

November 10, 2019 – 9 and 11:30 am Worship Services
Preacher: Rev. Henry Coates
Scripture: I John 4:7-21 (New Testament pp. 230-231)
Title: The Love of God

November 17, 2019 – 9 and 11:30 am Worship Services
Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton
Scripture: Romans 12:1-8 (New Testament p. 154)
Title: Lord, I Am Yours

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Highlights

Be sure to stop by one of our Angel Trees this Sunday - in the church narthex or during Fellowship up in Roy Hall - and pick out an ornament tag to buy a gift for a child in need this Christmas season. The Deacons of First Pres this year are distributing gifts for 89 children with incarcerated parents. Your gift may be a child’s one true reminder of God’s great Love for all of us on Christmas Day. The Angel ornament tags will be snapped up quick, so don’t hesitate. All Angel Tree gifts are due back in the church office by no later than Sunday, December 8.

Our next Wednesday Prayer Gathering will be a special all-church event to pray for the crises facing many families of our church. The service will take place November 13 in the Sanctuary at 7 pm.

Our Annual First Friends Refugee Thanksgiving Dinner is happening once again on Saturday, November 16, at 4 pm. We welcome all volunteers including families or small groups who might want to serve and get to know our refugee families. We will have activities for children. Questions? Contact Sally Ivaska (sallyivaska1@gmail.com), Caryl Weinberg (cweinberg@firstpresevanston.org), or Kelly Levander (klevander@firstpresevanston.org). Sign up for specific volunteer tasks at: <https://firstpresevanston.org/FFthanksgiving/>.

Worth Noting

FPCE is seeking volunteers to serve as hosts to our Warming Center guests throughout the cold months ahead. As a member of Interfaith Action of Evanston, FPCE coordinates with other Evanston area churches and synagogues during the winter season to provide a welcoming, warm and safe place for our homeless guests to rest. Starting Monday, November 11, and continuing every Monday through the end of March, the Warming Center will be open in Room 21 of the church, from 4:30 pm thru 7 pm. If you’re interested in volunteering please contact: Sherin Peters at spetersmcs@aol.com or 708-987-7278.

Friends in Christ will be hosting its semi-annual potluck dinner on Monday, November 18, at 6:30 pm, in the church dining room. Tim Jones, Executive Director of Good News Partners, will be our speaker, and his topic is “Advancing Humanity.” If you are a member of Friends in Christ or would simply like to join us for the evening, you are most welcome! Please RSVP to Bonnie Kath (bkath@comcast.net or 847-507-4146) by Wednesday, November 13. Main dish and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side, salad, or dessert to share.

Explore Advent—an intergenerational Advent event—will take place Sunday, November 24, from 10:15 to 11:30 am, in Roy Hall. This all-church activity will take the place of all education classes for that morning! Join us as we come together as a church family to explore the meaning of the Advent season, preparing our hearts for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Sunday, December 1, marks the 10th anniversary of Pastor Ray’s ministry as Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Evanston. The church is invited to a celebration honoring Pastor Ray and his wife, Judith, during an extended fellowship hour between the two services. Light refreshments will be served and the program will include a video highlighting Pastor Ray’s ministry. There will also be musical offerings by Steve Smith and by the choir. No adult education classes will take place that Sunday. Questions regarding the celebration may be directed to Alyce Claerbaut at a-claerbaut@neu.edu.

Mission Prayer
Please pray for partners Jeff and Christi Boyd living in Kinshasa, D.R. Congo and working regionally with PC(USA) and partner churches. Christi is focusing on trauma healing, and on women’s concerns of partner denominations in French Speaking Africa and South Sudan. Jeff serves as regional liaison between partners in Central Africa and PC(USA) congregations. He asks for prayers for Cameroon right now. Pray also for their three adult children, Mattias, Salome and Naomi.

The Overnight Shelter will be hosted at FPCE December 29 through January 19. If you never volunteered before and are interested, we ask you to attend a one-hour orientation session about interacting with our homeless guests. The sessions will take place:

- **Wednesday, November 13,** 7 pm, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 1004 Greenwood;
- **Sunday, November 17,** 11:30 am, Beth Emet the Free Synagogue, 1224 Dempster.

(Call Sue for more information at 847-869-0370). If you aren’t able to attend one, let Charlene Parris know at c.parris@comcast.net and we’ll work with you. We’ll need volunteers for set up each night and clean up each morning. It’s a great small group opportunity, too! Sign ups will begin soon. Stay posted!

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 -
It’s almost that most wonderful time of a year again: Christmas Pageant time! All children and youth (3 years old through high school) are invited to participate in the FPCE Christmas Pageant. This year, we will be rehearsing and preparing for the pageant in Sunday school, with one dress rehearsal Saturday, December 21. We then will be sharing the pageant during worship at the 9 am service on Sunday, December 22. We will still be having a family interactive service at 4 pm on Christmas Eve.

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, we will play some games, have small group discussion time, and enjoy dinner together.

Middle School Youth Group (NUBS) meets each Friday, from 7-9 pm, on the top floor in the Middle School lounge. Friday, November 15, we will enjoy snacks, and play some larger-than-life games.

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

Family Small Group

If you’ve got kids at home and are looking for a way to connect with other families and study scripture together, consider joining a Family Small Group for the rest of the school year. We meet one Sunday a month, 4-6:30 pm at the church for Bible study, prayer and fellowship. Childcare and dinner are provided. Please contact Sally Ivaska at sallyivaska1@gmail.com for questions and to sign up.

The 20s/30s Small Group will be meeting every second and fourth Sunday of the month. 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. All skill levels and abilities are welcome! Reach out to Kathy Grant, kgrant@depaul.edu with any questions.

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

Join a Small Group at FPCE

Join others and grow spiritually together in a small group. There are many kinds of groups available, meeting at various times throughout the week. To get connected, find a list of the current open small groups in the literature rack near the front desk or contact Pastor Henry Coates at hcoates@firstpresevanston.org.

Men’s winter clothes sought

The Deacons’ Closet now has a great need for Men’s winter season clothing, especially sweaters, sweatshirts, hoodies, turtlenecks and warm flannel shirts. Always the case in winter, there is a crying need for overcoats and warm jackets. Please search both your heart and closet for these items, along with shoes, boots, scarves, and larger-sized jeans, khakis, and corduroy trousers. Your cleaner closet could be the answer to a life-or-death proposition for someone living out in the coming cold.

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 AV Coordinator, at nostrovsky@firstpresevanston.org.

Ways to Give at FPCE

Online giving—one-time or recurring—is made easy through our website. Once set up, it’s quick to make a one-time gift or set up recurring gifts to support the general ministry or specific needs of the church. Click on “Give” at the top of our homepage or visit <https://firstpresevanston.org/giving> to get to the giving portal. You can also set-up a monthly credit card contribution through the church office.

Automatic monthly withdrawal is a convenient and faith-filled way to support ministry at First Pres. You designate the amount, and your gift is made hassle free straight from your checking account on the 18th of the month. Best of all, when automatic withdrawal is set up through the church office, there are no bank transfer fees, which makes it more cost effective than other online options.

Traditional offering envelopes are available for cash and check contributions only upon request.

TAX-ADVANTAGED GIVING
Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD): If you are 70 1/2 or older, you may be interested in IRA QCD as a way to support ministry while saving on taxes. Find out more by contacting the church office or talk with your financial planner.

GIVING YOUR TIME
There are many opportunities to give of your time and talents at FPCE. If you’re looking to get pugged in to one or more ministry areas, contact one of the program staff to express your interest.

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