

June 3 Sermon Notes

10 a.m. Worship Service

Preacher: Rev. Henry Coates

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

Title: Speaking Truth with Love

Next Week

10 a.m. Worship Service - June 10

Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton

Scripture: Acts 18:1-17 (*New Testament pp. 131-132*)

Title: The Power of Partnership

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Highlights

Lemonade on the Lawn begins this morning! Come join us for fellowship and refreshments out on the front lawn immediately after the service. All are welcome!

Beginning this morning, 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!

Pastor Henry's intergenerational book group begins this week. 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.

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

Our two-week FPCE New Members Class begins this morning at 11:30 am in the Choir Room. See Pastor Ray for details.

A BBQ and potluck buffet gathering to bless and send off Kristin and Glen Mueller will be held TODAY 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 family. Come give thanks for Kristin's service as children's ministry director, and for the Mueller family's faithful service at FPCE. Bring a side dish – BBQ meat will be provided.

FPCE Car Magnets for sale at the Front Desk! You can show your FPCE pride by purchasing an FPCE car magnet for \$5.

Be sure to look for the Back-to-School Backpacks sign-up station at the Deacons table at Lemonade on the Lawn. Yes, school's just letting out for summer, but the Deacons will be signing people up to help us fill backpacks with school supplies for needy schoolchildren on two Sundays, June 10 and 17. Full supply lists and instruction sheets will be provided for each child. Please help us get these young students off to a good start in the new school year ahead.

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. All are welcome to join us!

Bringing Meals to the Homebound: Meals at Home is a wonderful ministry helping the elderly, those recovering from hospital stays etc have meals delivered to their homes. Needed: one person to partner for delivery in northeast Evanston on the fourth Tuesday of each month, 11:15 am-12:45 pm, beginning June 19. Call Jane Pranga, First Pres coordinator, at 773-274-8447 or email jpranga000@ameritech.net.

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.



Missions

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Pray for Our

Mission Partners

Please pray for Christmas Lutheran Church of Bethlehem (our FPCE sister church), found on pages 112 and 113 of *52 Weeks of Prayer for Mission*. Please pray for Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Munther Isaac as he leads this congregation to impact Bethlehem and the region through its ministries. Pray especially for the church and its congregation members as they are a Christian minority under extreme pressure during this fragile time in the Middle East.

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.

First Friends and First Presbyterian Youth will connect with the world around soccer. From June 15 to July 15, several billion people on the planet will follow 32 countries competing for the FIFA football World Cup. First Friends and our Youth are inviting our Syrian friends and all those who are interested to a live viewing of one of the games on Sunday July 1, from 12:45 pm to 3 pm at FPCE. Snacks and sandwiches will be provided. To sign up to help, please contact Caryl Weinberg or Kelly Levander. More details are coming soon!

<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 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/>

Save the date for Hunger Walk

You can help support Souper Saturday. Save the date and join us, Saturday morning, September 8, Jackson Park for the Hunger Walk (sponsored by Greater Chicago Food Depository) We receive contributions for every walker who participates. More details (transportation from First Pres parking lot and times) to follow. Please direct question to Kris Economos 847-475-0226 or kriseconomos@yahoo.com.

Youth and Families

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The FPCE Youth summer calendar is now available online at <http://www.firstpresevanston.org/youth-summer-calendar-2018/> and in print on the youth table across from the library.

Campfire June 24 6:30-8:30 pm in the FPCE Parking Lot. All 6th -12th grade youth are invited to come and enjoy making smores, hanging with friends, and even singing a few camp songs.

Popsicles in the Park June 27, 3-5 pm! All 6th -12th grade youth are invited to come hang out with Amanda, enjoy a popsicle and fellowship with outdoor yard games at Raymond Park.

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/>

Car Wash set for June 9

The youth will be having a fundraiser car wash Saturday, June 9 from 10 am to 2 pm in the FPCE Parking lot. Please send all of your dirty cars and donations their way. All funds raised help support the summer High school Mission Trip to Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Young Adults and Families

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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 - Chicago ties

About 3 in 5 people who attend FPCE have lived in Chicagoland for more than 20 years. Newcomers to the area are more likely to be Millennials, presumably because of the student population in Evanston. Not all FPCE Millennials are transient, however; 1 in 4 have lived in the area for more than 20 years. Members are nearly 3 times as likely as non-members to have lived in Chicagoland for more than 20 years (74% vs. 28%).

Electronic copies of our recent demographic survey are available upon e-mail request to [Janice Dobschuetz at jdobschuetz@firstpresevanston.org](mailto:Janice.Dobschuetz@firstpresevanston.org).