

May 27 Sermon Notes

10 a.m. Worship Service

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.

Next Week

10 a.m. Worship Service - June 3

Preacher: Rev. Henry Coates

Scripture: Acts 17:22-34 (*New Testament p. 131*)

Title: Speaking Truth with Love

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Highlights

Our summer fellowship gatherings, Lemonade on the Lawn, will begin next Sunday, June 3, immediately after the service. 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 jdobschuetz@firstpresevanston.org.

Beginning June 3, the Children's wing of our education building will only be open to children and the adults who accompany them. At a recent safety training with the Evanston Police Department, we were encouraged to keep our children's wing closed to the general public. We are seeking the balance of remaining hospitable while striving to provide the best care for our children. Congregational members are encouraged to begin using the bathrooms either downstairs (youth lounge level) or upstairs (Roy Hall level) on Sunday mornings. Thank you for helping us as we seek to be more safety-conscious in our modern world!

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.

The church building will be closed Monday, May 28, in observance of Memorial Day.

Worth Noting

After years of service to First Pres, Shirley Stang is moving to Germantown, WI. Today is her last Sunday here at FPCE. We offer prayers on her behalf as we give thanks for all she has meant to us.

The Parish Nurse Book Club will meet again Tuesday, June 26, from 1:30-3 in the Parlor (or Room 102 if the elevator is still being repaired). We are reading *Snow Falling on Cedars* by David Guterson. Goodreads offers the following synopsis: "San Piedro Island, north of Puget Sound, is a place so isolated that no one who lives there can afford to make enemies. But in 1954 a local fisherman is found suspiciously drowned, and a Japanese American named Kabuo Miyamoto is charged with his murder. Gripping, tragic, and densely atmospheric—a masterpiece of suspense which leaves us shaken and changed." All are welcome to join us!

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.

In the Narthex you'll find a display of International Bibles. You are welcome to take one home with you to keep or to pass along to a friend or colleague.

Electronic copies of our recent demographic survey are available upon e-mail request to Janice Dobschuetz at jdobschuetz@firstpresevanston.org.



Missions

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Pray for Our Mission Partners

Please pray for Muslims during Ramadan as part of the 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World. We are in the midst of the greatest turning of Muslims to Christ in 14 centuries of Muslim-Christian interaction. More than 80% of all the Muslim movements to Christ in history have occurred in the past two to three decades, a time period that coincides with the modern prayer movement for Muslims. At the heart of this modern prayer movement is *30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World*. 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.

A missions class will be held Sunday June 17, at 9 am, with special guests Langham Partnership Scholars Director Dr. Riad Kassis and the international Langham Scholars gathered in Chicago that weekend. Coffee and Light refreshments will be served. More details to come.

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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A BBQ and potluck buffet gathering to bless and send off Kristin and Glen Mueller will be held Sunday, June 3, from 4-7 pm at Dawes Park in Evanston. Sunday school teachers, members of the Young Family Small Group, and Children's Ministry Volunteers, and Children's Ministry families are specially invited, as are all members of the FPCE who have been blessed by the Mueller family. Come out and show your thanks for Kristin's service as children's ministry director, and for the Mueller family's faithful service during their time at FPCE. Bring a side, salad, fruit, or dessert for our Potluck – BBQ meat will be provided.

Registration for Church Camp at Phantom Ranch in Mukwonago, WI, is 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 by June 1 at <http://www.firstpresevanston.org/learn/children/first-kids-camps/>

Registration for Vacation Bible School at First Pres is 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. Contact eferguson@firstpresevanston.org for details.

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

Youth and Families

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High school Youth Group (PYGS) is now on break until September.

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/>

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.

Young Adults and Families

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Pastor Henry is looking to put together an intergenerational book group. Our first book will be Dostoevsky's *Crime and Punishment*. All are welcome to join in the reading and discussion. Our first meeting will be 7 pm, Wednesday, June 6, at Kafein Coffee House, 1621 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Use any translation you like, but come having read Part 1, Chapters 1-4.

Join Pastor Henry and other FPCE Young Adults for Trivia Night at World of Beer 1601 Sherman Ave, Evanston, every Wednesday night at 7:30 pm!

Grab lunch with Pastor Henry after any of our worship services this summer! Just reach out to him before or after church.

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.

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.

FPCE Demographics - Age

Boomers (ages 54 to 72) make up 40% of the congregation. Those over 72 years of age account for 20% of those that attend the 9 am service compared to just 7% of 11:30 am service. Those that serve at the church at least once per month are also much more likely to be 72+, and 70% of those who serve regularly are age 54+. Newcomers to the church are much more likely than average to be Millennials (22-37), who make up 12% of the total congregation but account for 30% of those who have been attending for less than 1 year. By contrast, those age 54+ make up 57% of the congregation but only 27% of newcomers. Non-members are about 5 times as likely to be Millennials than are members (29% vs. 6%).