



# e-News

November 15, 2017

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## Worship This Sunday



### "Better World, Better People" Series

A better world starts with you and me. Buckminster Fuller said, "It takes better people to create a better world." Come and Worship and let God transform you into something better in Christ Jesus.

**Sunday, November 19.** This Sunday we continue our sermon series, "Better People, Better World," with a look at what the Bible says about Humility. Humility goes hand in hand with the recognition of God's sovereignty and the way we, His creation, respond to it. It is in many ways the struggle we face in our modern world. And yet, we are called to humble ourselves and follow God. As we get ready for Sunday, I will encourage you to look at your world with that lens. You can choose Job 38:1-7 or Hebrews 5:1-10 to be your companion along the way.

Blessings,  
Bo Mircea

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

### Our Church Family

Known to be in the hospital: Sis Schmidt, Jan Weber, and Donna Filo at Presence St. Joseph.

## The Week Ahead

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

Quilt Group—Nov. 16, in Room 210  
Men's Dinner—Nov. 17, 6 p.m. at Prairie Bluff Golf Club (PJ Mulligan's), 19433 Renwick Rd., Lockport  
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 Narthex

Adult Discussion Groups and Mid-Week Family Night do not meet next week (Thanksgiving Week)  
Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study—Saturdays at 7 a.m. in the Fireside Room

Community Thanksgiving Service  
Tuesday, Nov. 21, 6:30 p.m.  
at St. John Missionary Baptist Church,  
104 E. Zarley Blvd., Joliet

This combined worship service also includes Westminster Presbyterian Church, Joliet Jewish Congregation, and Faith Lutheran Church. Rabbi Charles Rubovits will give the message and our Chancel Choir will be one of the choirs singing.

### Volunteers this Sunday, November 19, 2017

#### 9:00 a.m.

##### Children's Worship:

Megan Pritz

##### Holy Hunters:

##### Greeters:

Dave & Marg Grohne

##### Acolytes:

Emma Corcoran

##### Ushers:

Adam Halatek, Capt.;

Mark Dykema

Pat Costion

##### Coffee Fellowship: Barb Rodgers, Capt.; Jim & Barb

Schwandt

##### Sound Room:

Rich Pool

##### Video Screens:

#### 10:30 a.m.

Jacob Riebe

Kyla Fris

Jan Gehrig

Madison Riebe

Judy Turner, Capt.;

Laura House

THE PASTOR'S CORNER... Craig Herr, Senior Pastor

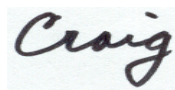
**Please RSVP for our 150 Anniversary Celebration.** We need you to RSVP as soon as possible; really immediately. We need to know so we can plan for the celebration on December 3. We are anticipating a very special time together in Worship and then for meal fellowship at the Victorian Ballroom. So, let us know you are coming and who is coming with you, etc. If for some reason you didn't receive an invitation (got lost in the mail or your house, etc.) please call the office and we will see that you receive an invitation.

**Our Thanksgiving Worship Service** will be at St. John Missionary Baptist Church, 104 E. Zarley Blvd., Joliet, where Herb Brooks is the Senior Pastor. We will worship with Westminster Presbyterian Church, the Joliet Jewish Congregation, and Faith Lutheran Church. Join everyone to give thanks to God for all of his good gifts and blessings.

**Decorating the Church for Advent.** We will decorate the Sanctuary/Worship Center, Narthex/Lobby, and Hoffman Hall areas on Saturday, November 25, at 9:00 a.m. It's a lot of fun to put up the decorations and enjoy a time of conversation. And there's coffee, juice, and coffeecake to get you going.

**Wednesday Night Discussion and Bible Study.** This Wednesday evening we will study Ephesians 6 and hear Danielle Strickland, a leader and pastor in the Salvation Army, speak on following Christ and making a difference in our world and "Getting It Right" in our walk of faith. She is an outstanding speaker and has started a training college and has led a Global Anti-Trafficking Campaign. We are meeting in the Fireside Room at 6:30 p.m.

In Christ,



Mission

**Stars of Hope**—Stars of Hope gifts are due back to church on Sunday, November 26th. Thank you for helping to make Christmas a little brighter for MorningStar Mission families.

**Mitten Tree**—Once again as cold weather falls upon us...let us remember the children at Farragut Elementary School (K-5) and the mitten tree. In addition to mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves; gently used boots, sweaters, and sweatshirts are also appreciated. Please bring only youth small and medium sweaters and sweatshirts. A box will be out for larger items when the mitten tree goes up after Thanksgiving. Thank you in advance for your generosity.  
— PW

## KIDS

Mid-Week Family Night! See below.

## YOUTH

Sundays

10:00 a.m.—Jr./Sr. High Bible Study meets in Room 206

6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.— Jr./Sr. High Youth Group

Wednesdays

5:30 p.m.—Family Mid-week Dinner

6:00 p.m.—Teen Homework/Hangout Time

Special Events this Week!

Saturday—Friendsgiving! Bring a friend and a side dish!

We will meet 4:30-6:30 p.m. on the second floor.

Sunday—Guest speaker Jenni Escalante Rojas: Dreamer, Musician, and Christ Follower.

Confirmation is Wednesday, come for dinner at 5:30 p.m.;  
Class starts at 7:20 p.m.

## FAMILIES

**MidWeek 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

**Decorate the Church for the Advent/Christmas Season.** Help decorate the Sanctuary, Hoffman Hall, etc. on Saturday, November 25, starting at 9 a.m. Coffee, juice and coffee cake will be served. Call Sue Lee at 815-325-2777 or the church office to volunteer.



**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.

**History Displays in Hoffman Hall,  
the Narthex and Hallways.**

Coming soon—You will be able to check out displays of 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.

**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. Former Pastor Kenn Shedenhelm will be speaking at the dinner. **Please RSVP by Friday, Nov. 17.**

**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 re-decorating 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

**Poinsettia Order Form**

Help decorate our sanctuary this Christmas with beautiful poinsettia plants. Fill out this form and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office by December 10th. The poinsettias cost \$12 each. Make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church-Poinsettias.

My/Our poinsettias are given: (indicate one)

- ☐ To the Glory of God  
☐ To the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones  
☐ To the Glory of God and in loving Memory

of \_\_\_\_\_

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Your  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

(please use exact wording desired)

Phone/email \_\_\_\_\_