

Sermon Notes – and more

Preacher: Rev. Raymond Hylton

Title: “I Believe in God”

Today’s Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-3,6
(New Testament, p. 215)

Scripture makes the bold declaration that the universe owes its existence to God.

Notes:

Why study the creed?

First, it reminds us that Christians everywhere are _____.

Studying the creed will move us forward in our _____.

We define who we are as the people of God and who we are _____.

How is this creed related to Scripture?

The creed is _____ to Scripture.

The challenge:

Not everyone believes this _____.

It is a statement of faith

When we say, I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, we are saying by _____ we believe in God.

God revealed in 2 “books”

Almighty God is revealed through two books: The book of creation and the book of Scripture and what it says about _____.

The gift of faith

God gives to every human being the _____ of faith.

The danger of this creed:

The danger is to believe the right things and yet be devoid of living what we believe. What does it mean to believe in God? How does this belief manifest itself in our lives? In one word: _____.

A question to ponder: In what way might the Apostles’ Creed help you define, defend and declare your faith in a tangible way?

A good book to read:

Mark, Tietjen. *Kierkegaard: A Christian Missionary to Christians*. IVP Academic, 2016.

Next Week: Rev. Raymond Hylton continues the series “I Believe: Foundational Truths from the Apostles’ Creed”. His message is entitled “I Believe in Jesus Christ” and comes from Colossians 1:15-23.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN EVANSTON

First Pres at a Glance

July 24, 2016

Highlights

Lemonade on the Lawn will be held following today’s service - and each Sunday throughout the summer - at approximately 11:30 am. In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved to Roy Hall.

Vacation Bible School will be held at **First Pres** this week, **July 25-29, from 9-11:45 each morning**. Classes for 3 yrs-5th graders. **Walk-in registrations will be accepted on site Monday morning**. All are welcome to join us on Friday at 11:30 a.m. for a Closing Program in the Sanctuary and Family Picnic in Raymond Park!

The next FPCE New Members Class will be held **Saturday, August 6, from 9 am-2 pm**. The class, led by Pastor Ray Hylton, is for those interested in membership at First Pres. Childcare is available with a reservation by contacting Janice at 847-864-1472 or by e-mailing jdocschuetz@firstpresevanston.org.

Worth Noting

We will gather for prayer this Wednesday, July 27, at 7 p.m. in the parlor. All are welcome!

The Chancel flowers this week are in honor of member Jay Sivits as she leaves to continue her ministry with InterVarsity in the Boston and New England area. Jay’s ministry has recently focused on Spiritual Formation and Prayer. We bless her as she begins this new phase of ministry.

We welcome, this morning, for baby dedication Ezra James McGinty, son of Joel & Elda McGinty.

Pray for Our Mission Partner

Pray for Our Mission Partners Jim and Karen Turner of Wycliffe Bible Translators, from pages 96-97 of the “52 Weeks of Prayer” book. Praise God for the kingdom fruit in the Middle East! Pray for their sabbatical as they seek clarity in God’s guidance regarding career next steps, needed rest and better self-care habits. Pray for their sons who are seeking God’s direction for the future. Pray for peace in the regions they work to enable Bible translation.

Calendar of Special Events

(For all recurring groups see right column)

Sunday, July 24

9 am Prayer for Jay Sivits, Dining Room
9 am Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
11:30 am Lemonade on the Lawn, outside (or in Roy Hall)
11:30 am VBS Set-up, Crib Room

Monday, July 25

9 am Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, July 26

9 am Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, July 27

9 am Vacation Bible School
7 pm Prayer Gathering, Parlor

Thursday, July 28

9 am Vacation Bible School

Friday, July 29

9 am Vacation Bible School
9 am Souper Saturday Prep
11:30 am VBS Closing Program, Sanctuary

Saturday, July 30

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 katy-mi47@gmail.com.

Adult Education

Sunday Working Moms will resume this fall during Adult Education. Have a great summer!

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

is on summer break. See you in the fall!

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 Noon-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 is on a break through the summer.

Save the Date

The next FPCE Book Club will meet

on Tuesday, August 9, from 1:30-3 pm in the Parlor. We will be reading *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simon. According to Amazon.com "The art of love is never a science: Meet Don Tillman, a brilliant yet socially inept professor of genetics, who's decided it's time he found a wife. In the orderly, evidence-based manner with which Don approaches all things, he designs the Wife Project to find his perfect partner: a sixteen-page, scientifically valid survey to filter out the drinkers, the smokers, the late arrivers." All are welcome to take part in the book club. Bring a friend, too!

The FPCE women's retreat will be

held Saturday, October 22, from 9 am to 2 pm. More information to come!

Opportunities to Serve

The deacons' Clothes Closet needs men's pants and shirts, men's shoes, blankets and sheets, towels and wash-cloths. Please, no household or children's items.

Nominations are sought for FPCE

deacons, elders and trustees. Submit nominations online at http://www.firstpresevanston.org/officer_nomination_form_2016 or with forms at the front desk. Candidates will be elected October 16 at the congregational meeting.

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.

Join the kids and moms from the New

Life shelter on a camp out! Each year, we join with the Vineyard Church to host a two-day campout at a campground in Bristol, Wisconsin. This year's event runs from Friday evening Aug. 5 through Sunday afternoon Aug. 7. Food will be provided by the Vineyard while the FPCE bus provides transportation. In addition, we need volunteers to help supervise the kids. You can sleep in a tent or a cabin, and can come for the weekend or just a day. Contact Tom Alrich at 312-515-8996 or talrich@hotmail.com.