

June 17 Sermon Notes

10 a.m. Worship Service - Father's Day

Guest Preacher: Dr. Dennis Fledderjohann

Scripture: Acts 16:25-34 (*New Testament pp. 129-130*)

Title: Ministering In a Jail

Next Week

10 a.m. Worship Service - June 24

Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton

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

Title: The Power of Partnership

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Highlights

Our guest preacher this morning is Dr. Dennis Fledderjohann. Dennis and his wife Liz became members at First Presbyterian in 2017, having moved to Evanston from Indiana the previous year. They have four children and four grandchildren who currently live in Iowa, Wisconsin, and the Chicago suburbs. Both Dennis and Liz previously taught at Trinity Bible College in North Dakota, and have taught at Moody Bible Institute since 2000. Dennis has been pastor of churches in Georgia, Indiana, Illinois, and North Dakota, and served with Leadership Resources International, writing Bible studies and leading Inductive Bible Study workshops.

Come join us after the service for Lemonade on the Lawn! We'll enjoy fellowship and refreshments out on the front lawn (weather permitting). All are welcome!

Be sure to look for the Back-to-School Backpacks sign-up station this morning at the Deacons table at Lemonade on the Lawn. The Deacons will be signing people up to help us fill backpacks with school supplies for needy schoolchildren this morning. Full supply lists and instruction sheets will be provided for each child. We realize that school supplies are costly, and are very appreciative of your ongoing support of this community outreach; please consider adopting a student with your small group or with a friend. All supplies are to be turned in to the church office by Sunday, July 22.

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!

Worth Noting

Today we welcome as our guests Rev. Dr. Riad Kassis, Director of Langham Scholars; Dr. Fred Gale, US care coordinator for Langham Scholars; and 12 scholars from around the world, working on their PhDs in the U.S. Countries represented include Brazil, Hong Kong, Guatemala, Thailand, Taiwan, Myanmar, India and Indonesia.

We offer our thanks for and best wishes to Adela and Bob Seal as this is their last Sunday as members here. We pray God's blessings upon them!

FPCE Car Magnets for sale at the Front Desk! You can show your FPCE pride by purchasing an FPCE car magnet for \$5. Proceeds go to FPCE's children's and youth ministries.

The exhibit of works by members Ray Koenig and his daughter Sherri Koenig is in its final week on display. Be sure to enjoy these wonderful pieces in the lobby hallway near the Sanctuary entrance now through June 24.

150th Anniversary Weekend Highlights

All of FPCE is invited to the upcoming 150th Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, July 28 at 6 pm at the DoubleTree Hotel in Skokie. Noted author and speaker Philip Yancey joins us for this festive evening celebrating 150 years of God's Grace. Tickets are \$65 and a limited amount of scholarships are available. A prompt reservation is essential: if you have not received a paper invitation or if you need a scholarship, please contact Caryl Weinberg at cweinberg@firstprevevanston.org to update your mailing address and reserve your seat.

Other Anniversary Events include:

Friday, July 27 - Concert of Praise at 7 pm (free) with reception to follow.

Sunday, July 29 - Worship Service at 10 am with fellowship and brunch open to all.

Sunday, July 29 - Campfire Time at 6:30 pm in the parking lot.

July 1– Sept. 16 - Special Art Exhibit of members' artwork.



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Pray for Our Mission Partners

Please pray for Dave and Sally Ivaska who are traveling in French speaking Africa for the launch of his book, "Do Not Be Afraid" in the French language. They are traveling until June 26 in Benin, Gabon and Ivory Coast, doing training with large student groups every day. Pray for safety in travel, their health, translation, and the impact of the trainings.

Thanks to all of you who have contributed to Tumekutana. You are welcome to give throughout the summer! Our goal for fundraising for Tumekutana is \$130,000 in total. As of today we have nearly \$30,000 in hand with applications out for grants. Please pray for us. The Lord always provides!

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.

<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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Please pray for our campers and counselors who will be spending the coming week at Phantom Ranch Church Camp. Pray for good weather, safe adventures, and strengthened connections with God.

The Children's wing of our education building is only open to children and the adults who accompany them. The Evanston Police Department has encouraged us to keep our children's wing closed to the general public. Congregational members are encouraged to begin using the bathrooms either downstairs (youth lounge level) or upstairs (Roy Hall level) on Sunday mornings.

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 Car Wash has been rescheduled for Sunday, June 24, 12:30-4:30 pm in the FPCE parking lot. Please send all of your dirty cars and donations their way (more cars means more funds). All funds raised help support the summer High school Mission Trip to Benton Harbor, Michigan.

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.

More details about Youth events can be found in our weekly email. Text YOUTHGROUP to 42828 to subscribe!

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

Drivers needed for meals ministry

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.

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!

Young adult ladies are invited to meet at Cupitol Coffee and Eatery every other Thursday, 7-9 pm, for a time of bible study and prayer (and yummy treats!). Our next gathering will be June 28. Contact Pastor Amanda with questions (agolbek@firstpresevanston.org).

Pastor Henry's intergenerational book group has begun, but it's not too late to join! Our first book is Dostoevsky's *Crime and Punishment*. All are welcome to join in the reading and discussion. The next meeting will be Thursday, June 28 at 7 pm. We meet at Cupitol Coffee & Eatery, 812 Grove Street, Evanston. Please come having read through Part 2.

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

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 - Evangelism

About a quarter of survey respondents became an active Christian through FPCE or one of its members. This is most likely to be the case among those 21 and under, among those attending for more than 8 years, and among members. Three people who began attending within the last 2 years say they became a Christian through FPCE (5%). About 1 in 9 people who began attending within the last 8 years say they became a Christian through FPCE (12%). Members are roughly 3 times more likely than non-members to have become Christians through FPCE (30% vs. 9%).

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