

**SERIES:** “The Essentials” from the Book of Hebrews

**9 and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services**

**Preacher:** Rev. Raymond Hylton

**Scripture:** Hebrews 12:12-17 (*New Testament p. 217*)

**Title:** Accepting God’s Grace

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

**Preacher:** Rev. Henry Coates

**Scripture:** Hebrews 12:25-29; 13:20-21 (*New Testament pp. 217-218*)

**Title:** A Kingdom That Cannot Be Shaken

[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

Join us this at 7 pm this **Wednesday, September 26**, for our bi-monthly Prayer Gathering in the Parlor. We’ll seek the will of our amazing and loving God and bring before Him our cares and concerns. All are welcome!

Inside today’s bulletins is an insert explaining the Listening Sessions and questionnaire process for our strategic planning the Ministry Architects representatives’ visit taking place **October 11-13**. Please note there are limited spaces available for the listening sessions and they will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

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), Keith Baumann (mandolin and banjo), Jonathan Gilley (bass), 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 all.

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.

**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!

## Worth Noting

We are pleased to welcome **Rebecca Chu**, our new Organist, and **Meghan Dietrich**, our new part-time Children’s and Worship Ministries Program Assistant, to the FPCE staff.

The FPCE Deacons are asking that donations to the Clothes Closet be halted until **October**. The closet is currently overstocked - particularly with cold weather items. The Deacons are asking for time to complete seasonal sorting of what they already have before any more donations are made. See an insert in today’s bulletin for more details.

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. 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 and shouldn’t be missed!

FPCE will provide a **CPR training for all volunteers and attendees on Monday, October 1, at 7 – 8:30 pm**. We want as many of us as possible to be ready for the unexpected, and to be prepared on behalf of each other. FPCE will cover the \$20 class fee. Contact FPCE Parish Nurse Julie at [jruchniewicz@firstpresevanston.org](mailto:jruchniewicz@firstpresevanston.org) to sign up.

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](mailto:hmconnell@firstpresevanston.org).



## Missions

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## Pray for Our

### Mission Partners

**Tumekutana 2018 has come to an end! Please continue to pray for all those who attended, that they would return home safely, with a new sense of their own purpose and power as sisters in God.** Ask the Lord to continue to pour His grace out on the Presbyterian women leaders in Africa to unite and empower one another in the name of Christ! For an amazing summary of what took place, visit the FPCE team blog at:

<https://tumekutana2018.weebly.com/>

**One of our Syrian First Friends families is moving and needs furniture for their new space.** Contact Julie Lepley at [muybn2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:muybn2@sbcglobal.net) If you have any of the following gently used items: two twin beds or bunk beds and a clean area rug.

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

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## 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.

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## 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 meets each Thursday afternoon!

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/>

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## Adults Needed to Help with Pageant.

**Adult volunteers to help organize and facilitate the Christmas Pageant are needed.** Rehearsals will be Thursday late-afternoons and some Saturdays, beginning mid-October through Christmas. If interested, contact Bev Bolsen at [bbolsen@firstpresevanston.org](mailto:bbolsen@firstpresevanston.org).

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## Employment at FPCE

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

**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. Snacks are provided.**

Today we will be diving deeper into our study on the "bad words" of the Bible, playing some games and creating our covenant for the year.

**Middle School Youth Group (NUBS) meets each Friday, from 7-9 pm, on the top floor in the Middle School lounge.** On Friday, September 28, we have a special Lock-In event (See details below).

### Fall Middle school Lock-In Friday, September 28

All 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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. Deadline is Tuesday, September 25.** Contact Pastor Amanda at [agolbek@firstpresevanston.org](mailto:agolbek@firstpresevanston.org).

### Fall High school Lock-In Saturday, Sept. 29

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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. Deadline is Tuesday, September 25.** Contact Pastor Amanda at [agolbek@firstpresevanston.org](mailto: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](mailto: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/>

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## Youth Advisory Team Forming

**7th-12th grade youth are encouraged to have a voice in the Youth Ministry.** The Youth Advisory Team will meet monthly to discuss ideas and issues of the Youth Ministry. They will also have input on planning activities. Application required. Contact Pastor Amanda at [agolbek@firstpresevanston.org](mailto:agolbek@firstpresevanston.org).

## 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 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. Please sign up today with Kathy Shiau ([kathy.tan.shiau@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.tan.shiau@gmail.com)), so that we have the right numbers for childcare and dinner. The first gathering takes place September 30.

### 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](mailto:kgrant@depaul.edu) with any questions.

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

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## 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](mailto:john0771@sbcglobal.net)) or Peg Forbes ([teacherpeg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:teacherpeg@sbcglobal.net)).