

**Preaching Series: Rooted and Reaching**  
September 8-October 27

The image of a plant rooted and grounded is an apt metaphor for those on the journey with Jesus. When rooted in Christ, followers of Jesus reach up and out evidenced by bearing fruits of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, self-control). It provides identity and purpose. When rooted in Christ, followers will resemble Christ; Christians rooted in Christ will also do the works of Christ. This series will also inform our congregation about FPCE's mission, values, and goals we are committing to as part of our recent strategic planning efforts.

**PRAYER GUIDES FOR THIS SERIES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE USHERS OR AT THE FRONT DESK**

**September 8, 2019 – 9 and 11:30 am Worship Services**  
**Preacher: Rev. Amanda Golbek**  
**Scripture:** Matthew 13:1-9;18-23 (*New Testament p. 13*)  
**Title:** A Parable for Everyone

**September 15, 2019 – 9 and 11:30 am Worship Services**  
**Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton**  
**Scripture:** Luke 13:18-19 (*New Testament p. 72*)  
**Title:** Big Things Come in Small Packages

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**

**FPCE will host our organist Rebecca S.Y. Chu in a free organ and piano recital this evening at 6 p.m. 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.

**Might you consider becoming a Stephen Minister?** 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.

**All are invited to join us Saturday, September 28, as FPCE hosts Rev. Dr. Munther Isaac, pastor of our sister church in Bethlehem, and Rev. Dr. Jack Sara, President of Bethlehem Bible College.** The two will be our guest for a dinner and brief program in the FPCE Dining Room. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m., followed by their presentations at 6:45 p.m. on the theme of leading as "Messengers of Hope" in Palestine and beyond.

**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 by reservation. For more info or to sign up, please contact Janice at 847-864-1472 or [jdocschuetz@firstprevevanston.org](mailto:jdocschuetz@firstprevevanston.org).

**Worth Noting**

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

**Following this morning's 9 o'clock service, please join Dave & Rochelle Jones and their family upstairs in Roy Hall for cupcakes to celebrate Dave's 70th birthday — and 35 years as a congregant here at FPCE!**

**Today's chancel flowers are in thankful memory of Harriet & Richard B. Jones.**

**PLEASE NOTE: An alarm has been placed on the southeast door leading out of Roy Hall to the stairwell. This door should only be used in the event of an emergency.**

**The Deacons' Closet's ONLY NEEDS for the new season are as follows:** MEN's jackets, parkas, overcoats and outdoor shoes and boots. We also have an ongoing need for clean towels and bedsheets. No other items are needed at this time. THANK YOU for your generous donations through the year.

**We are in the final stretch of completing our improvements to the Crib room. All are invited to help "shower" the Crib room by donating towards the purchase of new developmentally engaging and Biblically centered activities.** We are hoping to raise \$2,500 to cover the cost of these items. Donations can be given through the FPCE website. A link to the list of items we plan to purchase can be found on the Connect page of the website.

**Join FPCE family and friends for some Northwestern Football! We're getting group tickets for Northwestern vs UNLV, Saturday September 14 at 2:30 pm.** The cost is \$10 a ticket, which can be reserved through Pastor Henry.

**Nominating Committee is looking for you!** We are still seeking nominations for Deacons who will begin serving in January, 2020. Nominate yourself or another member by contacting Rosemary Mauck or Matt McLeod, or leaving a name at the front desk.

**A Backpack and Teacher Blessing will be held Sunday, September 15, during both worship services.** We will mark the start of the school year with a blessing of backpacks, including handing out colorful backpack prayer tags. We will also be acknowledging and blessing all educators. Students can bring their backpacks with them to the worship service.



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## Missions

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### Mission Prayer

**Please pray for “Keith and Louise” as they return to Central Asia.** Pray for their Turkish language project, for the writing of curriculum for trainers, for their family – especially Bethany – here in the U.S. May the Lord help them to adjust back to Central Asia “gently”.

