



e-News

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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 26. This Sunday is Christ the King or The Reign of Jesus Sunday. Following Thanksgiving and before the first Sunday of Advent we give thanks for Jesus Christ and acknowledge that he is, indeed, Lord of all. When the early Christians were told that Caesar was Lord they responded that Christ is Lord, Christ is Lord. I believe being Better People the world truly needs starts with confessing that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior.

This Sunday I am preaching on “Gratitude: With Joy and Thanksgiving.” The sermon texts are Psalm 100, Colossians 1:15-20, and Philippians 4:1-7. Come worship and celebrate Jesus as Lord this Sunday.

--Craig Herr

Our Church Family

Known to be in the hospital: No one.

If you took home a dark gray/black man’s London Fog raincoat by mistake last Sunday, please call the church office. Your size 10 Chadwicks of Boston raincoat is hanging in the coat racks.

Also if you have a man’s winter coat in your closet and it’s not yours, please call the church office. It may be one that’s been missing since last winter.

The Week Ahead

***Council/Committee Meetings:

Education Council—Nov. 30, 7 p.m.

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

Project Linus—Nov. 27, 9 a.m.

Women’s Bible Study—Nov. 29, 10 a.m.

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—new day & time: Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in the Narthex

Lunch Bunch Adult Discussion Group—Tuesdays at 12 noon in Room 210 (Bring your lunch!)

Mommy & Me Class—Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. In Room 214-216

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

November 19, 2017

Worship Attendance — 188

Stewardship Report

2017-2018 Budget: \$ 792,000

Year to Date Receipts	\$464,511
Year to Date Expenses	\$442,082

150th Anniversary Offering to date — \$15,532
50% for Hurricane Relief
50% for Hoffman Hall Redecorating
Or, divided as you designate.

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

We are accepting pre-pledges for next year. Please identify them as pre-pledges. Call Tracy Norris if you wish to use electronic giving through your bank. We also have online giving in which you can use your credit card. Just go to our Website www.firstpresjoliet.org and click on “Giving.”

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

Our 150 Anniversary Celebration Is Filling up. If you want to come, we need to know immediately, yesterday so to speak. We are anticipating a very special time together on December 3, in Worship and then for meal fellowship at the Victorian Ballroom. So, please let us know if you still wish to come.

We could use your help this Saturday Morning, 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.

Melinda Gates Interview for this Wednesday Night Discussion and Bible Study. We are meeting in the Fireside Room at 6:30 p.m. We will see a One-on-One interview with Melinda Gates and think about how we impact our world.

"Peace Has Come" Christmas Musical, Sunday, December 17th! Plan to bring guests and join us Sunday evening, December 17, at 5:00 p.m. to experience the joy and peace of Christ Jesus in music. The Chancel Choir and instrumentalists (small orchestra) along with the Glory Ringers will sing and play and share a wonderful and inspiring selection of songs.

In Christ,



Mission

Stars of Hope—Stars of Hope gifts are due back to church THIS 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
No Youth Group this Sunday

Wednesdays

5:30 p.m.—Family Mid-week Dinner
6:00 p.m.—Teen Homework/Hangout Time

No Confirmation this week, see you next Wednesday, Nov. 29—come for dinner at 5:30 p.m.; Class starts at 7:20 p.m.

FAMILIES

No MidWeek Family Night this week; we resume next Wednesday, Nov. 29. Each Wednesday we 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.

Volunteers this Sunday, November 26, 2017

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Children's Worship:

Stefanie Young

Val Koehne

Holy Hunters:

Pam LeVasseur

Greeters:

Susie Gumitz

Barb Rodgers

Acolytes:

Stewart Paul

Carter Lundeen

Ushers:

, Capt.;

Helen Steinberg

Ed Schultz, Capt.;

Lisa Ambler

Coffee Fellowship:

Allen & Jackie Brooks, Cpts.;

Joan Pocius, Pat Haldorson

Sound Room:

Keith LeVasseur

Video Screens:



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.

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 Ken Shedehelm will be speaking at the 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 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 _____

Your Name _____
 (please use exact wording desired)
 Phone/email _____

Poinsettias can also be ordered and paid for online on our website: www.firstpresjoliet.org Just click on the Poinsettias box. Or you can order at <https://www.mybridgeelementgiving.com/f/?k=GFGSNZNN3ZMW9KoR>