

SERIES: “The Essentials” from the Book of Hebrews

9 and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services - September 9

Preacher: Rev. Henry Coates

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-2 (*New Testament p. 216*)

Title: Run With Perseverance

9 and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services - September 16

Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton

Scripture: Hebrews 12:3-11 (*New Testament pp. 216-217*)

Title: The Fruits of Discipline

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Highlights

FPCE’s All-Church Adult Education Class will begin next Sunday, September 16, and runs for three weeks. For details, visit www.firstpresevanston.org/adulteducationfall2018/ or see the insert in today’s bulletins.

First Pres will be hosting an Enneagram Introduction Workshop on Saturday, September 22 from 9:30 am to Noon, led by the Rev. Eva Sullivan-Knoff of the Journey Center of Chicago. Cost is \$10 per person. The entire church is invited to participate. Sign up at the Front Desk or reach out to Pastor Henry at hcoates@firstpresevanston.org. Childcare will be provided. This workshop provides a basic introduction to the Enneagram, a typology system based on 9 personality types that has been passed down through the centuries.

The FPCE building and offices will be closed until approximately 3 pm Monday, September 10, due to electrical work being completed in the neighborhood.

Nourish: A Women’s Fellowship (formerly Moms R Us) will have their kick off brunch on Thursday, September 13, from 9:30 to 11:15 am in the Dining Room. People with last name starting with A-L bring baked goods; M-Z bring fruit. Our Bible study of Philippians will begin on September 20 in Room 213 at the same time. Questions? Contact Patty Bastian at RWBastian@aol.com.

Worth Noting

During our services this morning, we dedicate the members of our team who will be attending the 2018 Tumekutana Presbyterian women’s leadership gathering in South Africa. Tumekutana (a Swahili word meaning “we have come together”) provides a way for African Presbyterian Reformed women’s leaders to meet face to face for mutual support and fellowship. Join us as we pray for all who are attending and for God’s power, protection, and presence to be there with them.

This morning is Kick-Off Sunday for Children’s Ministry! Join us in worship as we bless our teachers and the students in our church. Students will be invited forward to receive a blessing and a backpack tag. During our Sunday School time at 10:30 am, families are invited to participate in a Scavenger Hunt. Get directions during Fellowship Time in Roy Hall!

Today is Fall Youth Ministries Kick-off! Middle school and high school youth are invited to join us at 10:30 am as we jump back into our Sunday school schedule! A light breakfast will be offered. Middle school will meet in the 3rd floor Youth Lounge. High school will meet in the bottom floor Youth Lounge. In the evening from 4-6, all middle and high school youth are invited to our Youth Group Kick-Off! Dinner will be provided.

On Sunday, September 30, at 3 pm, First Pres will host a Bluegrass Vespers service in the Sanctuary. We’ve invited our brothers and sisters in Christ Brad Coleman (guitars), Brandi Berry (fiddle), Kristin Bartholomew (vocals), Derek Moore (vocals), and Evie Nicole (vocals) to join together, share their favorite Bluegrass songs of praise, and lead us in praising the Lord with a new song. In honor of our 150th Anniversary Year, the event is free and open to our FPCE family and the Evanston community.

Registration is now open for the FPCE Women’s Ministry annual Fall retreat. The event takes place on October 20 at Sunset Ridge Country Club, beginning at 9 am and running until approximately 2 pm. Author, singer and speaker Kim Tabor will present on the topic “Speak Life: Who Am I!” from Proverbs 18:21. Sign up online!



Missions

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Pray for Our

Mission Partners

Please continue to pray for Tumekutana! Pray especially for visas to be granted and that those who are coming would be in communication with the team. Join women across Africa to pray and fast every Wednesday, to hear God's voice. We are asking the Lord to pour His grace out on the women's leaders in Africa to be able to come together in September for Tumekutana. Pray fervently that each and every woman who wishes to do so might attend, and that every barrier—spiritual, financial and practical—would be removed.

One of our Syrian First Friends families is moving and needs furniture for their new space. Contact Julie Lepley at muybn2@sbcglobal.net If you have any of the following gently used items: a queen-size bed, beds for the kids (3 twin beds or maybe some sort of bunk bed), a couch, chairs, dining table and chairs.

