

August 18, 2019 – 10 am Worship Service
Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton
Scripture: Ecclesiastes 2:1-11 (Old Testament pp. 629-630)
Title: When More Stuff Doesn't Equal More Happiness

August 25, 2019 – 10 am Worship Service
Preacher: Rev. Henry Coates
Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 (Old Testament pp. 630-631)
Title: Time: Our Most Precious Gift

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

All are invited to our final campfire for the summer, taking place TODAY from 6-8 pm in the FPCE parking lot. Join all your friends for a time of hanging out and enjoying s'mores. Please bring your own chair.

The Counseling Center of Evanston (which has its home right here at FPCE), will host an open house, Sunday, August 25, immediately following the worship service. Tour the center and visit with the staff and board members. All are welcome!

We will be returning to our regular schedule of 9 am and 11:30 am Sunday services beginning September 8. Our Adult Education classes will begin Sunday, September 15. More details to come!

Worth Noting

Due to our Crib Room remodel and the Blue Room flooring being replaced, childcare for infants and toddlers will be in the Yellow Room this morning.

We offer our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to Alice Rubash and the Rubash family, including daughters Amy, Janet, and Karen, for the passing of Norman Rubash, who died August 13. A memorial service will be held at 2 pm Saturday, August 24, in the FPCE Sanctuary. A reception will follow in the Dining Room.

You can help support Souper Saturday! Save the date and join us – Saturday morning, September 7, Jackson Park for the Hunger Walk (sponsored by Greater Chicago Food Depository) We receive contributions for every walker who participates. More details (transportation from First Pres parking lot and times) to follow. Please direct question to Kris Economos 847-475-0226 or kriseconomos@yahoo.com.

FPCE will host our organist Rebecca S.Y. Chu in a free organ and piano recital on Sunday, September 8, at 6 pm in the Sanctuary. Pianist Soo Young Kim joins Rebecca in favorite works by Strauss, Beethoven, Verdi, Sousa, Chopin, and Liszt in new arrangements for organ four-hands and piano & organ duet. Our Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ (56 ranks & 3265 pipes) and the Steinway & Sons grand piano will be featured. A dessert reception will follow the concert. Childcare is available with an RSVP by Wednesday, September 4, at 5 pm to hmconnell@firstpresevanston.org.

Sandra McCracken (free) tickets are now available! This noted Christian singer/songwriter will perform here in the FPCE Sanctuary on Saturday, October 5, at 7 pm. We expect these free tickets to go fast once they are announced to the public. *This is a great way to introduce unchurched friends to FPCE by hosting them!* Visit firstpresevanston.org/concert for details.

The next FPCE New Members Class will be held on Saturday, October 12 from 9 am to 1 pm for all interested in membership at First Pres. Childcare available. For more info or to sign up, please contact Janice at 847-864-1472 or jdobschuetz@firstpresevanston.org.



Missions

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Mission Prayer

Voice of the Martyrs shares these prayers of Paul, to pray for Christians facing Islamic extremists particularly now in Iraq, Syria, and Egypt: God, we pray that You will open a door for your Word to go forth in countries where Christians face Islamic extremists. May those who are persecuted make the mystery of Your Son and the gospel message clear to those who are persecuting them for Your name's sake (Col. 4:3-4)

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We have now reserved five tables of 10 each at the Bright Stars Bethlehem 15th anniversary gala dinner at the Chicago Cultural Center on Sunday, September 29 at 5 pm. Bright Stars is a First Presbyterian partner, and houses many ministries including Dar al Kalima University of Arts and Culture. Featured speakers are Marc Lamont Hill and Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb. ***The remaining tickets are \$200 per person.*** Contact Caryl Weinberg at cweinberg@firstpresevanston.org or at (847) 864-1472.

Interested in helping out as an individual or with your small group at Good News Partners? Please contact Dana Teeter at danateeter@gmail.com.