**The dates for FPCE’s participation as an overnight shelter have been set. We will offer overnight care for guests Sunday, December 29 through the morning of Sunday, January 19, 2020. More details to come!**

**Interested in helping out as an individual or with your small group at Good News Partners?**

Contact Dana Teeter at danateeter@gmail.com.

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

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## 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.

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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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## Children, Youth 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!

*CHILDREN -*

**Sunday school kick-off is TODAY!** Join us at 10:30 for a scavenger hunt where you will explore the church, see classrooms and meet your teachers. The hunt will end in the gym with some yummy celebratory popsicles.

**The fall children’s calendar is here! Check out the website or the bulletin board near the front desk to pick-up a copy.**

**Children’s Choir and Bells begins Thursday, September 12.**

All children 5 years old through 5th grade are invited to come sing with us on Thursdays, 4-4:45 pm. We share our singing in worship on the 4th Sunday of the month at the 9 am service.

**All 2nd graders through 8th graders are invited to join us in playing handbells and chimes from 4:45-5:15. We share our musical gifts on the 4th Sunday of the month at the 9:00 service.**

*YOUTH -*

**Fall Sunday school kick-off is TODAY!**

All middle and high school youth are invited to join us at 10:30 am for a time of reconnecting with their friends and Sunday school teachers. A light breakfast will be served. Middle school youth (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) will meet in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Youth Lounge. High school youth (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) will meet in the Basement Youth Lounge.

**Youth Group Kick-Off is this afternoon, 4-6 pm!**

All middle and high school youth and parents are invited to our fall fiesta kick-off celebration TODAY. The youth will play games and enjoy dinner in the gym, while parents learn about the youth ministry, get some advice about stress and anxiety from Judith Hylton, and enjoy dinner in the Dining Room. (A movie will be shown for younger siblings.)

**Youth Handbell practice begins Thursday, September 12.**

All 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade youth are invited to join us 4:45-5:15 pm to learn handbells. We will share our musical gifts on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at the 9 am service.

**The Fall youth calendar is here! Check out the website and the bulletin board near the Front Desk.**

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

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## Young Adults

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**The 20s/30s Small Group will be kicking off on Sunday, September 15!** Join us as we journey in our faith. All younger adults are welcome to come along for faith, fellowship, and food! For more information, reach out to Pastor Henry, hcoates@firstpresevanston.org.

**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/>

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## Items sought for FPCE member

**An FPCE member who recently had a personal crisis is in need of the following items:** a bed, dresser, vacuum cleaner, a desk or card table, small kitchen table and a couple of chairs. If you would like to donate any of these, please contact Janice at the church office at jdobshuetz@firstpresevanston.org.

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## Nourish group has resumed

**Nourish: A Women’s Fellowship has resumed.**

Women of all ages are welcome to join us in FPCE Room 213, 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.

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## AV Volunteers Sought

**Audio-visual volunteers are needed for Sunday morning services and other church events.** FPCE 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.

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## Family Small Group lunch TODAY!

**Join us TODAY for lunch at 11:30 am in the FPCE Dining Room.** This is an opportunity for small group members to reconnect from the summer and for any new families to come as well to learn more about Family Small Group. We gather once a month at the church for bible study, prayer, and fellowship (childcare and dinner provided). If you are interested in learning more about Family Small Groups, please email sallyivaska1@gmail.com.

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## Vocal Workshop September 12

**On Thursday, September 12, from 7 – 9 pm , W. Stephen Smith leads an All-Singer Vocal Workshop in our Choir Room.** Steve is a Northwestern University Professor of Voice and Opera with a passion to strengthen each voice in communication and in praise. If you love connecting with God in song, this workshop is for you. Contact Hannah at hmccconnell@firstpresevanston.org with questions.

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## 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.

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## 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](http://www.firstpresevanston.org)) and click on “Member Access” to get instructions. You can also pick up a hard copy at the front desk.

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## 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>.