



Worship This Sunday



**“Faith First” Series Begins This Sunday!** What if faith was our first response in life? What if we lived each moment, each day of life out of faith in Christ Jesus? What does the faithful life as a follower of Jesus mean for us, individually and as a congregation? Over the next eight weeks we will explore how we can be “Faith First” Followers of Jesus.

**Sunday, September 10.** I am preaching on “Faith First: Faith As Response” this Sunday. The scripture passages for the sermon and worship are: Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 7:1-10, and James 1:27. Paul gives thanks for the faith he sees in the Ephesian Church. Luke shares the story of one centurion who acts in faith, in such a way that he inspires Jesus. James informs us that a true expression of faith is to “look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.”

--Craig Herr

Music:

9:00 a.m.—Chancel Choir 10:30 a.m.—Worship Band

### The Week Ahead

#### \*\*\*Upcoming Council/Committee Meetings:

Stewardship Council—Sept. 6, 3:30 p.m.

Day Deacons—Sept. 11, 9:30 a.m.

PW Board—Sept. 11, 10 a.m.

Night Deacons—Sept. 12, 7 p.m.

Church Growth Council—Sept. 13, 6:30 p.m.

Parish Council—Sept. 14, 5:30 p.m.

Executive Committee—Sept. 14, 6 p.m.

Session—Sept. 14, 7 p.m.

#### \*\*\*Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

Lunch Bunch Discussion Group—Sept. 12, 12 noon  
in Room 210. Bring your lunch.

Women's Bible Study—Sept. 13, 10 a.m.

Thurs. AM Circle—Sept. 14, 9:15 a.m.

Mary Circle—Sept. 14, 12 noon

Praise Yoga—Tuesdays at 7 p.m. & Thursdays  
at 8 a.m. in the Narthex

Centering Prayer—Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in Room 217

Mindfulness Practice—Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in  
the Fireside Room

Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study—Saturdays  
at 7 a.m. in the Fireside Room

# e-News

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## CHILDREN

ZooM starts Sept. 20 — see details below  
For kids 4 years old through 5th grade

## YOUTH

Youth Group starts Sept. 17, 6 to 8 p.m., with an outdoor picnic—chicken provided; bring a dessert or appetizer if you wish, and lawn chairs. Parents are invited!

## FAMILIES

**Mid-Week Family Night**, starting Sept. 20

"Every day, they met together in the temple and ate in their homes. They shared food with gladness and simplicity. They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone. The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved." (Acts 2:46-47)

The first church in Jerusalem was a dynamic church, in part because the first Christians understood the power of being together, the strength of fellowship in sharing a meal together while focusing on prayer, learning and serving. That is the vision of Wednesday Family Night: all of us, in one place, growing in our faith. Mark your calendar for Sept 20th. Looking forward to seeing you here. — Bo

Join us on Wednesday, Sept 20 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

First Pres. "Midweek Family Night"

Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Family time at 6:15 p.m.

Mommy & Me class at 6:15 p.m.

Kids ZooM Classes at 6:30 p.m.

Men's Discussion Group at 6:30 p.m.

Leadership Practices Discussion Group at 6:30 p.m.

## Our Church Family

Known to be in the Hospital: No one.

Passed to Eternal Life:

Frank Simmons (Sept. 4)

A Memorial Service for Frank Simmons  
will be held Sat., Sept. 16, here at First Pres.  
Church, with visitation from 10 a.m. to time  
of service at 12 noon.

## THE PASTOR'S CORNER....

Craig Herr, Senior Pastor

**There are lots of great things happening in our church this fall** to bring us together in community, help us learn, and send us into our world to make a difference for Christ. I am enthusiastic and excited about them all.

**The New Members Class** meets on Sunday, September 17, at 11:45 am. in the Fireside Room. Lunch will be provided. Please let a pastor know of your interest or call the office. We have a great group of people who are going to come.

