

9 and 11:30 am Worship Services
Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton
Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-3 (*New Testament p. 184*)
Title: The Way We Were

March 24, 2019 - 9 and 11:30 am Worship Services
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Scripture: Ephesians 2:4-5 (*New Testament p. 184*)
Title: Rescued

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Highlights

Today at our 9 am worship service, we confirm and welcome into membership eight FPCE youth: Mathilde Hogg*, Tom Lepley, Alexis McGhee*, Noah McLeod, Tessa Myatt, Sean Muganwa, George O’Carroll, Raphael Singh. *These noted will receive the sacrament of baptism.

The First Pres 20s/30s small group meets every other Sunday. Our next gathering is this afternoon. 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.

Our Lenten series of Taizé Worship Services of Contemplative Sung Prayer will continue this Wednesday, March 20, at 7 pm in Walker Chapel. Subsequent services will be held March 27, April 10 and 17. Child care is available for any Taizé service when reserved by the previous Tuesday at 5 pm.

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

We offer our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to May Khoury for the passing of her husband, Georges Khoury, on March 9.

We celebrate the birth of Mateo Augustine Nix, February 20 at 9:19 am, to parents Abi and John Nix and older brother David.

Our new series of Adult Education classes is underway. See the back of today’s bulletins for information on the current class offerings, or visit the FPCE Adult Discipleship website at <http://www.fpceadultdiscipleship.com/>.

A list of FPCE’s Lenten services and other special events is available at the front desk, or by visiting our website at firstpresevanston.org/lent-2019/. Lenten study guides are also available at the front desk or on the same web page.

Our next Pilgrimage weekend is coming soon! All are invited to take part in the May 30-June 2 retreat at DeKoven Center in Racine, WI. Pilgrimage is a 72 hour spiritual renewal experience. Check out the website for more info at chppilgrimage.com.

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!

Pray for Our Mission Partners
Please pray for our Syrian mothers this week. Thursday, March 21 is Mother’s Day in Syria. FPCE will be hosting the mothers, taking them to the Botanic Gardens on Friday, March 22. Pray these mothers will sense the love of Christ through our volunteers. And may they be encouraged as women raising their children in a culture foreign to their own, and sometimes difficult to navigate.

A new display highlighting in Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem, Palestine, is up on the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary. The photos are images from David and Sally Ivaska’s trip there this January. You will learn of the church’s mission to share Christ among those in the land where He was born, as well see images of the lovely church and amazing stained glass. Please keep the church and its mission in your prayers.

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

Registration Deadline for Church Camp at Timber-lee
All 1st-4th graders are encouraged to grab a friend and sign up to spend a week growing in Christ in God’s creation at Camp Timber-lee. **The registration deadline is March 20.** Registration details and instructions can be found on the Children’s table near the Front Desk, on the Children’s page of the website, or by contacting Pastor Amanda.

A Good Friday Family Workshop will be held April 19, 10 – 11:30 a.m. 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 sending an email to Bev Bolsen bbolsen@firstpresevanston.org.

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/>

High School Youth Group (PYGS) meets each Sunday afternoon, from 4-6 pm, in the basement youth lounge. This afternoon we will play some games, enjoy snack, and put together blessing bags for the homeless.

Middle School Youth Group (NUBS) meets each Friday, from 7-9 pm, on the top floor in the Middle School lounge. Friday, March 22, we will enjoy a movie night together!

Spring Middle school Lock-In Friday, April 5
All 6th-8th grade youth are invited for a fun all-nighter at the church. There will be pizza, games, and a late -night outing to Brunswick Zone in Niles! Drop-off is at 7 pm, with pick-up Saturday at 9 am. Cost is \$20. Registration required. Deadline Sunday, March 31. Contact Pastor Amanda agolbek@firstpresevanston.org.

Spring High school Lock-In Saturday, April 6
9th-12th grade youth are invited to spend an action packed night at the church. There will be pizza, games, very little sleep and an adventure to Locked Chicago Escape Room! Drop-off is 6:30, pick-up Sunday at 10:15. Cost is \$20. Registration required. Deadline Sunday, March 31 Contact Pastor Amanda agolbek@firstpresevanston.org.

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

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/>

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.

St. Matthew Passion Concert April 13

A St. Matthew Passion Concert will be held Saturday, April 13, from 5 to 9 pm in the FPCE Sanctuary. The professional Calyx Ensembles, joined by members of the FPCE Chancel Choir, the Trebles of St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, and local church choirs, share J.S. Bach’s epic choral masterpiece recounting and reflecting on the death and burial of Jesus Christ. Sung in German, with projections of the text in English. *A chili dinner will be available at intermission for a \$5 suggested donation.*

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.

Book Club meets April 9

Our next book club meeting will be on April 9 at 1:30-3 pm in Room 102. We will be reading *The Second Mrs. Hockaday* by Susan Rivers. According to Goodreads, “This galvanizing historical portrait of courage, determination, and abiding love mesmerizes and shocks.” All are welcome to take part in our gatherings as we explore these works. Contact Parish Nurse Julie Ruchniewicz at jruchniewicz@firstpresevanston.org for more details.