

9 and 11:30 am Worship Services

**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?

**January 20, 2019 - 9 and 11:30 am Worship Services**

**Series continues: Explore God: 7 Big Questions**

**Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton**

**Scripture:** Psalm 8:1-9 (Old Testament p. 497)

**Title:** Does God Exist?

**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

**An Explore God discussion group meets in Room 102 of the church on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m., for the 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.

**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.

**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!

**Volunteers are still needed the nights of January 27-February 9, 2019, to serve at the overnight shelter at First Presbyterian. This is the first year we will be open every night of the two weeks we are covering, regardless of temperature.** 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](http://firstpresevanston.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).

**The FPCE Women's Ministry will host its annual Movie Night and Jewelry Swap, Friday, February 8, at 6:30 pm in the Parlor.** The cost per person will be \$5 each woman will be encouraged to bring one piece of jewelry to swap and one to donate to the women of Good News Partners (no need to purchase new pieces; used items are both acceptable and desirable). More information to come! Contact Judith Hylton with questions.

## Worth Noting

**First Pres will host our annual Super Bowl Chili Cookoff, Sunday, February 3, after the second service. All are invited to participate and come and eat!** A \$5 suggested donation will go towards supporting FPCE's First Friends refugee outreach. Judging will take place in four categories: Best Meat, Best Veg, Best Name, and Greatest Chili of Them All with neat prizes to be awarded! Competitors should sign-up at the Front Desk and should plan to bring a pot of Chili to feed at least 8 hungry teenagers. Email or text Pastor Henry at [hcoates@firstpresevanston.org](mailto:hcoates@firstpresevanston.org) with any questions!

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

**Thank you to all who contributed to our special offering on Christmas Eve at the Family Pageant and Candlelight services.** We collected \$4,271.75, which will go to the FPCE refugees outreach ministry.

**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 and the deadline for registration is February 17. 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 a link to online registration is also available. *Scholarships are available! Contact Caryl Weinberg or Pastor Ray Hylton for information on the help that is available.*



## Missions

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### Pray for Our

#### Mission Partners

**Please pray with and for Dave and Sally Ivaska, FPCE members and partners.** They'll be traveling to Palestine to visit the IFES student work there, and visit with our sister church and partners. They have received word that the situation for Westerners is tense in Ramallah, so they may not be able to travel around within Palestine. Pray for them to have wisdom, protection, and courage, and that those they meet with will be blessed and encouraged.

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

## Children and Families

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**First Kids Choir has resumed!** 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.** This afternoon, we will hang out, reconnect after break, and enjoy dinner together.

**Middle School Youth Group (NUBS) meets each Friday, from 7-9 pm, on the top floor in the Middle School lounge.** Friday, Jan. 18th we will be departing for the weekend for our Winter Retreat.

**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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**Young adults are invited to join us today for a meal with the Youth Group at 5:30 pm in the Dining Room. Get together with other 20s/30s and kick off the New Year!** Reach out to Pastor Henry at hcoates@firstpresevanston.org, or speak to him after today's service for details. Hope to see you there!

**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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### 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.

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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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### 2019 Pledge Campaign Final Results

**The "official" deadline for the 2019 pledge campaign has passed. The commitments are as follows:**

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| Number of Pledges received | 195         |
| Pledges received           | \$964,724   |
| Pledge Goal                | \$1,175,000 |
| Campaign shortfall         | \$210,276   |

Faith Giving Commitments Received: 31

**If you haven't yet made a pledge for 2019, and still 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.**