

**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.*

**Preacher:** Rev. Raymond Hylton  
**Scripture:** Hebrews 10:19-22 (New Testament p. 214)  
**Title:** Let Us Draw Near To God

**10 a.m. Worship Service - July 8**

**Preacher:** Rev. Henry Coates  
**Scripture:** Hebrews 10:19-23 (New Testament p. 214)  
**Title:** Hold On To Your Confession

**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

**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 this afternoon, from 12:45 pm to 3 pm in the Parlor here at FPCE. Snacks and sandwiches will be provided. Come join us as we welcome the world inside our doors!

**Support First Friends refugee ministries at FPCE by eating great “Pop Up” Pizza, Homer’s Ice Cream, and a salad bar on Sunday July 8.** Out of every \$20 received, \$9 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](http://www.centralpizzapie.com). Contact Kelly Levander at [klevander@firstpresevanston.org](mailto:klevander@firstpresevanston.org) for details.

**Images inspired by our current teaching series “The Essentials” are now on Instagram under #fpcessentials.** Post your photo or other image inspired by this week’s Essential on Instagram and don’t forget to tag #fpcessentials. To participate: 1) Log in (or sign up) at [Instagram.com](https://www.instagram.com); 2) Follow [fpcevanston](https://www.instagram.com/fpcevanston) (we’ll post each week) and #fpcessentials; 3) Upload your Essentials-inspired photo and tag #fpcessentials. 4) Check #fpcessentials to see what we share on our journeys. This week’s Essential: “Draw Near to God.”

## Worth Noting

**We welcome the following new members to First Pres this morning. Confession of Faith:** Jacob Collins, Monika Filipovska, Janis Sapp; **Reaffirmation of Faith:** Keith Belton, Kristan Collins, Trudy Delfosse, Evan Fojtik, Paul Ha, Eugenia Jeong, Chantale Kouotou, Timothy Minich, Stephanie Minich, Audre Ngoutane, Andrew Stevenson, Fred Wenger; **Transfer of Membership:** Elizabeth Bodan, James Bodan, John Ivaska, Courtney Ivaska.

**The FPCE building and offices will be closed July 4 for the Independence Day holiday.**

**We offer our thanks for and best wishes to Adela and Bob Seal as today is their last Sunday in attendance as members. We pray God’s blessings upon them!**

**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 [eferguson@firstpresevanston.org](mailto:eferguson@firstpresevanston.org).

**Thank you to all who supported the Youth Car Wash! We washed 125 cars!** If you signed up to pledge a donation for the car wash, please send that in soon. If you have questions, contact Pastor Amanda ([agolbek@firstpresevanston.org](mailto:agolbek@firstpresevanston.org)).

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## 150th Anniversary Art Exhibit Opens Today!

**This morning the FPCE Arts Ministry hosts the opening of their show of members’ art works in celebration of FPCE’s 150th Anniversary. Join us upstairs after the service for refreshments and fellowship! The show includes a variety of works in all kinds of mediums, including painting, photography, needlework, collage, and calligraphy. The exhibit will be on display through Sunday, September 16.**



## Missions

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### Pray for Our Mission Partners

Please pray for **Zelalem Abebe** and his new position as regional director for English Portuguese Speaking Africa, with International Fellowship of Evangelical Students. As a region they are restructuring their leadership model, so they need prayers for wisdom, for strong local advisory boards, and for gifted, visionary leaders to serve as General Secretaries for each country in which they minister.

**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.

**A college student from Japan is seeking housing in the area while she is working four weeks in downtown Chicago.** We are looking for one to two families who would be interested in hosting her. The time frame is Sunday, August 19, through Friday, September 14. Please contact Kay Sugiura at kaorusugiura915@gmail.com if you are interested in hosting for two or more weeks.

<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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**Thank you to all who joined us for the Connie Floyd Memorial Camp Scholarship fundraiser at Culver's this past May!** We raised \$430, which covers more than a full camp scholarship. We're grateful for your support and hope that you can join us again in the future!

**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/>

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## Sing with Pop-Up Choir July 8

**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 [hmccconnell@firstpresevanston.org](mailto:hmccconnell@firstpresevanston.org).

## Youth and Families

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**Popsicles in the Park July 11, 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.

**Next campfire July 15, 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.

**Mission Trip Participant Meeting July 15, 11:30 am-1 pm.** All youth and adults attending the mission trip are required to come to this planning meeting. Parents are highly encouraged to attend as well. We will be going over the details and expectations of the trip.

*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 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.*

## 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 Thursday, July 12. Contact Pastor Amanda with questions ([agolbek@firstpresevanston.org](mailto: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. **Contact Pastor Henry for details.**

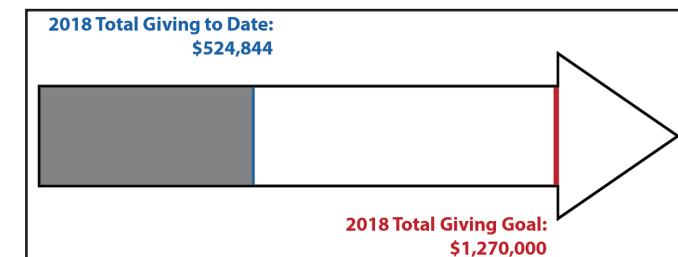
**Grab lunch with Pastor Henry after any of our worship services this summer!** Just reach out to him before or after church.

**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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