

10 am Worship Service

Preacher: Rev. Henry Coates

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

Title: Follow the Light

9 and 11:30 am Worship Services - January 13, 2019

NEW SERIES: Explore God: 7 Big Questions January 13-February 24

Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 (*Old Testament p. 629*)

Title: Does Life Have a Purpose?

[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

Next week, we return to our regular Sunday worship schedule with services at 9 and 11:30 am, and Sunday School and Adult Education classes in between. See the insert in today's bulletin for more information about our new teaching series and the related activities.

Join in a two-day fast as we prayer for First Pres! 2019 brings many challenges and opportunities for our church. By ourselves, we are not adequate for the tasks ahead. Jesus promised that some things would only shift through prayer and fasting. Please join us as we seek God's guidance with a two-day fast, January 8-9. We will break our fast together at our regular Wednesday Prayer Gathering, 7 pm, January 9, in the Parlor. All are welcome!

**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!

**An Explore God discussion group will be meeting in Room 102 of the church on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m., starting Tuesday, January 15, 2019, for the 7-week duration of the Explore God Chicago initiative.** Come join this group and/or encourage your friends, neighbors or colleagues who might be interested in joining this dialogue concerning the Explore God questions to come participate with a small group of fellow explorers.

**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 [firstprevevanston.org/warming](http://firstprevevanston.org/warming). If you have further questions after reading the details, contact Charlene Parris for details at [c.parris@comcast.net](mailto: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

**We welcome the following new officers who are being ordained and installed today:**  
**Elders:** Bob Bastian, Bryan Carmody, Kim Klamm, Rosemary Mauck, and Richard Warnecke.  
**Deacons:** Patti Bastian, Lolla Chimitris, Suzanne Chantal Kouotou, Stephanie Minich, Tim Minich, Dorothy Moran, Ruby Singh, and Sharon Smith.  
**Trustees:** Denise Azizian, Craig Baxa, Cary Peters, and Tom Wuellner.  
**A big thank you to all those who have completed their terms as officers!**

**We offer our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to Sonia Evenstad, for the loss of her brother, Damon, who passed away on December 29.**

**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!

**2019 pledge envelopes are located on the table in front of the Mission Board for those who asked for them.**



## Missions

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### Pray for Our

#### Mission Partners

Please pray for our mission partners working with Pioneers in the Arab World. Pray for their current campaign of "Finding a Person of Peace" in every Unreached community who would then open the community to the gospel.

<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!

**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/>

## 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](http://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.

## Women's Bible Study resumes January 10

**Thursday Night Women's Bible Study will resume at 5:45 pm, Thursday, January 10, 2019, in Room 206. Contact Barbara Holm at 847-328-0049 for details.**

## 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.**

## 2019 Pledge updates

**As of Wednesday, January 3, 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.