

June 24 Sermon Notes

10 a.m. Worship Service

Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton

Scripture: Acts 19:11-20 (*New Testament pp. 132-133*)

Title: The Power of Jesus' Name

Next Week - NEW SERIES: "The Essentials" from the Book of Hebrews

The entire book of Hebrews was written to encourage Jewish Christians facing persecution and death. The writer does this by pointing to the essential nature of Christ Jesus, the Messiah. Chapters 10-12 are the so what of the book. If Jesus is extremely important and essential to one's faith, then what are the implications for the community? What does it mean to be a loving church instead of a hate-filled church? What does it mean to live by faith in God instead of what one sees? What does it mean to endure to end? These and other themes will be considered through the summer.

10 a.m. Worship Service - July 1

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Scripture: Hebrews 10:19-22 (*New Testament p. 214*)

Title: Let Us Draw Near To God

Listen to Sunday Sermons on the FPCE website or via the "First Presbyterian Church of Evanston" iTunes podcast. Sermons are usually uploaded by Tuesday evenings.

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Highlights

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!

Get a FREE Car Wash this afternoon! The FPCE Youth Car Wash will take place today from 12:30 pm to 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 Parish Nurse Book Club will meet again Tuesday, June 26, from 1:30-3 pm 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!

First Friends and First Presbyterian Youth will connect with the world around soccer. First Friends and our Youth are inviting our Syrian friends and all those who are interested to a live viewing of a World Cup soccer game 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.

Worth Noting

We offer our sincere thanks and best wishes to Phil and Stephanie Homan. Today is their last Sunday here at FPCE as members.

Today is the final day to view the exhibit of works by members Ray Koenig and his daughter Sherri Koenig. Be sure to enjoy these wonderful pieces in the lobby hallway near the Sanctuary entrance.

FPCE Senior Pastor Ray Hylton will be speaking at the 2018 HELPS Conference at the First Church of God Christian Life Center located at 1524 Simpson St, Evanston, IL 60201, June 29. The service begins at 7 pm. The conference's purpose is to empower and motivate and celebrate lay leaders who are often overlooked or under-resourced in their calling and utilization of their gifts. It runs June 28-30. Visit <http://helpsconference.org/> for more details.

Support First Friends refugee ministries at FPCE by eating great "Pop Up" Pizza, Homer's Ice Cream, and a salad bar for \$20 on Sunday July 8. Out of every \$20 received, \$18 will come to First Presbyterian refugee ministries. The fundraiser takes place at Curt's Café North, 2922 Central St, Evanston. Seatings will be at 5:30 and 7 pm. Tickets are available online at www.centralpizzapie.com. Contact Kelly Levander at klevander@firstprevevanston.org for details.

Sing with the Pop-Up Choir on Sunday, July 8, and join in leading our FPCE body in worship of our great God. We'll have only one rehearsal at 8:45 am that morning in the Sanctuary; then we'll sing at our 10 am service. All who love to sing to the Lord are welcome: any ability, ages 10 – 101. Questions? Contact Hannah McConnell at hmcconnell@firstprevevanston.org.

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.

Save the Date for the annual FPCE Women's Retreat, October 20, at Sunset Ridge Country Club in Northfield, IL.



Missions

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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 in Benin, Gabon and Ivory Coast through June 26, 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!

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.

<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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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.

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

Employment at FPCE

First Pres Evanston is seeking to fill the following employment opportunities:

Custodian (Full Time)
Worship Band Director (Part Time)
Organist (Part Time)

Visit the *Employment page on the FPCE website for details.*

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 this afternoon, 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/>

Anniversary Art Exhibit begins July 1

The FPCE Arts Ministry is putting on a show of members' art in all kinds of mediums, including painting, photography, needlework, collage, and calligraphy. Come see it in the second floor hallway beginning next week! The exhibit is part of our 150th Anniversary celebration, and will be on display through Sunday, September 16.

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.

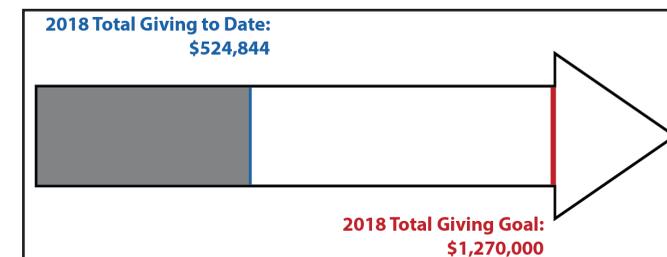
Grab lunch with Pastor Henry after any of our worship services this summer! Just reach out to him before or after church.

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/>

Stewardship

Following is the giving revenue received through June 18:



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