



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 12, This Sunday I am preaching on “The Good Life: Your Choice.” The sermon text is Galatians 5:13-25. I would also suggest that you read Psalm 1, Exodus 20:1-17, and Mark 7:14-23 to prepare for worship this Sunday. In Galatians 5:13-25, we see what transformation in Jesus Christ looks like in daily life. The fruits of the Spirit lived out in our daily life make a difference. It is about becoming Christ-like each day as we follow our Lord.
 — Craig Herr

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

Our Church Family

Congratulations to Michael and Christina (Lee) Wolfer on the birth of a daughter, Gabriella Rose, on Nov. 1. Proud grandparents are Mike and Sue Lee.

The Week Ahead

***Upcoming Council/Committee Meetings:

Church Growth Council—Nov. 8, 6:30 p.m.
 Parish Council—Nov. 9, 5:30 p.m.
 Executive Committee—Nov. 9, 6 p.m.
 Session—Nov. 9, 7 p.m.
 Night Deacons—Nov. 14, 7 p.m.
 Human Resources Council—Nov. 15, 8 a.m.

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

Thursday Morning Circle—Nov. 9, 9:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room
 Mary Circle—Nov. 9, 12 noon, in the Fireside Room
 Quilt Group—Nov. 16, in Room 214/216
 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, November 12, 2017

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Children’s Worship:

Laura Pritz

Bo Mircea

Holy Hunters:

Bo Mircea

Greeters:

Emma Sticklen

Susie Gurnitz

Acolytes:

Cameron Paul

Nolan Watson

Ushers:

Jen Beck, Capt

Mark Dykema

Ed Schultz, Capt.

Lisa Ambler

Coffee Fellowship: Judy Turner, Capt.;

Sound Room: Keith LeVasseur

Video Screens:

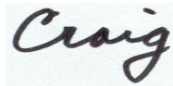
I will start again this week with a Big Thank You, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, to everyone who helped in any way with Feed My Starving Children! We worked with 529 volunteers, many from our wider community, to pack lifesaving meals for hungry and malnourished children. Our goal was to pack 101,088 meals. We surpassed that goal and packed 101,304 meals. These meals will provide 277 children a nourishing meal each day for an entire year. Thanks again, everyone, for your wonderful work and hospitality to all who came.

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!

Stars of Hope are available on the display table in Hoffman Hall. Choose a star and shop for the item(s) on the list and bring them back wrapped and with the star attached by Sunday, November 26. If you want someone to shop for you, then you can donate \$40 when you choose a star.

RSVP for our 150 Anniversary Celebration. Please remember to RSVP as soon as possible 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.

In Christ,



KIDS

Mid-Week Family Night! See below.

YOUTH

Jr./Sr. High Sunday School 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

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

Soup & Movie Night—Saturday, November 11. Make a crockpot of your favorite soup to share. We'll set up at 4:30 p.m.; tasting begins at 5 p.m. and the movies begin at 6 p.m. Choose from these 5 recently released movies:
Beauty & The Beast (the newest one) — Sanctuary
The Shack — Room 201
Priceless — Youth/Stephen Ministry Room, 206
Moana — Cinema (Room 213-215)
Hidden Figures — Fireside Room

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. Sign up this Sunday or call Sue Lee at 815-325-2777 or the church office to volunteer.

Mission

Stars of Hope—Look for the Stars of Hope again this Sunday. This program provides Christmas gifts to hundreds of MorningStar Mission families. Just pick a name, shop for gifts, and return the wrapped gifts to church. If you are unable to shop, a personal shopper will gladly shop for you (with your contribution) and wrap your gifts. The gifts are due back to church on Sunday, November 26th.

November 5, 2017
Worship Attendance — 194

Stewardship Report
2017-2018 Budget: \$ 792,000

Year to Date Receipts \$409,150
Year to Date Expenses \$412,371

150th Anniversary Offering to date — \$14,317
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.

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 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 _____