<http://www.firstpresevanston.org/missions/>
<http://www.firstpresevanston.org/serving/>

Women's Study resumes 9/12

The Thursday Night Women's Bible Study will resume on Thursday, September 12, at 5:45 pm in room 206. We will be studying the book of James. All women are welcome! For more information, please contact, Barb Holm at 847-328-0049.

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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Mark your calendars! Sunday school kick-off is September 8. More details coming soon!

Stay tuned for the fall children's event calendar!

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

Nourish group resumes with potluck

Nourish: A Women's Fellowship will resume their weekly meetings with a potluck brunch on Thursday, September 5, 9:30-11:15 am, in the First Pres dining room. Women of all ages are welcome and childcare is provided. Join us for a chance to get better acquainted and learn about the study of the book of Ruth beginning September 12. Questions? Contact Martha at martha.ocarroll@comcast.net.

Clothes Closet Summer Cleaning

The Deacons' Clothes Closet is closed for cleaning in August! It will open again Saturday, September 7, ready for more donations.

Stephen Ministry

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. - Ephesians 2:10

Might you consider becoming a Stephen Minister? This three-year commitment may include shepherding one or several individuals who are going through a rough patch or any of life's transitions. There is training on listening and responding to people who request a Stephen Minister; a class is scheduled for fall. There is also opportunity to deepen your own personal faith as you walk along side each person who receives your care. Stephen Ministry applications are available at the church desk. September 14 is the kickoff for Stephen Ministry training. Training begins Monday evening, September 16. Interested? Contact RuthAnn Ostrowski (312/613-0644) or Mike Denesha (847/612-9479) for further information.

Youth and Families

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FPCE will host a college application information session Sunday, August 25, at 11:45 am in the Dining Room. All high school students and their parents are invited to this session, which will be led by FPCE member Tim Minich. Tim works with colleges alongside their application processes. A light lunch will be served.

Save the date: Our Fall Sunday school and Youth Group kick-off takes place Sunday, September 8!

The Fall youth events calendar is coming soon!

<http://www.firstpresevanston.org/youth/>

AV Volunteers Sought

Audio-visual volunteers are needed for Sunday morning services and other church events. FCPE is in need of volunteers who would be trained to operate AV equipment in the Sanctuary or Walker Chapel. If you are interested in helping in this vital ministry, please contact Neal Ostrovsky, FPCE A/V Coordinator, at nostrovsky@firstpresevanston.org.

Flat Jesus Project continues

Traveling this summer? Take Jesus with you! We're in the midst of a summer activity called the Flat Jesus Project. Be sure to take pictures of flat Jesus hanging out with you and your family. Flat Jesus loves to go camping, play at the park, read a book or listen to the symphony! Send pictures of you and Flat Jesus to Pastor Amanda agolbek@firstpresevanston.org or tag them with #fpceflatjesus on Facebook and Instagram. The purpose of the project is to help us to remember to take Jesus with us wherever we go. Copies of Flat Jesus can be found on the website's Connect page, in the back of the Sanctuary, and at the Children's and Youth information boards.

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/young-adults/>

Book Club meets September 17

The next Book Club meeting is Tuesday, September 17, from 1:30-3 pm in Room 102. We will be reading *The Personal History of Rachel Dupree* by Ann Weisgarber. Goodreads describes it as "an award-winning debut novel with incredible heart about life on the prairie as it's rarely been seen. Reminiscent of *The Color Purple*, as well as the frontier novels of Laura Ingalls Wilder and Willa Cather, it opens a window on the little-known history of African American homesteaders and gives voice to an extraordinary heroine who embodies the spirit that built America." All are welcome to join us as we explore this book together.

Member Login Offers Access to FPCE info

Members and giving non-members: did you know that you can get on-line access to the church directory, the church calendar, and your giving records? Simply go to the First Pres website (www.firstpresevanston.org) and click on "Member Access" to get instructions. You can also pick up a hard copy at the front desk.

Employment at FPCE

First Presbyterian Church of Evanston is looking to fill the position of Worship Band Director. For the full job description and how to apply, please go to <http://www.firstpresevanston.org/employment>.