

10 am Worship Service

Preacher: William Jordan, candidate for ordination, Princeton Theological Seminary

Scripture: Luke 2:41-52 (*New Testament p. 56*)

Title: Jesus and His Father's Business

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Preacher: Rev. Henry Coates

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12 (*New Testament pp. 1-2*)

Title: Follow the Light

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Highlights

Remember that next Sunday's worship will take place at one service only at 10 am. Join us as we celebrate the first Sunday of 2019, followed by a brief fellowship time in Roy Hall. There will be no Adult Education classes.

First Night is happening at First Presbyterian Evanston again this New Year's Eve and, as always, we are looking for volunteers to welcome our fellow Evanstonians of all ages into our midst. FPCE is the only venue this year, so we will be hosts from 6 pm to 11:50 pm! Please sign up at <http://www.firstpresevanston.org/first-night-2018/> or at the front desk. Contact Jim Wildenradt at jim@wda25.com or Caryl Weinberg at cweinberg@firstpresevanston.org with questions! Remember, all volunteers get into the events free of charge!

Stephen Ministry is designed to expand the quality of Christian care a congregation can provide its members. Our training equips lay persons to make weekly, one-on-one visits to people who need Christian care and support. The training takes place twice a month from January through early June. *Time is running out to sign up for this training series.* Contact RuthAnn Ostrowski at (312) 613-0644 ASAP if you are interested in taking part.

Volunteers will be needed the nights of January 27-February 9, 2019, to serve at the overnight shelter at First Presbyterian. We are looking for both new and long-time volunteers. You can help set up, spend the full night serving or come and help clean up in the mornings as people are leaving. For more details and to sign up go to firstpresevanston.org/warming. If you have further questions after reading the details, contact Charlene Parris for details at c.parris@comcast.net.

There will be a special Congregational Meeting on January 20, 2019 immediately following the second Worship Service (beginning at approximately 12:30 pm). The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the recommendation from Session to call Rev. Henry Coates as the Associate Pastor for Young Adults and Young Families. Childcare will be provided. We encourage all members to attend.

Worth Noting

Our guest preacher this morning is William Jordan, a candidate for ordination. He is an FPCE member, a graduate of St. Olaf College, and in his final year pursuing a Masters of Divinity degree at Princeton Theological Seminary.

The FPCE Warming Center will be open New Years Eve from 3:30 pm to 7 pm.

The FPCE offices and building will be closed New Years Day, Tuesday, January 1.

Our Explore God Teaching and Adult Education Series will begin Sunday, January 13! This is an excellent opportunity to invite friends, neighbors and family who have questions about faith in God to come visit FPCE! The adult education groups will focus on the big questions so many of us have when it comes to the purpose of life God, suffering, who Jesus is and more!

A new art exhibit displaying African fabrics collected by Caryl Weinberg, FPCE mission director, is on display outside Room 206. For several years, Caryl served as a medical nurse in Ethiopia. Since returning to the United States, she has continued to express her heart for Africa in many ways, including the founding of the Tumekutana Conference for Women. Her collection of 14 fabrics (from Cameroon, Egypt, Ghana, Malawi, Nigeria, South Africa, and Zambia) illustrate the wonderful and diverse styles of expression across the continent!



Missions

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Pray for Our

Mission Partners

During these Christmas holidays please pray for our Sister Church, Christmas Lutheran in Bethlehem, the ministries of Bright Stars Bethlehem and IFES Palestine. It is a particularly difficult time for Palestinians, particularly Palestinian Christians. So please pray that these brothers and sisters may experience the peace, joy, hope and love of Christ fully and freely.

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

Children and Families

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Sunday School classes for children will resume on Sunday, January 13, at 10:30.

First Kids Choir resumes on Thursday, January 10. Children in 4-year-old pre-K through 5th grade meet from 4 to 4:45 to sing. From 4:45 to 5:15, children in 2nd through 5th grades ring chimes.

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

Youth and Families

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High School Youth Group (PYGS) meets each Sunday afternoon, from 4-6 pm, in the basement youth lounge. We are in the midst of our Christmas break. Meetings will restart Sunday, Jan. 13!

Middle School Youth Group (NUBS) meets each Friday, from 7-9 pm, on the top floor in the Middle School lounge. We are in the midst of our Christmas break. Meetings will restart Friday, Jan. 11!

The Winter/Spring Youth Calendar is now available! Check the Youth Board near the Front Desk or contact Pastor Amanda to pick up a calendar.

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

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!

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

Next Book Club meeting January 22

The next FPCE Parish Nurse Book Club meeting will take place January 22, 2019, from 1:30 to 3 pm in room 102. We will be reading *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee. All are invited to take part!

Final 2018 Financial Gifts deadline

In order for your financial gifts to count toward your 2018 taxes, they must meet the following deadlines:

Cash or check: Postmarked or dropped off at the FPCE office by December 30.

Website: Transaction completed by 11:59 pm December 31.

Stock donations: Contact Melody Henrie ASAP. 2018 donations must be in FPCE's possession not later than December 31, 2018.

2019 Pledge updates

As of Wednesday, December 27, our current 2019 pledge commitments are as follows:

Number of Pledges received	192
Pledges received	\$960,472
Pledge Goal	\$1,175,000
Needed to Meet Goal	\$214,528

Faith Giving Commitments Received: 31

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.

Holy Land tour information available

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, where online registration is also available. *Scholarships are available! Contact Caryl Weinberg or Pastor Ray Hylton for information on the help that is available.*

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.

Deacons' Clothes Closet has urgent need for men's winter wear

Deacons' Closet has urgent need of Men's winter wear. Good, warm coats and jackets are in very short supply for our male visitors —larger sizes are especially helpful for purposes of layering. Also need for sweaters, sweat shirts, large-size pants and sweat pants, and sturdy shoes and boots. As the cold winds blow and temperatures plummet, please look through your closets, drawers, and storerooms to help our friends survive the season in some warmth and comfort. God bless you in this Season of Giving. Items turned in by December 31 can qualify for 2018 tax deduction; ask for tax forms at the church office front desk.

150th Anniversary History Booklets still available!

These beautiful full-color 28-page booklets, with lovely photos and articles about our church, would make great Christmas presents for anyone who missed the celebration last July. They can be purchased at the front desk for \$10 each.

Women's Bible Study resumes January 10

Thursday Night Women's Bible Study is on holiday break. It will resume at 5:45 pm, Thursday, January 10, 2019, in Room 206.

Registration for High school Mission Trip 2019 now open!

All current 9th graders through 12th graders are invited to join us for a fun week of service and faith building! We will be going to New Orleans, Louisiana, July 28 -August 3. We will work with a local organization called RHINO. Cost is \$250 (scholarships are available). Registration forms can be found on the website, at the Youth Board near the Front Desk, or by contacting Pastor Amanda. **Registration deadline: NEXT SUNDAY, January 6.**