

April 29 Sermon Notes

9 and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services

Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton

Scripture: Luke 21:10-19 (*New Testament p. 80*)

Title: Persecuted for Christ

Big Idea: Persecution of Christians also means opportunity to bear witness for Christ.

9 and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services - May 6

Preacher: Rev. Henry Coates

Scripture: Acts 15:1-11 (*New Testament pp. 127-128*)

Title: Saved by Grace

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Highlights

This morning after the service, 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 afternoon, 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 in the Sanctuary, and is open to the public. After its installation in 1958, this organ was used for the chapter's very first recital. If you love to hear outstanding organ music played on a great instrument, you will not want to miss this event!

The next Senior Varsity will meet this Thursday, May 3. Fr. John Kartje, who is president of Mundelein Seminary as well as an astrophysicist, will discuss the relationship between religion and science. Registration will begin at 10:30 am, the presentation starts at 11 am, and lunch will be served at Noon (cost: \$5 for lunch). Please register by May 1 at the front desk by calling (847) 864-1472. All are welcome, especially seniors.

Friends in Christ will be hosting its Spring Potluck Dinner on Monday, May 7, 6:30 pm, 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.

Worth Noting

Help support the Summer Youth Mission Trip! Youth will be at tables near the front desk and outside Roy Hall after worship services this Sunday and May 6 taking pledges to support the Summer youth mission trip to Benton Harbor, Michigan. There is no donation that is too small. Thank you to all who supported the youth mission trip last Sunday by donating through the special offering! We raised \$2,415.50 towards our goal!

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 then end of the day today! On April 30, all unclaimed items will be donated or discarded.

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!

The FPCE New Members Class will be held June 3 and 10 following our Sunday worship service. This two-week class is for all those interested in membership at First Pres. Childcare is available. For more info or to sign up, please contact Janice at 847-864-1472 or at jdocschuetz@firstpreevanston.org.

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.



Missions

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Pray for Our Mission Partners

Pray for our mission partners, the Warming Center at FPCE, from pages 104 and 105 of 2 Weeks of Prayer for Mission. Lift up this seasonal ministry as it provides a warm place for those who might not otherwise be able to get out of the cold. Ask God to guide the leaders and volunteers as they interact with our guests. Pray for wisdom, safety and peace.

Souper Saturday is looking to fill their morning host and co-host positions. These volunteers would need to be available 8 to 10 am each Saturday beginning June 9. The work includes placing welcome signs outside, and preparing the sign-in table with a water jug, cups, and the sign in sheets. They would also greet our guests in the basement sign-in area, and hand out numbers for Souper Saturday lunch or the clothes closet. More details are available by contacting Kris Economos at 847-475-0226 or at kriseconomos@yahoo.com.

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/>

Elevator Repair

The elevator repair project is now scheduled to begin in June and be completed in time for the 150th Anniversary celebration July 27-29. 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.

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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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/>

Registration for Vacation Bible School at First Pres is now open! Children age 3 through current 5th grade students are invited to join us at church August 6-10 from 9-11:45 am each day. Our theme this year is "Shipwrecked," where kids discover that Jesus rescues them! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Register today at <http://www.firstpresevanston.org/learn/children/first-kids-camps/>

Join us for a weekend of Family Camp at Stronghold Camp in Oregon, IL, from July 6-8! Parents, children, grandparents, aunts, uncles and all the cousins are invited for a weekend of games, crafts, swimming, campfires, and fellowship in the beauty of God's creation. Stay in a beautiful retreat building or bring a tent and stay at the Stronghold Family Campground area. Camp fees include lodging, food, activities, and programs for ages 3-103 (no charge for infants and toddlers)! For more information, contact kmuller@firstpresevanston.org.

Save room for dessert... and help raise money for Church Camp! In mid-May, Culver's restaurant will donate a portion of one evening's sales to benefit the Connie Floyd Memorial Church Camp Scholarship Fund at First Presbyterian Church. We will announce the date soon! Come enjoy a burger, frozen custard, or cheese curds and support a great cause! Last year's event was a great time of fellowship and fund-raising for all who participated! The address is Culver's of Skokie, 9455 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, IL 60077.

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

International Potluck May 20

May 20 after the 11:30 service, join us for a First Pres International Potluck. Sign up in the Narthex after today's 11:30 am service, or e-mail Hannah at hmccconnell@firstpresevanston.org with the dish you'd like to contribute.

Youth and Families

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Thank you to all the volunteers that made Youth Sunday possible! Special thanks to Terri Jo Englund, Liz Ribeiro, Sally Ivaska, Alison Velasco, Karen McLeod, Melodie Henrie, Allison Allen, Joan Borg, Tom Klamm, Bill Floyd, Lisa Webber, Lorna Gayle, Vivienne Jones, Niki Horrell, Julia Coll, Renee Cox, Dwayne Dobschuetz, Susan and Doug Hood and everyone who donated baked goods.

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! *The cost is \$425 and the registration deadline is May 13.* Scholarships are available. Contact Pastor Amanda for registration materials.

High school Youth Group (PYGS) meets downstairs in the PYGS lounge from 4-6 pm this afternoon. Dinner will be served. A \$5 donation is requested to cover the cost of food. We will be watching a movie!

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, May 4, we will be doing a scavenger hunt.

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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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.

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.

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/>

Church Officer nominations sought

The Nominating Committee seeks your input for elder, trustee or deacon candidates for the 2019 slate. Candidates must be a church member, gifted by the Holy Spirit, and willing to serve. Nomination forms are available at the front desk. Suggestions may also be sent to fpcenominate@gmail.com or to Matt McLeod or Marge Stromberg, co-chairs.