

Sermon Notes – and more

Today's Scripture Revelation 2:18-29

(New Testament, p. 236)

Preacher: Rev. George Atkins

Your Notes:

Compromise

*Compromise with false teachings and false teachers
led many in Thyatira away from pure devotion to Christ.*

Next Week: As part of the "7 Words for 7 Churches" series, Dr. John Ng will preach about Lethargy and the church at Sardis. Revelation 3:1-6.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN EVANSTON

First Pres at a Glance

May 29, 2016

First Five

1. Our summer worship schedule will begin Sunday, June 12, with a single service at 10 am. The weekly service will be followed by "Lemonade on the Lawn" from 11:10 to 11:25 am. Sunday Forum will begin at approximately 11:30 am. All other adult and childrens' Sunday School classes ended last week and will resume on Sunday, September 11.

2. Men's Breakfast, Saturday, June 4, at 8 am in the FPCE dining room. A hot breakfast and childcare will be provided. Our speaker will be FPCE mission partner John Ng from Singapore sharing on "Your Weakness Matters." Bring the kids for breakfast.

3. FPCE is looking to gather all junior and senior high youth to participate in Youth Sunday on June 12 at 10 am. Sign up for the band, the choir (for those in third grade and up), speaking roles, dancing, ushers or other supporting roles. Graduating seniors will be recognized. Those interested should contact Liz Ribeiro at lribeiro@firstpresevanston.org.

4. A potluck will be held with Dr. John Ng after the Sunday, June 5, Rooted Service at approximately 12:30 pm in Roy Hall. RSVP online at www.firstpresevanston.org/june5potluck with the number of guests and a dish you'll bring to share.

5. Next Sunday, June 5, we will participate in Communion, and all of the offering will go toward the Deacons' Fund. This fund is the sole financial backing for a wide variety of FPCE ministries and outreaches. Please prayerfully consider your giving this week.

Worth Noting

Our guest preacher today is Rev. George Atkins, a counselor with the Christian Counselors Collaborative of Pittsburgh. George has an MDiv from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He served as Director of Missions and Evangelism at FPCE for 8 years, and then as Director of Adult Discipleship for 2 years, before moving to Beaver, PA.

We offer our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the Tilson family for the death of David's father, Robert Tilson who passed away on May 20, 2016.

FPCE offices will be closed Monday, May 30, in recognition of Memorial Day.

Muslims will celebrate Ramadan June 6-July 5. The "30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World" prayer booklets are available around the Sanctuary to help guide prayers for the Muslim world. Please take one!

Pray for Our Mission Partner

Pray for Eagles Communications, from pages 80-81 in the *52 Weeks of Prayer for Mission* book. Pray for the July Preaching Conference, for young leaders to be raised up and for added resources.

Calendar of Special Events

(For all recurring groups see right column)

Sunday, May 29

No special events today

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Memorial Day - Offices closed
No special events today

Tuesday, May 31

No special events today

Wednesday, June 1

No special events today

Thursday, June 2

7:30 pm Men's Basketball, Roy Hall

Friday, June 3

9 am Souper Saturday Prep
Noon Knit, Eat, Laugh, Pray, Room
(Room 206)

Saturday, June 4

8 am Men's Breakfast, Dining Room
11:30 am Souper Saturday

Resources for You

Our church offers three uniquely different types of support for all in need:

Friends In Christ (Bonnie Kath 847-507-4146) can provide short term, lay-person practical help, such as a ride to the doctor or a meal.

Stephen Ministry (RuthAnn Ostrowski 312-613-0644) offers trained lay-person support to those experiencing difficult times and needing someone to pray with them.

The Counseling Center (Charles Miyamoto 847-864-9133) provides professionally trained Christian counseling in our own facility. Call Pastor Ray or our Parish Nurse Julie Ruchniewicz, 847-864-1472, for help discerning which ministry fills your needs.

Small Groups:

To be part of a Small Group, contact Katy Ingle at 847-724-8560 or katymi47@gmail.com.

Adult Education

Sunday Working Moms Meets on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month in Room 102.

Wednesday Prayer Gathering Meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the Parlor. All are welcome.

Thursday Moms R Us: Bible Study

Thursdays at 9:15am. All are welcome.

