

9 and 11:30 am Worship Services - Palm Sunday
Preacher: Rev. Amanda Golbek
Scripture: Luke 19:28-44 (New Testament pp. 78-79)
Title: King On A Donkey

HOLY WEEK SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

April 17, 2019 – Wednesday Taizé Worship Service of Contemplative Sung Prayer, 7 pm (Walker Chapel)

April 18, 2019 – Maundy Thursday Service, 7 pm (Walker Chapel)*
Preacher: Rev. Henry Coates
Scripture: I Corinthians 11:23-26 (New Testament p. 165)
Title: In Remembrance of Me

April 19, 2019 – Good Friday Family Workshop, 10 am (2nd Floor)*
Pot luck brunch, worship, and crafts for the entire family.

April 19, 2019 – Good Friday Service, 7 pm (Sanctuary)
Service of Darkness with Choir and Scripture readings.

April 21, 2019 – 9 and 11:30 am Worship Services - Easter Sunday
Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton
Scripture: I Corinthians 15:19-26 (New Testament pp. 168-169)
Title: Christ Is Risen From The Dead

**Child care is available for the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. For Maundy Thursday it should be reserved by Wednesday at 5 pm. For Good Friday the reservation deadline is Thursday at 5 pm. Please call the FPCE office at 847-864-1472 to make child care reservations.*

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

Our Lenten series of Taizé Worship Services of Contemplative Sung Prayer will concludes Wednesday, April 17, at 7 pm in Walker Chapel. Child care is available if reserved by Tuesday at 5 pm.

A Good Friday Family Workshop will be held April 19, 10 to 11:30 am, on the 2nd Floor. Come for a pot luck brunch, child-friendly worship, and an Easter craft with church families and friends. Sign up at the front desk or by email to Bev Bolsen at bbolsen@firstpresevanston.org.

Join us Saturday, April 27, for our annual Rebuilding Together outreach. Sign up for one or more “shifts” throughout the morning and into the mid-afternoon. Sign up online at https://firstpresevanston.org/rebuild2019/ (this will take you to an external website). Jobs include setting up in the morning, work crew, lunch preparation, and cleaning up in the afternoon. Please contact Charyl Parry at hughparry@sbcglobal.net or Kris Economos at kriseconomos@yahoo.com with questions. More details to come!

The next New Members Class led by Pastor Ray Hylton will be held on Saturday, May 4 from 9 am to 2 pm for all interested in membership at FPCE. Childcare will be available upon request. For more info or to sign up, please contact Janice at 847-864-1472 or at jdobschuetz@firstpresevanston.org.

Worth Noting

See the the back of today’s First Pres at a Glance (this sheet) for all of our Holy Week activities and services.

Help make Easter extra special for a Chicago-based church plant. First Presbyterian Church of Evanston is serving as a supporting partner for Next Church, a Presbyterian church plant in Chicago pastored by Michael Miller, a former FPCE staff member. In order to make greater connections with the community there, Next Church is hosting an Easter outreach event. Our church family can help by donating candy-filled plastic Easter eggs. The need is great (they hope to be able to have 10,000 of these eggs for the event). If each member family were to donate two dozen of these candy-filled plastic eggs, we would go a long way towards helping them. *Donations are due Monday, April 15, and should be delivered to the front desk.*

Today is the deadline to order Easter Floral Remembrances. Donate \$10 toward the purchase of the floral plants to be placed on the Chancel this coming Easter Sunday in memory of loved ones (Note: There is *not* one plant per remembrance. Donations go toward the overall display.). Forms are available at the front desk.

Just a reminder that there will not be any adult education classes next Sunday.

A new Adult Education parenting class begins April 28. All parents, grandparents and caretakers of infants through high schoolers are invited to join us for this 4-week class on technology and parenting. We will discuss the challenges that technology poses for parents, sharing ideas and techniques for growing technologically responsible, Christ-centered children and youth. The class will be facilitated by Rev. Amanda Golbek and will meet in Room 213.

“Friday in the Loop” is a bible study held each week in downtown Chicago and facilitated by FPCE member John Mauck. They recently began a study in the book of Genesis. The gathering is held at One N. LaSalle, 25th floor. Contact Tracy Robinson at 312-726-1243 to get a weekly notice of the meetings. All are welcome!



