

May 6 Sermon Notes

9 and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services

Preacher: Rev. Henry Coates

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

Title: Saved by Grace

9 and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services - May 13

Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton

Scripture: Acts 16:11-15 (*New Testament p. 129*)

Title: Going Where God is Working

Big Idea: Growing churches courageously go where the Spirit of God leads. Miracles happen when the church is willing to risk.

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Highlights

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, 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!

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

Our regular Prayer Gathering will be held Wednesday, May 9, at 7 pm in Walker Chapel. Come join us as we lift our praise and concerns to our Heavenly Father. A Wednesday Night dinner will be held in the dining room prior to the gathering. Join us for tilapia with grapefruit avocado salsa, asparagus, and rice. If possible leave a reservation with the front desk by end of the day Monday. Meals are \$5 each.

FPCE will move to its summer worship service schedule beginning Sunday, May 27.

We will hold one worship service for everyone at 10 am. Our summer fellowship gathering, Lemonade on the Lawn, will begin June 3.

Worth Noting

Celebrate Mother's Day with our Syrian Refugee families for a potluck dinner at church on Saturday, May 12, 4-7 pm in the FPCE Dining Room! There will be Syrian music and good conversation as we pay special attention to our refugee mothers. All are welcome! Sign up to attend and to bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4bafae2ba2ff2-mothers>. Questions? Contact Sally Ivaska at sallyivaska1@gmail.com or Caryl Weinberg at cweinberg@firstpresevanston.org.

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!

Save room for dessert... and help raise money for Church Camp! On Wednesday, May 16, 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. Come enjoy a burger, frozen custard, or cheese curds between 5 and 9 pm, and support a great cause! The address is Culver's of Skokie, 9455 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, IL 60077.

May 20 after the 11:30 am service, join us for a First Pres International Potluck. Sign up with Ruby in the Narthex after today's 11:30 am service, or e-mail Hannah at hmconnell@firstpresevanston.org with the dish you'd like to contribute. Then our wonderful chefs Alison and Ruby will round out our menu selections with their culinary panache.

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 atjdocschuetz@firstpresevanston.org.

Please dig down through your closets and bring in your "gently used" clothes for the Deacons' Closet: Our special need now is for Men's jeans and shoes. (Larger sizes, especially, for the jeans.) Backpacks and tote bags are also in big demand this time of year. Please take a look, and bring your "extras" in to the church office for our Deacons to distribute. With gratitude on the part of our visitors, and blessings from our God, the Deacons thank you.



Missions

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Pray for Our Mission Partners

Please pray for our mission partner Kathleen Johnson, on the death of her father in Buffalo, New York. Kathleen works with Muslim women and children in her community. Much of her time in recent years has been spent caring for her father.

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.

Longtime FPCE mission partners “Keith and Louise” (a pseudonym) will lead the Mission Class “Tell Me a Story” held during the Adult Education Hour on Sunday, May 13. They will be teaching us how to tell a Bible passage in story form, as they do in their mission field. Join us!

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

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 fpce nominate@gmail.com or to Matt McLeod or Marge Stromberg, co-chairs.

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.

Want to know what’s happening in our lessons each Sunday morning? We’ve begun an email to let you know the lesson that each age group is learning for the day, so that your family can continue the conversation at home. If you haven’t yet seen our Sunday lessons email, let us know that you’d like to sign up! Contact eferguson@firstpresevanston.org for details.

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

Pilgrimage Renewal set for June 7-10

Pilgrimage Renewal Weekend is set for June 7-10, 2018! Do you desire to deepen your faith and invigorate your life in Christ? If so, Pilgrimage may be for you! For more information, take a brochure available in the information rack, talk to someone at the Pilgrimage table during Fellowship hour, or check out the website chpilgrimage.org.

Youth and Families

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The May Service Activity will be held Saturday, May 12, 3:30-7 pm. All middle and high school youth are invited to help lead crafts for the First Friends refugee children. Come enjoy the Mother’s Day potluck and Syrian music while helping brighten Mother’s day for our refugee families. Please RSVP to Pastor Amanda or sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a4ca5ae2ca3fd0-allyouth>

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 playing some board games.

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 11, we will be making graffiti art.

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.

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. Reach out to Pastor Henry this week!

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/>

FPCE survey snapshot

In February, FPCE took a survey of those in attendance on Sunday mornings in the Sanctuary for three weeks in a row. Over the next few weeks, we’ll share some interesting nuggets of information about what the results showed.

These results are by no means a complete description of who we are at FPCE, but they help us take a “snapshot” of where we’re at and what we can do to be a church to Evanston and the surrounding area.

Small Group Participation at FPCE

Close to half of the survey respondents attend an FPCE small group regularly (44%), and 3 in 5 attend some form of small group (61%). Among those that attend any small group, 72% attend one at FPCE. Millennials are much more likely than other age groups to attend an FPCE small group (59%). They are also the most likely to attend a small group with an organization outside FPCE (19% compared to 9% of the total congregation), possibly due to the student population among Millennials who have access to campus ministries. Gen Z and Gen X are the least likely to attend any small group (50% and 54% respectively).