

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

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

**Preacher:** Rev. Raymond Hylton

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

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

**NEW SERIES BEGINS NEXT WEEK:**

**Hope For Our Troubled Times: The Prayers and Songs of Revelation**

**9 and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services - October 7**

**Preacher:** Rev. Henry Coates

**Scripture:** Revelation 4:1-11 (*New Testament p. 237*)

**Title:** The Object of Worship

[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

**Inside today’s bulletins is an insert explaining the Listening Sessions and questionnaire process for 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. Ministry Architects is serving as our Strategic Planning consultants this year.

**This afternoon, 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.

**Our first Senior Varsity meeting of the fall will take place Thursday, October 4.** Registration begins at 10:30 am, with the program beginning at 11 am. Lunch, which costs \$5 per person, begins at Noon. Healthcare expert Dick Warnecke will speak on his study of breast cancer in Chicago, and about the great disparity of breast cancer occurrences between women of color and Caucasian women. Please contact the FPCE Church Office by October 2 to reserve lunch, or if you need to arrange transportation.

**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.

**A service for Blessing of the Animals will be held Sunday, October 7, at 5 pm in front of the building.** All FPCE friends and members are invited to bring along the furry, feathered, floating, and scaly members of their families for a service of blessing and gratitude. Inspired by St. Francis of Assisi, patron Saint of animals, this short service serves to remind us of the greatness of our God the creator and acknowledges the special place God’s creations have in our lives and families. We will also pray for those pets who are no longer with us. (Please be mindful of the safety of your pet and others. If your pet does not do well around other animals this might not be the event for them. Please come anyway and feel free to bring their picture!)

**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.

## Worth Noting

**All-Church World Communion Potluck coming up on Sunday, October 7, from 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm (directly following the Contemporary Service).** Let’s celebrate the many threads of life and stories that converge here at FPCE and that Christ joins together into the ultimate tapestry, His Church. Bring a favorite dish with a story - one that reminds you of your friends, your family, your home or adopted country, your travels, or your life story. E-mail Hannah at [hmccconnell@firstpresevanston.org](mailto:hmccconnell@firstpresevanston.org) to sign up or for more information.

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



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## Missions

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### Pray for Our

#### Mission Partners

**Thank you to all who provided support through prayer for Tumekutana 2018. Please pray, this week, for fruitful results for the wonderful gathering in South Africa.** Ask God to continue to strengthen the bonds of unity among those who attended, and among all the Presbyterian Churches of the continent. Having learned the great blessing of being made in God's image, may all the women of His kingdom be effective partners in His purposes.

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

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## Homework help at New Life!

**FPCE is now providing homework help/tutoring to the children at the New Life shelter, only 5 minutes from the church.** There are currently at least ten school-age kids in the shelter, and ideally we'd like to have one volunteer for each child (as well as volunteers to play with the younger kids). We are there Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 8 PM. Tuesdays are also possible. Email Tom Alrich at talrich@hotmail.com or Dane Watkins at creativedane@sbcglobal.net.

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## Friends in Christ Potluck November 5

**Friends in Christ will be hosting its Fall Potluck Dinner on Monday, November 5, 6:30 pm, in the church dining room.** Our speaker will be the Rev. Ray Hylton, 1st Pres Senior Pastor. All are welcome to attend. Main dish and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side, salad, or dessert to share. RSVP to Bonnie Kath (bkath@comcast.net or 847-507-4146) by Thursday, November 1.

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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.**

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## 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.

<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.

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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.*

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## Youth and Families

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**High school Youth Group (PYGS) meets downstairs in the basement Youth Lounge from 4-6 pm on Sunday Afternoons. Snacks are provided. Due to this weekend's lock-in, we won't be meeting this evening.** On October 7 we will be playing some games and joining in the Blessing of the Animals. (Parents are invited to bring family pets at 5 pm.)

**Middle School Youth Group (NUBS) meets each Friday, from 7-9 pm, on the top floor in the Middle School lounge.** On Friday, October 12, we will be playing some games, making cards for homebound members, and going deeper in our fall devotion about "Who am I and Who is God?"

**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/>

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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.

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## Young Adults and Families

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**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/>

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## Women's Retreat Registration Underway

**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 at: [firstpresevanston.org/events/event-registration/!](http://firstpresevanston.org/events/event-registration/)

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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) or Peg Forbes (teacherpeg@sbcglobal.net).