Pray for Our Mission Partners
Please pray for Nader, General Secretary for the IFES national movement in Palestine, Christian Students in Palestinian Universities (CSPU), and staff colleague with the Palestine Bible Society. Pray for the eight Palestinian “emerging leaders” called to join Nader to serve as staff with CSPU. Pray that God will bless each of these students to find employment so that they can stay in Palestine, and then be able to take part in significant training and educational opportunities. Pray for Nader’s son who is facing developmental challenges, and for Nader’s wife to receive a visa to Jerusalem so that she may resume her job there. May God encourage him and show him grace in this very complicated and challenging Palestinian context.

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

Thirty Two Years and Counting

In this 32nd year of Stephen Ministry in our church, we celebrate the 12 current Stephen Ministers, who lovingly and attentively listen to their care-receivers with the knowledge that per Galatians 6:2 we “bear one another’s burdens and in this way (we) fulfill the law of Christ.”

Sign up for Family Camp

FPCE has reserved space to hold Family Camp at Stronghold Camp & Retreat Center, Oregon, IL, July 5, 6, and 7. Housing options include tent camping or staying in the lodge. Meals are provided. If this is something your family might be interested in, please reach out to Pastor Henry at hcoates@firstpresevanston.org. Parents, Grandparents, children, and friends are all invited!

First Kids Choir meets each Thursday afternoon! 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.

Planning for the summer? Remember to add FPCE’s Vacation Bible School to your plans. This year’s session will be held August 5 through 9, 9-11:45 am.

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

Church Bus Drivers Needed for Saturday Surprises

The Prison Ministry Saturday Surprises events are in need of drivers to operate the FPCE church bus. No Commercial Driver’s License is needed, but volunteers would need to familiarize themselves on safety procedures and workings of the bus. Test drives are available. Prison Ministry Saturday Surprises, per Matthew 25, attend to children who are the least of these — Angel Tree children and children served through New Life and First Friends ministries. It is also our delight to occasionally take these children someplace special. Our next trip will likely be to Shedd Aquarium. Interested? Contact Sonia Evenstad 847-869-5112 or evenstad@sbcglobal.net.

A high school Mission trip Participant Meeting is schedule for 12:30 p.m. TODAY. All mission trip participants will meet in the basement youth lounge at 12:30.

High School Youth Group (PYGS) meets each Sunday afternoon, from 4-6 pm, in the basement youth lounge. This Sunday, we will enjoy snacks, play games, and talk about Holy Week.

Middle School Youth Group (NUBS) meets each Friday, from 7-9 pm, on the top floor in the Middle School lounge. Friday, April 19 there will NOT be youth group. Youth and families are invited to join us for the Good Friday Workshop in the morning or the evening worship service at 7 pm in the Sanctuary.

Youth volunteer opportunity Friday, April 19
All youth are invited to join us to help serve at the Good Friday workshop at 10 am. Volunteers will help lead the craft activity and the interactive worship time. Contact Pastor Amanda if you can help.

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

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.

Next Book Club Meeting May 21

The next Book Club meeting will be Tuesday, May 21, from 1:30-3 pm in Room 102. We are reading *Educated* by Tara Westover. According to Good Reads it is “a universal coming-of-age story that gets to the heart of what an education is and what it offers: the perspective to see one’s life through new eyes and the will to change it.” All are welcome!

The First Pres 20s/30s small group meets every other Sunday. Our next gathering is today! Good food, in-depth conversation, great times! If you’re interested in coming to check it out, reach out to Pastor Henry at hcoates@firstpresevanston.org for details.

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!

Due to the Holy Week schedule the monthly women’s basketball pick-up game will take place Thursday, April 25, in Roy Hall at 7:30 pm. These games normally take place on the third Thursday of each month. 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/>

Guidelines for Clothes Closet Donations

The Deacons appreciate our church’s great generosity in making donations to the Deacons’ Closet, but do ask that certain guidelines be observed in the condition of items being considered as donations for the use of our visiting brothers and sisters in need. When choosing clothes or household items for donation, please ask yourself the following questions:

- **Are these items seasonally appropriate? (We have no storage space for off-season clothing.)**
- **Are these clothes and shoes clean? (We can only accept and distribute clean things.)**
- **Is this item in good enough condition that you yourself might wear it?**
- **(No tears, rips, holes, or lasting stains are presentable.)**

At present time, we no longer have a need for paper bags to pack up our visitors’ selections.

We DO have a need for volunteers to help us out on Saturday mornings when the Closet is in operation. We are open the first and third Saturdays of each month. We sort donations from 8-10 am, and we assist our guests with finding clothing items from 10-noon. Please contact Cynthia Bridges, cbridges1345@gmail.com, if you are interested in pitching in and helping out.