



e-News

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Worship This Sunday



**“Faith First” Followers of Jesus Christ
Worship Together
and Celebrate who God is,
what God is doing,
and What God will do!
Come and Worship this Sunday!**

Sunday, October 22. This Sunday we continue our Faith First Sermon Series with Jim Mullins preaching on “Faith First People Mature” using texts from Exodus 34:29-35 and 2 Corinthians 3:12-18.

Music: 9:00 a.m.—Chancel Choir, Glory Ringers
10:30 a.m.—Worship Band

The Week Ahead

*****Upcoming Council/Committee Meetings:**
Human Resources Council—Oct. 25, 8 a.m.
Education Council—Oct. 26, 7 p.m.
*****Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:**
Quilt Group—Oct. 19, 7 p.m. in Room 210
Project Linus—Oct. 23, 9 a.m.
Men’s Dinner—Oct. 27, 6 p.m. at Karl Darley’s house,
429 Buell, Joliet. Bring a side dish, snack or
dessert to share.

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—Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in
the Fireside Room

Lunch Bunch Adult Discussion Group—Tuesdays
at 12 noon in Room 210 (Bring your lunch!)
Mommy & Me Class—Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.
Men’s Discussion Group—Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
in Room 210
Willow Creek Global Summit & Bible Study
Discussion Group—Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
in the Fireside Room
Saturday Morning Men’s Bible Study—Saturdays
at 7 a.m. in the Fireside Room

Volunteers this Sunday, October 22, 2017

<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<u>Children’s Worship:</u> Megan Pritz	Jacob Riebe
<u>Holy Hunters:</u>	Bo Mircea
<u>Greeters:</u> Susie Gumitz Barb Rodgers	
<u>Acolytes:</u> Maddox Lundeen	Zach Koehne
<u>Ushers:</u> Allan & Marion Somers, Capt.; Bob Smietanski Jean Smietanski Helen Steinberg	Judy Turner, Capt.; Ed Schultz
<u>Coffee Fellowship:</u> Pat Haldorson, Capt.; Pat Costion	
<u>Sound Room:</u> Rich Pool	
<u>Video Screens:</u>	

October 15, 2017

Worship Attendance — 183

Stewardship Report

2017-2018 Budget: \$ 792,000

Year to Date Receipts \$385,208
Year to Date Expenses \$380,439

150th Anniversary Offering to date — \$12,028
50% for Hurricane Relief
50% for Hoffman Hall Redecorating
Or, divided as you designate.

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

Visit firstpresjoliet.org or call Tracy Norris,
815-727-9259, to learn of several
convenient options for electronic giving.



Throughout the Fall Season we are celebrating our 150th Anniversary as a Church! Here's what's coming up. Make sure to put these events on your calendar and plan to come.

Feed My Starving Children—Nov. 3rd & 4th.

All the packing shifts are full, but there are openings for set-up on Friday afternoon and clean-up on Saturday night. We would also like to have friendly folks welcome and greet those who come to pack. If you can help greet, please call the church office.

History Displays in Hoffman Hall will appear with some most interesting things.

Coming soon—you will be able to look through 150 years of the life, ministry, and mission of our church. We are celebrating our witness, ministry, and mission at First Pres. as followers of Jesus Christ. If you have any pictures, historical pieces, bulletins, newsletters from the history of our church you are willing to loan for the historical displays, please let us know by calling the office.

Worship-Dinner Celebration of our 150th Anniversary on Sunday, December 3rd.

On the first Sunday of Advent, December 3, we will hold one Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Dave Fillpot, our former Co-Pastor, will return to preach. Immediately following our worship celebration we will go to the Victorian Ball Room at the Jacob Henry Estate for a wonderful Christmas Dinner.

During the Fall Season we are receiving a 150th Anniversary Special Offering. We will split the offering in half so that 50% will be given to Mission and 50% will go for updating our church facility. Half of the offering will go to Hurricane Relief through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and half of the offering will go to redecorating Hoffman Hall and the North Entrance Hallway. If you wish to designate your gift differently than 50/50, we will honor your request.

We have one Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who loves us deeply and sends us into the world to represent him in wonderful ways. Look over all the ways we are going to celebrate what God has done, is doing, and will do in the life, ministry, and mission of First Pres.; that's us! Please make plans to participate and celebrate with us.

In Christ,
Craig

KIDS

Mid-Week Family Night! See below.
Bible Sunday is Oct. 29th. If you have a child who is 4 years old, in 3rd grade, or in 6th grade and would like her/him to receive a Bible, call the church office.
Trunk 'n' Treat is coming up—it's October 25th.

YOUTH

Jr./Sr. High Bible Study meets Sundays at 10 a.m. in Room 206
Youth Fellowship/Homework time meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Room 206 as part of our Mid-Week Family Night (come for dinner at 5:30 p.m.).
Confirmation is Wednesday, come for dinner at 5:30 p.m.; Class starts at 7:20 p.m.
Jr./Sr. High Youth Group meets Sunday, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

FAMILIES

Mid-Week Family Night. 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:
5:30 p.m.—Dinner for everyone
6:15 to 7 p.m.—Mommy and Me Class
6:30 p.m.—Music and learning for kids
— Jr./Sr. High Fellowship/Homework time
—Men's Discussion Group
—The Best Leadership Speakers from Willow Creek Global Summit & Bible Study
7:30 p.m.—Chancel Choir

Soup & Movie Night — Nov. 11 — Save the date!
Make a crockpot of your favorite soup to share. We set up at 4:30 p.m.; tasting begins at 5:00 p.m.; and movies begin at 6:00 p.m.



What is Trunk 'n' Treat? It's our annual Fall Festival for those in the community. Our parking lot will be filled with decorated car trunks, offering candy, treats, and games to play. We'll have free food, a petting zoo, etc. It's a fun time for both our church family and those who come in costume.

It's our way of reaching out to the community and it's about relationship—showing the love of Jesus. You can be a part of this fun night! Please call Bo Mircea or the office at 815-727-9259 if you would like to help on October 25th by:

- Decorating your car trunk for the event
- Helping to serve food
- Greeting folks
- Helping to set up or clean up