Thursday Night Women's Bible Study

is on summer break until Sept. 8th. Please contact Barbara Holm at 847-328-0049 for more information.

Friday in the "Loop" Bible Study

Fridays, 12-1 pm, Chicago's Loop. Study on Acts. Call Tracy at 312-726-1243 for details.

Friday/Saturday Knit, Eat, Laugh, Pray

12-2 pm on the 1st Fridays and 3rd Saturdays in Room 206. Knit prayer shawls and scarves for those in need. All levels of experience are welcome! Contact Marge Oakley at margeoakley@gmail.com.

Saturday Men's Breakfast

Saturday mornings, 8 am to 9 am in the Parlor. A guest speaker, refreshments and fellowship.

Youth

PYGS (High School)

Meetings will resume in the fall.

NUBS (6th-8th Grade)

Meetings will resume in the fall.

Children

Kingdom Kids

Co-op class for toddlers that meets Friday mornings 9:00-11:00am. Curriculum taught introduces kids to the wonders of God.

Save the Date

First Presbyterian's Father's Day Field Day will be held Saturday, June 18, from 10 am to Noon at Raymond Park. We will celebrate and honor the men in our lives with an afternoon of active fun and games. In case of inclement weather, events will move to the FPCE gym. Contact Kalysta at kalystaharmon@gmail.com or Terri Jo at tjenglund@gmail.com with questions or to RSVP.

Two Summer Camps at First Pres!

Church Camp, grades 2-6, at Phantom Ranch, WI, **June 19-24. Vacation Bible School is a day camp** at First Pres on **July 25-29**, from 9-11:45 each morning. Classes for 3 yrs-5th graders. Registration is online for Church Camp and VBS.

Calling Visual Artists

If you are an artist, graphic designer, filmmaker/editor, photographer, etc., we invite you to get in touch with our Parish Associate and artist, Pastor Jonah (Younan) Shiba. Pastor Younan is at FPCE offices Tues-Thurs 9am-3pm. Email him at younansh@gmail.com.

Opportunities to Serve

The deacons' Clothes Closet needs your donations of gently used clothes for women & men. Please *no* children's clothing. Spring and summer pants, shirts, jackets and shoes for larger men are especially needed.

Nominations are sought for FPCE

deacons, elders and trustees. Submit nominations online at www.firstpresevanston.org or with forms at the front desk. Candidates will be elected October 16 at the congregational meeting.

You can help support Souper Saturday.

Join us **Saturday, June 25th**, at Chicago's Jackson Park for the **Hunger Walk** (sponsored by Greater Chicago Food Depository) We receive contributions for every walker who participates. More details to follow.

Did you know caregiving is an act of faith? If you are caring for a loved one, neighbor or friend and would like to learn skills for providing compassionate Christian care, please consider taking part in Stephen Ministry training. FPCE is offering training this summer to help equip people for service in order to provide Christ's love to those in need. For a class schedule and other details, please contact Mike Denesha at michaeld620@gmail.com or RuthAnn Ostrowski at ruthann.otrowski@gmail.com.

Mason Park Tutoring Program needs supplies!

Do you have extra supplies of pens, paper or calculators? No donation is too small or too large. Donation box available at the front desk, or contact Liz Ribeiro at l_ribeiro@live.com with questions.

Crocheters are greatly needed to help make necklaces to be sold to raise support for **Congo's Presbyterian schools**. The work, which may be done at home, involves simple single stitch crocheting. All materials are provided. Please contact Barbara Spencer at spencerb705@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Emmaus Ministries' Endurance Ride

13th annual bike-a-thon is on Saturday, June 4, 2016, in Plano, IL. Please join casual and serious riders of all ages, including singles and families. Riders choose between 10- and 25-mile routes and try to complete as many loops as they can between 7 am and 7 pm. Please sign up at www.enduranceride.org. For details contact Joel Brown at (773) 334-6063.

Employment Opportunities

Part-time Children's and Youth Program Administrator (20 hrs/week). Visit www.firstpresevanston.org/about-us/employment for a job description. To apply, please e-mail your resume, with job title in the subject line, to Janice Dobschuetz at jdobschuetz@firstpresevanston.org.