

June 9, 2019 – 10 am Worship Service – Pentecost Sunday

Guest Preacher: Rev. Doug Bradshaw

Scripture: Ephesians 4:7-13 (New Testament pp. 185-186)

Title: The Gifts of God for the People of God

Highlights

Lemonade on the Lawn begins this morning! Come join us for the Deacons' Fellowship time after the service. Weather permitting, following the 10 am worship service, church members, visitors, and surrounding neighbors will be welcome to join us out on the lawn for good conversation, tasty treats, iced tea and lemonade.

Come celebrate TODAY (at 11:30 am, following Lemonade on the Lawn) at our First Pres International Potluck. All are welcome to come enjoy a little "Taste of FPCE" in Roy Hall.

Curt's North Pizza, 2922 Central Ave. in Evanston, will host a PopUp Pizza for Good event TODAY, to raise support for FPCE's Souper Saturday soup kitchen ministry. Seatings will take place at 5 and 6:30 pm (an additional 8 pm seating is available for reservation if the first two seatings are full). For details and to reserve a seat ahead of time, visit <https://firstpresevanston.org/events>. The cost is \$20 per person (\$10 for kids) for pizza, salad, old-time soda fountain drinks and dessert.

Worth Noting

Our guest preacher this morning is Rev. Doug Bradshaw. He has served for the last 4 years as executive director for Facing Forward to End Homelessness, a nonprofit organization that empowers and equips individuals and families who are experiencing extended homelessness. Rev. Bradshaw served as associate pastor of River Glen Presbyterian Church in Naperville for 12 years and prior to that he served on staff here at FPCE for 11 years as director of Jr. High Ministries and First Focus respectively.

The Deacons' annual Back to School Backpack project will be starting up NEXT Sunday, June 16. Shopping lists for local schoolchildren in need of school supplies will be available at our table out at Lemonade on the Lawn following next week's worship service. Plan ahead if you might want to make this a joint project for your small group. These kids' lists are usually snapped up pretty fast.

First Pres is participating in the 2019 Ricky Birdsong Race Against Hate, Sunday, June 16. To join the First Pres team, go to <https://firstpresevanston.org/race-against-hate-2019/>, or reach out to Pastor Henry or Lisa Bolen Fisher for more information. Join with First Pres and the greater Evanston community as we take a stand against the sin of racism. Those who can't be there for the race can still take part. We've set a goal of raising \$500 to go towards anti-racism work. Just go to the link and donate!

A special Adult Education class will be held Sunday June 23, at 9 am in the Dining Room. Dr. Dorcas Dah—the first woman to get a PhD in Theology in Burkina Faso, and recent speaker at Tumekutana—will join us to tell about her personal story, as well as the ministry she is involved with now involving education for girls and women. Dr. Dah is author of the book "Women Do More Work than Men", which teaches about the spread of the gospel in West Africa. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

Our next book club will meet on Tuesday June 25, 1:30-3 pm in Room 102. We will be reading *Becoming Mrs. Lewis* by Patti Callahan Henry. According to Goodreads: "A love story between CS Lewis and his wife, Helen Joy Davidman Gresham, was improbable and seemingly impossible. Their Eros-story lead to some of Lewis's greatest works, yet Joy is more commonly known for how she died. *Becoming Mrs. Lewis* allows us to see how this brilliant and passionate woman lived and why she stole Jack's heart."

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Guest Preacher: Bob Hecker

Scripture: Ephesians 4:17-24 (New Testament p. 186)

Title: From Darkness to Light

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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Missions

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Mission Prayer

Please pray for the FPCE group visiting the Holy Land now through June 19. Not only are they visiting many of the historic sites, but the group will also take part in a concentrated time of study with Rev. Dr. Munther Isaac and other leaders of Christmas Lutheran Church, our sister church in Bethlehem. Pray that those on the trip and the hosts would discern what a true sister church relationship might look like. The team will also be spending time with Rev. Dr. Miti Raheb, President of another FPCE partner, Dar al Kalima University of the Arts. Ask that the Lord would strengthen bonds of peace and friendship through this visit, and deepen the lives of all those involved as followers of Jesus together.

A blog reporting on the events of the Holy Land trip currently underway is available at <https://fpceholyland2019.weebly.com>. Daily reports will be posted, along with photos and prayer requests.

Consider the Lilies: FPCE member Verna Todd spent a year photographing the strength and beauty that God reveals in a single amaryllis. This exhibit is on display through June 30 at Perspective Gallery, 1310 Chicago Ave., just a block south of the church. Verna will be speaking about the work at the gallery on June 20 at 7 pm. Regular gallery hours are Noon to 6 pm Thursdays through Saturdays, and Noon to 5 pm Sundays. All proceeds will go to our FPCE sister church in Bethlehem, Palestine.

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

Stephen Ministry

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. - Ephesians 2:10

Might you consider becoming a Stephen Minister? This three-year commitment may include shepherding one or several individuals who are going through a rough patch or any of life's transitions. There is training on listening and responding to people who request a Stephen Minister; a class is scheduled for fall. There is also opportunity to deepen your own personal faith as you walk along side each person who receives your care. Interested? Call RuthAnn Ostrowski at 312-613-0644.

Children and Families

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The Summer Children's Calendar is now available.

Check out the Events page of the FPCE website or the Children's Information Board near the Front Desk to find out what is happening this Summer for Children and families.

Registration for FPCE's Vacation Bible School is now open! This year's session will be held August 5 through 9, 9-11:45 am. For details and to register, visit the Events page of the FPCE website.

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

Youth and Families

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The Summer Youth Calendar is now available.

Check out the Events page of the FPCE website or the Youth Information Board near the Front Desk to find out what is happening this summer for 6th-12th graders.

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

Young Adults and Families

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Play ball! Pastor Henry is assessing whether or not we have enough interest at First Pres to put together a church softball team. All ages, co-ed, looking to play in the summer and into the fall. If interested, let him know at hcoates@firstpresevanston.org!

Family Open Gym - There is NO family open gym time this week. The floor in Roy Hall is being resurfaced.

A women's basketball pick-up game will be held June 27 at 7:30 pm 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/>

Edgar Miller Art & Design Tour at FPCE

Did you know that the First Pres Sanctuary houses the famous Edgar Miller's handcrafted art and design work? First Pres is part of the Edgar Miller Legacy Site Tour that takes place on June 26 from 12:30 pm to 5 pm. If you are interested in learning more, please go to <https://firstpresevanston.org/edgar-miller-tour/> or visit the Connect page on our website.

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.

Flat Jesus Project

We recently launched a summer activity called the Flat Jesus Project. Everyone in the congregation is encouraged to take a copy of Flat Jesus, color him and then take him along with you this summer. Be sure to take pictures of flat Jesus hanging out with you and your family. Flat Jesus loves to go camping, play at the park, read a book or listen to the symphony! Send pictures of you and Flat Jesus to Pastor Amanda agolbek@firstpresevanston.org or tag them with #fpceflatjesus on Facebook and Instagram. The purpose of the project is to help us to remember to take Jesus with us wherever we go. Copies of Flat Jesus can be found on the website's Connect page, in the back of the Sanctuary, and at the Children's and Youth information boards.

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.