

NEW SERIES — Hope for Our Troubled Times: The prayers and songs of Revelation

9 and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services

Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton
Scripture: Revelation 4:1-11 (*New Testament p. 237*)
Title: The Object of Worship

9 and 11:30 a.m. Worship Services - October 14

Preacher: Rev. Henry Coates
Scripture: Revelation 5:6-14 (*New Testament pp. 237-238*)
Title: Worthy Is The Lamb

[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. **A presentation by the consultants will take place October 13 at 5 pm in the Parlor. This will include their preliminary observations based on the listening sessions. See details on the enclosed bulletin insert.**

Our new schedule of Adult Education Classes begins this morning between services. Please see the back of today’s bulletin for locations and a brief description of each class. For more details, see the brochures in the literature rack in the lobby hallway, or visit .

Today after the 11:30 service is our All-Church World Communion Potluck. Celebrate our unity in Christ by joining together at both the communion and the lunch table. Bring a favorite dish with a story, or simply pick up a favorite item from one of our local Evanston groceries!

A service for Blessing of the Animals will be held today 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!)

Our regular bi-monthly Prayer Gathering will be held Wednesday at 7 pm in the Parlor. Come join us as we lift our prayers, seek healing and guidance, and worship our great and loving God. All are welcome!

Welcoming volunteers are sought for FPCE’s upcoming Open House Chicago. Volunteer for several hours on Saturday, October 13, between 9 am and 5 pm. This is a great way to extend our hospitality to those in the Evanston community as they visit our beautiful sanctuary. The open house is part of the Chicago Architecture Center’s free annual event. Contact Hannah at hmcconnell@firstprevevanston.org to sign up or for more information.

Worth Noting

Register today 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. The cost is \$30 per attendee. Sign up online at: firstprevevanston.org/events/event-registration/!

On Sunday, October 21, FPCE will have only one worship service at 10 am, followed immediately by an efficient congregational meeting, which will conclude no later than Noon. In order to provide childcare throughout the meeting, the Blue and Crib rooms will remain open and staffed, and children from K-5th grade are invited to the choir room for creative activities with Ms. Hannah and Pastor Amanda.

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.



Missions

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Pray for Our

Mission Partners

Please pray for Monique Misenga from D.R. Congo, whose mother passed away September 23. We thank God Monique was able to be with her mother while visiting South Africa as a Tumekutana attendee. Lift up the family as they celebrate the life of their mother and give thanks for God's perfect timing.

Please pray, as well, for the Presbyterian Church of the Congo (CPC) and its many congregations, schools, and medical facilities operating in underserved and turbulent areas. This morning, we are blessed to have with us Rev. Jean Tschidinda, the interim General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church of the Congo Board Chair and Lecturer at IMCK University. May God bless His church in the D.R. Congo!

October 27 Saturday Surprise with the Prison Ministry Team. Accompany Angel Tree and First Friends refugee children to the Emily Oaks Nature Center for a picnic and a hike. We leave at 11:00 and return by 4:00. Background check required. Contact Sonia Evenstad--evenstad@sbcglobal.net or 847 869-5112.

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

Explore God Chicago Webinar

On Thursday, October 18, FPCE will participate in the Explore God Chicago Webinar at 6:30 pm in the Parlor. This Webinar will offer training in how to conduct Explore God discussion groups. FPCE is a primary participant in the upcoming Explore God outreach. If you are unable to attend at FPCE, you can also register to watch the webinar on your own. Visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/webinar-explore-with-us-discussion-groups-tickets-50385729072> to register. **NOTE: This event replaces the October 13 outing planned to Moody Church.**

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.

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

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.

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. Today, we will play some games and join 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 play some games, make cards for homebound members, and go deeper in our fall devotion about "Who am I and Who is God?"

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

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

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.

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/>

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.