

May 20 Sermon Notes

9 and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services

Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton

Scripture: Acts 18:24-19:1-7 (*New Testament p. 132*)

Title: The Missing Link

Big Idea: It is possible to have correct theology and knowledge about Christ and still miss the key to life in Christ. Both Apollos and the 12 disciples in Ephesus illustrate this point.

10 a.m. Worship Service - May 27

Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton

Scripture: Acts 17:16-21 (*New Testament pp. 130-131*)

Title: A Heart for the City

Big Idea: Ministry is fueled by cultivating compassion for those who are yet to know Christ.

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Highlights

Today after the 11:30 am service, join us for a First Pres International Potluck in Roy Hall. All are welcome!

Included in today's Bulletins are special offering envelopes for Tumekutana 2018. FPCE is a founding partner of Tumekutana (a Swahili word meaning, "We have come together"). In September 2018, Presbyterian and Reformed Church women's leaders from 23 countries in Africa will meet for the 4th time in South Africa. Offerings collected in these envelopes will help cover the cost of the conference, travel and housing costs for the women invited to attend. A full scholarship for one woman costs \$1,800. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Wednesday, we will meet together at 7 pm in Walker Chapel for our regular Prayer Gathering. All are welcome! Join us as we bring our cares and concerns before God, seeking His guidance and trusting in His goodness and grace! At 6 pm in the Dining Room, we will have our final Wednesday Night Dinner of the spring. The Indian cuisine-themed dinner will include butter chicken, saag, and basmati rice. Meals are \$5 each.

FPCE will move to its summer worship service schedule beginning next Sunday, May 27. We will hold one worship service for everyone at 10 am. Our summer fellowship gatherings, Lemonade on the Lawn, will begin June 3.

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 jdobschuetz@firstpresevanston.org.

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.

Worth Noting

Ramadan has begun! From May 15 to June 14, Muslims around the world are fasting and praying. Pick up a copy of 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World to pray daily for different Muslim countries and people groups. Copies are available outside the Sanctuary and at the front desk. Children's versions are available for families to pick up on the tables across from the library. Join with Christians around the world as we seek God, asking Him to bring the light of Jesus Christ and hope of His atonement to the whole world.

Hire a Youth to help fund the summer mission trip! Need help with yard work? Does your basement need to be cleaned out? Looking for a baby sitter? Contact Pastor Amanda (agolbek@firstpresevanston.org) if you would like to hire a youth. Proceeds they earn will help them attend the Summer Youth Mission Trip.

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.

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.



Missions

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Pray for Our Mission Partners

Please pray for our mission partner, Tumekutana, from pages 110 and 111 of 52 Weeks of Prayer for Mission. Tumekutana (a Swahili word meaning “we have come together”) was born of a vision to provide a way for African Presbyterian Reformed women’s leaders to meet face to face for mutual support and fellowship. It is a fellowship of women leaders who confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Savior according to the Scriptures and therefore seek to fulfill together their common calling to honor and glorify the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Pray for this year’s gathering, September 15-21 in South Africa. Ask God to make available the resources needed to make it happen, and for the Holy Spirit’s power to be released in all the women who take part.

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.

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

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/>

Member art on display in lobby

The Arts Ministry is proud to offer an exhibit of the art of members Ray Koenig and his daughter Sherri Koenig. These wonderful pieces will be on display in the lobby hallway near the Sanctuary entrance now through June 24.

Youth and Families

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High school Youth Group (PYGS) meets this afternoon for the last time until September. We will be meeting at Dawes Park for a potluck picnic from 4-6 pm. If it is raining we will meet at church.

Middle school Youth Group (NUBS) is now on a break for the summer.

Keep an eye out for the Summer youth events calendar! (Coming soon!)

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.

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 an intergenerational 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. If you haven’t done so already, please email hcoates@firstpresevanston.org to express your interest (even if you have spoken to him about it).

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

For 3 consecutive weeks in February, FPCE took a survey of those in attendance on Sunday mornings in the Sanctuary. 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 - Part 3

Among those that gave reasons for not attending a small group, about half said it was due to time constraints, and a quarter said they were not interested in small groups. The most common responses in the “Other” category were that they just moved to the area or recently started attending FPCE.