pray for Our Mission Partners

Pray for our mission partners, Jim and Karen Turner, from pages 96 and 97 of *52 Weeks of Prayer for Mission*. Pray for their work with Wycliffe Bible Translators as they coordinate translation projects for the Middle East and North Africa. Ask God to bless their efforts to bring written and audio resources to millions of unreached people who might otherwise never hear the Scriptures and know the love of Jesus.

On Sunday, April 15, a new Mission-themed Adult Education class will begin. The 5-week session is entitled "Tell Me a Story". Our facilitators will be Sonia Bodi, Melanie Myatt, and Caryl Weinberg. On May 12 we will have special guests "Keith and Louise," who are FPCE partners serving in Central Asia.

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.

<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, blankets, and sleeping bags

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/>

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.

Youth and Families

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No high school Youth Group (PYGS) tonight. See you next week!

Middle school Youth Group (NUBS) meets each Friday, from 7-9 pm, on the top floor in the NUBS lounge. 6th-8th graders are invited to come for a time of snacks, fellowship, and Bible study. This Friday, April 6, we will be planning for Youth Sunday.

Youth Sunday is coming April 22! All youth 6th-12th grade are invited to participate. There are speaking and non-speaking parts, instrumental parts and even opportunities for those who are visual artists! There is something for everyone. Come give of your gifts to help us worship God. Contact Pastor Amanda if you are interested in participating.

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/>

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.

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.