**Family Night Starts Wednesday, September 20.** Each Wednesday we will have a time for us to be together as a church family, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. with lots of options. There's Dinner at 5:30, and the Mommy and Me Class will meet from 6:15-7:00 p.m. There's music and learning for Zoom kids at 6:30 p.m. Men's Discussion Group meets at 6:30 p.m. The Best Leadership Speakers from Willow Creek Global Summit Discussion Group meets at 6:30 p.m. Everyone can gather and be together for a delicious dinner and a time of conversation at 5:30 p.m. More details to come.

**Invest In Your Marriage.** Plan to come to the DeepLove Live Simulcast on Friday evening, September 29, at 6:30 p.m. It features *N. Y. Times* best selling authors, Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott. They are experienced marital counselors and seminar leaders. They have developed a wonderful marriage assessment designed to help any couple grow their love and support of each other. Put it on your calendar and invite guests. Invest in your marriage by coming on Friday evening, September 29, at 6:30 p.m. The Parrotts have a great sense of humor and thoughtful insights on how to deepen any marital relationship.

**Youth Group starts on Sunday, September 17 at 6:00 p.m.** It's an outdoor picnic with chicken provided. Bring a dessert or appetizer or both if you wish. Parents are invited. Also bring lawn chairs for outdoor eating and meeting (if it rains we'll be inside). You can meet the advisors and see all the youth group nights and events that are planned out through December.

**We also have a new Director of Youth Ministry!** Karissa Fleming interviewed with our Advisor team and let us know last week that she is coming to be our new Youth Group Director. You will have an opportunity to meet her Sunday, September 17. She was in worship the last two Sundays and enjoyed meeting some of our youth, hearing the stories about their recent Summer Mission Trip to Lake Leech, MN, and worshipping with us.

In Christ,



**September 3, 2017**

Worship Attendance — 189

**Stewardship Report**

2017-2018 Budget: \$792,000

<b>Year to Date Receipts</b>	<b>\$302,486</b>
<b>Year to Date Expenses</b>	<b>\$286,775</b>

2017-2018 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$138,592

Visit [firstpresjoliet.org](http://firstpresjoliet.org) or call Tracy Norris, 815-727-9259, to learn of several convenient options for electronic giving.

## Mission

**Thank You For Giving to School Supplies for Farragut Elementary School.** The children at Farragut have sent us Thank You cards. They are on the tables in Hoffman Hall. The PW Garage Sale made \$700, and we received \$1,087 in the special offering. The school supplies cost \$1,485, so we have \$302 for supply needs that may arise during the school year.

**Sign Up for Feed My Starving Children On November 3 & 4.** Come join us and bring your guest(s) to help feed 101,000 children in a day. You can be a part of this by giving just two hours of your time. We will feed 101,000 children in four two-hour shifts:

Shift Times — Friday, 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
Saturday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
12:30-2:30 p.m.  
3:00-5:00 p.m.

Volunteer for one shift and bring your friends. We need 120 people at each one of the four shifts. Start inviting now and plan to come. There will be a link on our church Web Page where you can select your shift time. Until the link is available you can call the office to sign up for a shift or to help set up or clean up.

**Invite Your Guests:** you can invite your sports team, dance team, school class, neighbors, friends, family, etc. to come. Together with people from all over the community we will pack 101,000 meals for hungry children.

**150 Loving Acts of Service Beyond the Walls of Our Church.** Watch our wall grow! Remember, if you are part of a church-sponsored project, the CHURCH creates one block; if you serve as an individual, YOU create one block.

## Church Women United

The Joliet Chapter of Church Women United is having its 2017 Human Rights Celebration on Friday, September 8, here at First Presbyterian Church. The Theme is "Kindling New Fires of Hope." We will be seeking ways to kindle new fires of hope around us as we seek justice for all people so that we can all live in freedom and dignity. All women in the church are invited. We'll start at 10 a.m. with business and program, and have lunch at 12 noon (\$5 per person). To make a reservation call the church office.

## New Members Class

The New Members Class is set for Sunday, September 17, beginning with lunch at 11:45 a.m. and going until 1:30 p.m. If you are interested in learning more about the life, ministry, and mission of First Presbyterian Church, please let one of our pastors know of your interest. Childcare will be available.