

April 15 Sermon Notes

9 and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton

Scripture: Luke 24:44-45

Title: Reading Scripture with Christ

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

10 a.m. Youth Worship Service - April 22

Join us for a special worship service created and led by our 6th-12th grade youth!

[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 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.

We celebrate with our second-grade students who are receiving Bibles during worship today. Those receiving bibles are: Audrey Elizabeth Baxa, Matthew Willard Bodan, Kelsey Emma Donovan, Abigail Kristine Jackson, Jordell Muganwa, Lilianna Marie Myatt, Jack Benjamin Rutledge, Owen Tilson, and Mia Wuellner.

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

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!

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!

Worth Noting

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.

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. For members who don't have pictures, directories can be purchased for \$5.

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 we will be working to minimize the impact this has on FPCE services and events.

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 inquires will be strictly confidential.

Friends in Christ will be hosting its Spring Potluck Dinner on Monday, May 7, 6:30pm, in the church dining room. Mike Denesha, Chaplain and FPCE Stephen Ministry leader, will speak on the topic *"My Walk with Cancer, and the Power of Healing Prayer."* All are welcome to attend. Main dish and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side, salad, or dessert to share. RSVP to Bonnie Kath (bkath@comcast.net or 847-507-4146) by Thursday, May 3.



Missions

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Pray for Our Mission Partners

Pray for our mission partners, New Life Shelter and Outreach, from pages 100 and 101 of 52 *Weeks of Prayer for Mission*. Pray for their ministry to women and children experiencing homelessness in Evanston, Rogers Park and other areas. Ask God to give strength and wisdom to all of our FPCE volunteers serving there, and for an increase in resources and volunteers.

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 Login" 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!

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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All 7th and 8th grade youth are invited to **Middle school Mania at Phantom Ranch Church Camp June 17-22. Register Now!** This year we are trying something new and crafting a special middle school experience at Church Camp. All children and youth will be at camp at the same time but the middle school youth will have special activities, chapel and campfire time. They may even go on an overnight camping and rock climbing excursion! Cost is \$425. Contact Pastor Amanda for registration materials.

Youth Sunday is coming April 22! All youth 6th-12th grade are invited to participate. We will rehearse April 21 from 1-5 pm. Come give of your gifts to help us worship God. If you can't make rehearsal you are still welcome to participate. We will lead one service at 10 am on Sunday, April 22, with a brunch to follow.

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. We will be finishing up plans for Youth Sunday.

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 20, there is [no NUBS gathering](#). Join us Saturday, 1-5 pm for Youth Sunday rehearsal.

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

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

Young Adults and Families

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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.

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/>

Book Club discusses 50th book May 15

The Parish Nurse Book Club will meet again Tuesday, May 15, from 1:30 to 3 pm in the parlor. This is the 50th book the club has read since starting in 2012. We will be reading *The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom. Goodreads says "Kathleen Grissom brings to life a thriving plantation in Virginia in the decades before the Civil War, where a dark secret threatens to expose the best and worst in everyone tied to the estate." All are welcome!

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.