

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

September 15, 2019 – 9 and 11:30 am Worship Services
Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton
Scripture: Luke 13:18-19 (New Testament p. 72)
Title: Big Things Come in Small Packages

September 22, 2019 – 9 and 11:30 am Worship Services
Preacher: Rev. Henry Coates
Scripture: Luke 6:46-49 (New Testament p. 61)
Title: How to Build a Secure Life

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

All are invited to join us Saturday, September 28, as FPCE hosts Rev. Dr. Munther Isaac, pastor of our sister church in Bethlehem, and Rev. Dr. Jack Sara, President of Bethlehem Bible College. The two will be our guest for a dinner and brief program in the FPCE Dining Room. Dinner will begin at 6 pm. Sign up to attend at: <https://www.firstpresevanston.org/messengers-of-hope/>.

The next FPCE New Members Class will be held on Saturday, October 12 from 9 am to 1 pm for all interested in membership at First Pres. Childcare available by reservation. For more info or to sign up, please contact Janice at 847-864-1472 or jdobschuetz@firstpresevanston.org.

We are in the final stretch of completing our improvements to the Crib room. 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. A link to the list of items we plan to purchase can be found on the Connect page of the website.

Worth Noting

Due to our Crib Room remodel, childcare for infants and toddlers will be in the Blue Room this morning.

PLEASE NOTE: An alarm has been placed on the southeast door leading out of Roy Hall to the stairwell. This door should only be used in the event of an emergency.

We offer our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the Weinberg family, for the passing of Joan’s brother, James Ehrenstrom, who died September 4. A memorial service will take place on October 12 in Milwaukee.

We offer our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to Marilee Mercer, for the passing of her husband, Gordon Wead, who died September 3. A private burial was held this week, and a memorial service originally scheduled for September 21 has been postponed.

The next Book Club meeting is Tuesday, September 17, from 1:30-3 pm in Room 102. We will be reading *The Personal History of Rachel Dupree* by Ann Weisgarber. Goodreads describes it as “an award-winning debut novel with incredible heart about life on the prairie as it’s rarely been seen. Reminiscent of *The Color Purple*, as well as the frontier novels of Laura Ingalls Wilder and Willa Cather, it opens a window on the little-known history of African American homesteaders and gives voice to an extraordinary heroine who embodies the spirit that built America.” All are welcome to join us as we explore this book together.

Pilgrimage’s first-ever “Ultimate Ultreya” is taking place October 4-6! All 4th Day (those who have attended Pilgrimage in the past) are invited to come away and encounter Christ in a fresh way with others who are walking this journey with you. The event will be held at The Moorings in Arlington Heights. Registrations requested by the end of the day today. Check the Pilgrimage website chppilgrimage.com for the application and more information.

The Deacons’ 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.

Nominating Committee is looking for you! We are still seeking nominations for Deacons who will begin serving in January, 2020. Nominate yourself or another member by contacting Rosemary Mauck or Matt McLeod, or leaving a name at the front desk.

Mission Prayer
Please pray for Emmaus Ministries as they seek to sell their current building, search for a new location for the ministry center, and hire a full time clinical psychologist. Pray for their 365-days-a-year outreach to the men they serve.

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/>

Items sought for FPCE member

An FPCE member who recently had a personal crisis is in need of the following items: a bed, dresser, vacuum cleaner, a desk or card table, small kitchen table and a couple of chairs. If you would like to donate any of these, please contact Janice at the church office at jdobschuetz@firstpresevanston.org.

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 Program registration has gone paperless!
All children participating in any of the FPCE programs must have a current registration form on file. The online form can be found on the Children’s section of the website. (One form can be filled out per household.)

The fall children’s calendar is here! Check out the website or the bulletin board near the front desk to pick up a copy.

Children’s Choir and Bells meets every Thursday in the Choir Room. All children 5 years old through 5th grade are invited to come sing with us on Thursdays, 4-4:45 pm. We share our singing in worship on the 4th Sunday of the month at the 9 am service.

All 2nd graders through 8th graders are invited to join us in playing handbells and chimes from 4:45-5:15 pm. We share our musical gifts on the 4th Sunday of the month at the 9 am service.

YOUTH -
Youth Program registration has gone paperless!
All youth participating in any of the FPCE programs must have a current registration form on file. The online form can be found on the Youth section of the website. (One form can be filled out per household.)

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.

Middle School Youth Group (NUBS) meets each Friday, from 7-9 pm, on the top floor in the Middle School lounge. Friday, Sept. 20, we will have our fall lock-in.

High School Youth Group (PYGS) normally meets each Sunday afternoon, from 4-6 pm, in the basement youth lounge. This afternoon, we will enjoy some snacks, play some games and reconnect after summer.

The Fall middle school Lock-In will be held Friday, September 20. 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! Dropoff is 7 pm, Pick up Saturday at 9 am. Cost is \$20. Registration required. Contact Pastor Amanda at agolbek@firstpresevanston.org.

The Fall high school Lock-In will take place Saturday, September 21. All 9th-12th grade youth are invited to spend an action-packed night at the church. There will be pizza, games, very little sleep and a late-night outing. Drop-off is at 7 pm, pick-up Sunday at 10:15 am. Cost is \$20. Registration required. Contact Pastor Amanda agolbek@firstpresevanston.org.

The Fall youth calendar is here! Check out the website and the bulletin board near the Front Desk.

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

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.

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/>

This week’s Bulletin artwork

The cover art for this week’s bulletins was created by Katy Ingle. In providing this art for the Parable of the Mustard Seed, she said “I chose this type of graphic drawing to symbolize that, while the mustard tree is not a ‘normal’ or particularly attractive tree, it has a very large impact. Its effect on ‘the whole world’ is shown by the flames which represent the fire of faith. The birds that come to ‘make their home’ are represented by the dove, which also symbolizes the Holy Spirit who comes to live in us as a result of faith.

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.

Employment at FPCE

First Presbyterian Church of Evanston is looking to fill the position of Worship Band Director. For the full job description and how to apply, please go to <http://www.firstpresevanston.org/employment>.