

9 am and 11:30 am Worship Services

OUR TEACHING SERIES CONTINUES — Hope for Our Troubled Times: The prayers and songs of Revelation

Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton

Scripture: Revelation 12:7-12 (*New Testament p. 242*)

Title: A Day of Victory

9 am and 11:30 am Worship Services - November 18

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Scripture: Revelation 19:1-8 (*New Testament pp. 247-248*)

Title: Salvation, Glory and Honor Belong to God

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

The documentary *Screenagers* will be shown this afternoon at 4 pm in Walker Chapel.

This video investigates how tech time impacts kids' development and offers solutions on how adults can empower kids to best navigate and find balance in the digital world. All families, grandparents, youth, parents, teachers—and anyone else interested in guiding kids in their use of technology—are invited to this screening, with pizza and discussion to follow. Questions? Contact Pastor Amanda at agolbek@firstpresevanston.org for more information.

This morning, “Angel” ornaments are available for selection on the Angel Trees placed in the church Narthex and up in Roy Hall. Each Angel is named for a child whose parent(s) will be unable to provide that child a present because they will be in prison during the Christmas season. These Angels are popular picks in this church and tend to go fast. Don't delay in taking one (or more) off of our Trees. Be a part of helping to brighten a child's Christmas! Gifts need to be returned to FPCE, wrapped and labeled, by December 2.

Join us Wednesday for our bi-weekly Prayer Gathering at 7 pm in the Parlor. All are welcome as we seek God for guidance, healing, and insight into what He would have us pursue for His kingdom.

Explore Advent—an intergenerational Advent event—will be held Sunday, November 18, from 10:15 to 11:30 am, in Roy Hall. This all-church activity will take the place of all education classes for that Sunday. Join us as we come together as a church family to explore the meaning of the Advent season, preparing our hearts for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

June 3-14, 2019, Professor K.K. Yeo and FPCE Senior Pastor Ray Hylton will host a Study and Mission Tour of the Holy Land. The cost is \$3,398 per person. Those interested in learning more can pick up a brochure at the front desk, or visit firstpresevanston.org/holy-land to learn more or register.

Worth Noting

The FPCE Warming Center will begin its weekly operations November 12. First Pres is a member of the Evanston InterFaith Action group. We coordinate with other Evanston area churches during the winter season to provide a warm, safe and welcoming place for our homeless guests to rest. Starting November 12, and running through the end of March, the warming center will be open from each Monday from 4 to 7 pm. Those who are interested in helping, or would like additional information, should contact Sherin Peters at 708-987-7278 or at spetersmcs@aol.com.

First Friends will host their third annual Thanksgiving Dinner for our Syrian friends on Saturday, November 17, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the church. If you would like to volunteer to greet, host a table, provide transportation, help with childcare, or contribute to the dinner, please fill out the online form at firstpresevanston.org/first-friends-thanksgiving/ or email sallyivaska1@gmail.com.

Our all-FPCE Potluck—Christmas Around the World—will take place Sunday, December 2 at 12:30 pm, following the Contemporary Service. Bring a Christmas dish to share from your country of origin or another country. We celebrate the season, honoring the birth of our Lord, Jesus, by embracing the diversity of our family in Christ and savoring bounteous Christmas flavors from around the globe. Visit firstpresevanston.org/potluck to sign up to bring a dish, and/or to help set-up or clean-up. For more information, contact Gina at ginachang888@gmail.com.



Missions

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Pray for Our

Mission Partners

Please pray for believers in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) that are isolated from other Christians. Although Christianity originated in the region, only 3.5% of the region remains Christian. Pray for believers to find fellowship and trustworthy teaching. May they know God's presence through our prayers. (Prayer guides for the Persecuted Church are available outside the sanctuary and at the front desk.)

Volunteers will be needed the nights of January 27-February 9, 2019, to serve at the overnight shelter at First Presbyterian. If you have never received training before and are interested, attend any of the following one-hour sessions on: November 6, 7, 12, or 15 at various locations in Evanston. Contact Charlene Parris for details at c.parris@comcast.net.

Do you know a disabled refugee?

If so encourage him/her to contact suzanne@syriancommunitynetwork.org for information on PRIDE, a UIC research study designed to assist disabled refugees find work. One need not be Syrian to apply.

<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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Christmas Eve Pageant rehearsals begin Nov. 29. All children and youth 3 years old through high school are invited to participate in the 4:00 Christmas Eve pageant. Rehearsals will be Thursdays 5:15-6:00, Nov. 29-Dec. 20. Special dress rehearsal Sunday, Dec. 23. Contact Pastor Amanda or Bev Bolsen to let them know your child or youth is interested.

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/>

Clothes Closet Seeks Cold Weather Items

The Deacons' Clothes Closet has need of your donations of cold weather items: Jeans (large sizes especially); winter shoes & boots; overcoats & jackets (larger sizes); warm socks; gloves & thick scarves; belts; towels; roller suitcases & duffel bags. Please find it in your heart to find a few of these gently-used winter "things" in your attic or closet this year. Drop-offs should be made by the front desk in the church office. Your Deacons thank you for looking and sharing.

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. Today, we will be joining in the screening of *Screenagers*.

Middle School Youth Group (NUBS) meets each Friday, from 7-9 pm, on the top floor in the Middle School lounge. On Friday, November 16, we will be enjoying snack, playing some games, and exploring what we are thankful for.

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

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

Interfaith Thanksgiving-Eve Service

On Wednesday, November 21, at 7 pm, First Congregational Church of Evanston, 1445 Hinman Avenue, will host the 20th Annual Evanston Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service. Dino Robinson, founder of the Shorefront Legacy Center, will be the keynote speaker. The Shorefront Legacy Center is dedicated to recording, studying, and preserving the history of black communities in Chicago's northern suburbs. The event is sponsored by InterFaith Action of Evanston, and will include performances by the Interfaith Community Choir, led by David Lornson, music director of First Congregational Church. A freewill offering will be taken at the event to help support the work of InterFaith Action of Evanston.

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/>

2018 Giving and 2019 Pledge updates

As of Wednesday, November 7, our 2018 giving totals are as follows:

Pledge Giving to date:	\$864,312.88
Pledge Goal 2018:	\$1,075,000.00
Needed to Reach Goal:	\$210,687.12

Faith Giving to date:	\$99,179.27
Faith Giving Goal 2018:	\$195,000.00
Needed to Reach Goal:	\$95,820.73

As of Sunday, November 4, our current 2019 pledge commitments are as follows:

Pledges received:	172
Total Amount pledged:	\$835,905
Pledge Goal:	\$1,175,000
Need to Meet Goal:	\$339,095

Faith Giving Commitments Received: 28

If you haven't yet made a pledge for 2019, and wish to do so, please contact Melody Henrie at the church office, text AUTOMATIC to 847-565-2772 to set up automated giving, or fill out a pledge form at the FPCE front desk.