

SERIES: “The Essentials” from the Book of Hebrews

9 and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services

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 - “Exploring God with Others” - begins between this morning’s services in the Dining Room (2nd Floor), and runs for three weeks. This week Judith Hylton will teach about focusing our attention God-ward: Deepening our Connection with God Himself (praying, loving, serving). All are encouraged to take part! For more details, visit www.firstpresevanston.org/adulteducationfall2018/.

20/30s Small Group is a great way to connect with other younger adults at First Pres. Our first fall meeting will be today at 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!

The FPCE Parish Nurse Book Club meets this 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!

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 and the deadline to sign up is this Tuesday, September 18. 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.

Worth Noting

The video documenting FPCE’s 150 years of God’s Grace will be screened in the Sanctuary approximately 2 minutes after each service this morning, and September 23. 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!

This morning is the last Sunday to enjoy the 150th Anniversary Art Exhibit on display in the 2nd Floor Hallway. The display is made up of a variety of pieces created by various members of the FPCE community.

Women’s Bible Study has begun! We meet on Thursdays, from 5:45 pm to 7 pm in room 206 and we will be studying the gospel of John. All women are welcome! Questions? Contact Barbara Holm at 847-328-0049.

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

Tumekutana 2018 has begun! Please continue to pray as women from FPCE, from countries across Africa, and from around the world gather in South Africa to hear God's voice. We are asking the Lord to pour His grace out on the Presbyterian women leaders in Africa to unite and empower one another in the name of Christ! Pray fervently for safety, unity, and that every barrier would be removed in order that the love of Jesus Christ be shared.

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.

All are invited to come to FPCE Saturday, October 6, to hear Rev. Jean Tshidinda speak on Bringing Hope in the Face of Violence: Powerful Work of Churches and Schools in the DR Congo. Rev. Tshidinda is the interim General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church of the Congo Board Chair and Lecturer at IMCK University. Please register at the front desk or by calling 847-864-1472.

<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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First Kids Choir begins Thursday, September 20.

Children in 4-year-old pre-K through 5th grade meet to sing from 4 to 4:45 pm. From 4:45 to 5:15 pm, children in 2nd through 5th grades ring chimes. During the rehearsal, the Dining Room and Gym are open for parent-supervised activity for siblings.

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/>

FPCE Hosts Architectural Open House

On October 13, from 9 am – 5 pm, First Pres's beautiful sanctuary will once again be open to our Evanston community for the Chicago Architecture Center's Open House Chicago. OHC is a free public festival that offers behind-the-scenes access to 250+ sites across Chicago, with 91,000 total site visits in 2017 – and also an outreach opportunity that offers us at FPCE a unique way to begin conversations with our neighbors and guests. To volunteer for a 2-hour time slot to welcome and engage these seekers of beauty, e-mail Hannah at hmconnell@firstpresevanston.org.

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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High school Youth Group (PYGS) meets downstairs in the basement Youth Lounge from 4-6 pm this afternoon. We will be playing some group games!

Middle School Youth Group (NUBS) meets each Friday, from 7-9 pm, on the top floor in the Middle School lounge. 6th-8th graders are invited to come for a time of snacks, fellowship, and Bible study. This Friday, September 21, we will be exploring what a covenant is and making our own.

Fall Middle school Lock-In Friday, September 28 All 6th-8th grade youth are invited for a fun all-nighter at the church. There will be pizza, games, and a late night outing to Sky High Trampoline Park! Drop-off is at 6 pm, with pick-up Saturday at 9 am. Cost is \$20. **Registration required.** Contact Pastor Amanda agolbek@firstpresevanston.org

Fall High school Lock-In Saturday, Sept. 29 9th-12th grade youth are invited to spend an action packed night at the church. There will be pizza, games, very little sleep and a late-night outing to Laser Quest. Drop-off is 5:30, pick-up Sunday at 10:15. Cost is \$20. Registration required. Contact Pastor Amanda agolbek@firstpresevanston.org

The youth are looking for a donation of a refrigerator with freezer in decent working condition for the downstairs youth kitchen. Please contact Pastor Amanda (agolbek@firstpresevanston.org), if you can help.

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

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

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.

Young Adults and Families

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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).

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/>

Spanish Translator Sought

The Deacons are looking for help from a Spanish-speaking member of the congregation who could help us in making arrangements for Angel Tree. The volunteer would help us provide gifts to Hispanic families in November-December this Christmas season. A few phone calls may be required with adult family members in households whose language is Spanish-only. Please contact John Powell (john0771@sbcglobal.net) or Peg Forbes (teacherpeg@sbcglobal.net).

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.