<http://www.firstpresevanston.org/serve/in-the-world/>

Volunteer Chef Needed

The informal ministry team producing bi-monthly Wednesday Night Dinners needs at least one person to help compose menus and cook dishes that promise to be extraordinary sensuous delights for Presbyterians. Little experience is required, but you must be available for three to five hours per dinner. Notify Richard Bell, 847-475-5095.

Suicide Prevention Walk Scheduled

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) is holding its "Welcome to the Out of the Darkness Chicagoland Walk" September 22 in Grant Park. To walk or donate, visit www.firstpresevanston.org/suicide-prevention-walk/ to be redirected to the AFSP website.

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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First Kids needs teachers for Sunday School classes beginning this fall. We especially need teachers for the 2- and 3-year-old class and the pre-K class. Classes are held during the education hour, 10:30 – 11:20 am each Sunday. Help our kids learn of God's love for them through Bible stories! Contact Bev Bolsen at bbolsen@firstpresevanston.org to find out more.

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.

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

Ushers, A/V Team Members Sought

Our Worship Ministry Team is looking for those with a gift of hospitality to serve on our 2018/19 Usher Team, and for those with a gift of attention to detail to serve on our A/V Team and Editing Team. Training provided for all with a heart to support our congregational worship in these ways. Contact hmconnell@firstpresevanston.org for more information.

Employment at FPCE

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

Worship Ministry Assistant (Part Time)
Program Assistant - Children's Ministries (Part Time)
Worship Band Director (Part Time)

Visit the employment page on the FPCE website for details.

Youth and Families

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Sign-Up to Provide Snack for the middle school Youth Group! Every Friday night we host a group of wonderful and hungry youth. Please consider signing up to provide snack for this fun bunch of teens. Links to the sign-up and further details can be found here: www.firstpresevanston.org/youth-food-2018/

Sign-up to provide dinner for the high school Youth Group! Every Sunday night a wonderful group of high school youth gather for games, fellowship, bible study and dinner! It takes a village to keep these hungry youth fed. Please consider signing up to provide a meal. Links to the sign-up and further details can be found here: www.firstpresevanston.org/youth-food-2018/

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

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

Book Club Meets September 18

The FPCE Parish Nurse Book Club meets Tuesday, September 18 from 1:30 -3 pm in Room 102. The current selection is *Moloka'i* by Alan Brennert. Good Reads calls it "a deeply moving testament to the resiliency of the human spirit." All are welcome!

FPCE History Video Screenings

The video documenting FPCE's 150 years of God's Grace will be screened after both services, September 16 and 23, in room 103. This amazing video was shown at the anniversary dinner and service. It is the result of tremendous effort by numerous FPCE members from past and present. It shouldn't be missed!

Young Adults and Families

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20/30s Small Group is a great way to connect with other younger adults at First Pres. Our first fall meeting will be September 16, 6:30 pm (please note: the date has changed) at Pastor Henry's condo in Evanston. If you are interested or have any questions, feel free to reach out to Pastor Henry at hcoates@firstpresevanston.org. This fall we will be working through a series called Making Space, a study which gleans wisdom from the Book of Proverbs and from the example of Jesus to show you how to center our lives on God's priorities. Good food, good study, even better people—come on out and join the 20/30s small group!

Families Small Group is a great way to connect with other families in the church, especially if your family schedule is too full to be a part of a weekly small group! We meet about once a month on Sundays, 4-6:30 pm, at the church for bible study, prayer, and fellowship. Childcare and dinner are also both generously provided by members in the church, and each gathering we take a volunteer offering to help subsidize the costs. The first gathering will take place September 30. If you have any questions, please contact Sally Ivaska (sallyivaska1@gmail.com) and Kathy Shiau (kathy.tan.shiau@gmail.com).

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!

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!

A women's basketball pick-up game is held at 7:30 pm on the third Thursday of each month in Roy Hall. All skill levels and abilities are welcome! Reach out to Kathy Grant, kgrant@depaul.edu with any questions.

<http://www.firstpresevanston.org/learn/adults/young-adults/>

Pilgrimage Event in Arlington Heights

A Pilgrimage Summer Potluck Picnic will be held Sunday September 16, from 1-4 pm at Southminster Presbyterian Church in Arlington Heights. Join us for food, games, and Fellowship! Bring family, friends, and a dish to share. Contact Michelle Smith with questions at 847-651-4784 or msmith@polysystems.com.