

April 8 Sermon Notes

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

Preacher: Rev. Henry Coates

Scripture: Luke 24:13-27 (*New Testament p. 85*)

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.

9 and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services - April 15

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton

Scripture: Luke 24:36-43

Title: Reading Scripture with Christ

Big Idea: Because all of Scripture points to Christ, we encounter Him through Scripture.

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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 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, are in today's bulletins. Please prayerfully consider your giving.

April's Service Activity Sunday takes place this afternoon 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.

Our bi-monthly Wednesday Prayer Gathering will take place on April 11 at 7 pm in the Parlor. This particular gathering will be focused on healing. All are welcome!

A Wednesday Night Dinner will be held April 11 at 6 pm in the Dining Room. The main entree will be Shrimp Creole a la Brennan's Restaurant. The cost is \$5 per person and reservations at the front desk by Monday are deeply appreciated.

Our annual Youth Sunday Worship Service will take place April 22 with a single service at 10 a.m. There will be no Sunday Adult Education classes, and an open-house brunch will be held afterward in Roy Hall."

Worth Noting

We offer our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the McBride family on the passing of Barbara McBride, who died March 25. Visitation and funeral were held April 6 in Glenview. Burial will take place out of state.

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 for those who have pictures in the directory. Additional copies will be sold to others at a later date.

Beginning in early May, the First Pres elevator will be under repair for approximately two months. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause, and will be working to minimize the impact this has on FPCE services and events.



Missions

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Pray for Our Mission Partners

Pray for our mission partners, Doug and Sheila Wilson of Avart Ministries, from pages 98 and 99 of 52 Weeks of Prayer for Mission. Pray for their work in intercultural ministry, seeking to bridge the divide between various cultures as a means of spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ. Ask God to bless their efforts to recruit new young people to serve overseas. Pray for their provision, wisdom and creativity.

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/>

Website offers member services

Members and giving non-members: Did you know that you can get on-line access to the church directory, the church calendar, and your giving records? Simply go to the First Pres website (www.firstpresevanston.org) and click on "Member Log In" to get instructions. You can also pick up a printed copy at the front desk.

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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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 Sunday we will be participating in the service project starting at 2:00 and then continue our time together in the PYGS lounge beginning at 4:00.

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 13, we will be playing Bible Charades.

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. We will rehearse the afternoon of April 21. 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.

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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Porn addiction is a reality that needs to be acknowledged by Christians. Are you struggling with porn? You are not alone, and help is out there. Pastor Henry is looking to start a Resisting Porn Accountability Group here at the church. If you're interested, please reach out to him via email or by calling the church office. All inquiries will be strictly confidential; your identity will be protected.

Pastor Henry is looking to put together a Book Group starting in May. Our first book will be Dostoevsky's *Crime and Punishment*. All are welcome join the reading and discussion. Reach out to Pastor Henry for more information.

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. *This group meets this afternoon.*

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 sign-ups is the end of April.

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/>

Anniversary Organ Recital April 29

As part of FPCE's 150th anniversary celebration, and in recognition of the 60th anniversary of the installation of our Aeolian-Skinner sanctuary organ, the Northshore chapter of the American Guild of Organists will host an organ recital celebrating their 60th anniversary as a chapter. The recital will take place at 4 pm, Sunday, April 29, and is open to the public. After its installation in 1958, our Sanctuary organ was used for the chapter's very first recital. The chapter's last six deans will perform at this program. If you love to hear outstanding organ music played on a great instrument, you will not want to miss this event!