

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

October 13, 2019 – 9 and 11:30 am Worship Services
Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton
Scripture: John 15:1-10 (New Testament p. 104)
Title: How to be Rooted in Christ

October 20, 2019 – 9 and 11:30 am Worship Services
Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton
Scripture: James 1:19-27 (New Testament p. 219)
Title: Faith in Action

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 Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers will be held Sunday, October 20, 2019, immediately following the 9 am Worship Service (at approximately 10:15 am). The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary, with agenda items to include the election of 2020 officers (elders, deacons, and officers of the Society), a preview of the 2020 budget, and approval of the church’s updated bylaws. For more information on these items, including the updated bylaws, clarification of the proposed governance model, and a list of candidates up for election, visit <https://firstpresevanston.org/meeting2019/>. A list of candidates is also included as an insert in today’s bulletin.

We have completed our improvements to the Crib Room! Please stop by and take a peek at our updated space. 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.

The annual Open House Chicago Architectural Tour will highlight the FPCE Sanctuary as one of its stopping points, Saturday, October 19, 10 am to 5 pm. All of our FPCE family is encouraged to stop by, enjoy our beautiful architechture from a new perspective, interect with our organists as the offer demonstrations, and welcome our guests.

Worth Noting

Our newly renovated Crib Room is open today! Childcare for infants through 2 year olds is in the Crib Room. Childcare for toddlers is in the Blue Room.

The next Parish Nurse Book Club will take place, Tuesday, October 29, from 1:30-3 pm in Room 102. The book to be discussed is *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. According to Goodreads, “The story follows two timelines that slowly intertwine. The first timeline describes the life and adventures of a young girl named Kya as she grows up isolated in the marsh of North Carolina from 1952–1969. The second timeline follows a murder investigation of Chase Andrews, a local celebrity of Barkley Cove, a fictional coastal town of North Carolina.” All are invited to participate.

FPCE will hold its annual Service in Memory of All Souls, Saturday, November 2, in Walker Chapel from 9 to 10 am. The service is sponsored by Stephen Ministry and Friends in Christ. Those interested in having a loved one memorialized during the service are invited to add their loved one’s name to the Memorial List at the front desk. This is the only way we are collecting names. The deadline for submitting names at the front desk is Monday, October 28. Please note names submitted last year are automatically included again this year. All names collected will be read during the memorial service.



First Pres at a Glance

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN EVANSTON

October 13, 2019

Mission Prayer
Please pray for Monique Misenga, President of FEBA (Woman, Cradle of Abundance) and her ecumenical work with women and children, particularly widows, orphans and single mothers in the D.R. Congo. Pray for her as part of the peacemaking team for PC(USA) in 2019, as she travels throughout the U.S. Pray for her role as past president and founding member of Tumekutana; as an influential voice in world assemblies; as a mother; and as an elder and trusted leader in the Presbyterian Church of Kinshasa denomination.

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/>

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.

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 -
Children’s Handbell practice every Thursday. All 2nd graders through 8th graders are invited to join us in playing handbells and chimes from 4:45-5:15 pm.

YOUTH -
Youth Handbell practice takes place every Thursday.
All 6th-8th grade youth are invited to join us 4:45-5:15 pm to learn handbells. We will share our musical gifts on the 4th Sunday of the month at the 9 am service.

High School Youth Group (PYGS) normally meets each Sunday afternoon, from 4-6 pm, in the basement youth lounge. This afternoon, This afternoon, we will meet for a time of discussion and dinner.

Middle School Youth Group (NUBS) meets each Friday, from 7-9 pm, on the top floor in the Middle School lounge. Friday, October 18, we will be playing some games, enjoy some snacks, and take part in a scavenger hunt.

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

Correction

The phone number for Gorden Stromberg is incorrect in the printed church directory. Please use 773-275-9449 when seeking to contact him. The online directory has been corrected.

The 20s/30s Small Group will be meeting this Sunday! Reach out to Pastor Henry for details.

A women’s basketball pick-up game is held at 7:30 pm on the third Thursday of each month in Roy Hall. However, in October, they will be meeting on the fourth Thursday of the month on October 24. All skill levels and abilities are welcome! Reach out to Kathy Grant, kgrant@depaul.edu with any questions.

<http://www.firstpresevanston.org/young-adults/>

Please limit Clothes Closet donations

The Deacons’ Clothes 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.

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.

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.

Young Families Small Group forming

Family Small Group is starting up on Sunday, October 13! If you’ve got kids at home and are looking for a way to connect with other families and study scripture together, then this group is for you. We meet the 2nd Sunday of each month, 4-6:30 pm, at the church for bible study, prayer, and fellowship. Childcare and dinner are provided. Sign-ups are requested by Sunday, October 6. For more information and to sign up please contact Sally Ivaska at sallyivaska1@gmail.com.