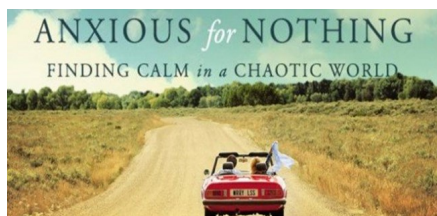




e-News

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LENT: Worship/Study Series

"Anxious For Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World"
by Max Lucado

Max Lucado writes "Do you feel weighted down with worry? Does the road you're traveling loom large with mountains to cross, obstacles to avoid and hairpin curves to navigate? Could you use some calm? If so, I have a scripture for you to read.

'Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.'

Philippians 4:6-7 is the most underlined passage in the Bible. According to this promise, anxiety comes with life, but it doesn't have to dominate your life. With God as your helper and this verse at your side, you can sleep better tonight and smile more tomorrow. You can talk yourself off the ledge and view bad news through the lens of sovereignty. You can discover a life that is characterized by calm and develop tools for facing the onslaughts of anxiety.

Let's invite God to reframe the way we face our fears and win the war on worry. By his power we will 'be anxious for nothing.'"

Join us this Sunday to begin the Journey to leave worry behind you.

Sunday, February 18. Come and find "CALM in a CHAOTIC WORLD" on this First Sunday of Lent. We begin the Lenten Season with the desire to "not be anxious about anything, but in every situation," to seek the Lord's presence, will, and way. This Sunday I am preaching on "Rejoice the Lord is Alive and Active." The Sermon Texts are Philippians 4:4-7 and Psalm 19.
--Craig Herr

Music This Sunday:

9:00 a.m. Glory Ringers; Hollis Tomashek, solo
10:20 a.m. Worship Band

The Week Ahead

***Upcoming Council/Committee Meetings:

Human Resources Council—Feb. 21, 8 a.m.

ALL-OFFICER RETREAT—Feb. 22, 5:30 p.m.

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

Quilt Group—Feb. 15, 7 p.m.

Dinner Out—Feb. 20, 6 p.m. at Cheddar's, 105 Remington Blvd., Bolingbrook

Men's Dinner Group—Feb. 23, 6 p.m. at Giovans Restaurant, 1804 N. Larkin Ave., Crest Hill

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—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, *Anxious for Nothing*

Gospel of Mark 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

Our Church Family

Known to be in the hospital:

Ellen Vaughn at Presence St. Joseph
Laura Walker at Mayo Clinic, AZ

Passed to Life Eternal:

Grace Gnadinger (Feb. 6)
A Memorial Service
will be held at a later date.

Sympathies are extended to Jean Bailey and family on the passing of her husband, Chuck Bailey, on Sunday, February 11; and to Dave & Sharon Cavanaugh and family on the passing of Dave's sister, Judy Rohman, also on February 11.

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

Ash Wednesday Dinner and Worship Tonight!

Come this evening at 5:30 p.m. for a wonderful dinner and time of conversation. Then at 6:30 p.m. we will worship together and seek God's presence. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper and those who wish to receive the sign of the cross in ashes will have that opportunity in worship.

Angel House Mission Special Offering. We are asking for your support for Bhoke, Rhobi, and Lucy once again. We have been supporting these three middle school aged girls since they were in grade school. We will receive a special offering for their support over the next three Sundays. It's a joy to see them growing up and reaching their God given potential because of the love and ministry of so many fine leaders, teachers, and servants at Angel House Mission.

Hoffman Hall Redecoration Progress. The wallpaper is up now, on the top part of the walls, while the chair rail to the floor has been painted. In the weeks to come there will be new baseboards, new window treatments, blinds and valances and new light sconces added to Hoffman Hall. Last of all there will be new chairs. It is exciting to watch everything take shape each week.

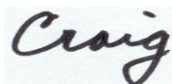
"The Center" Joliet Area Youth Ministry is thriving at their new home in our church. They had 40 youth plus their leadership team attend a lock-in at our church this past Friday evening through Saturday morning. Yes, they had a great retreat and turnout in the midst of our big snow. You will see their band equipment set up in Hoffman Hall in the back corner. "The Center" youth ministry meets each Thursday evening in Hoffman Hall. They have grown since coming to our church and have moved down to Hoffman Hall as we hoped and they had dreamed.

1 Concert and 2 Bands on Saturday, February

24. Two Christian Bands will be at our church for a concert. The Enlivened Band, a local band, will open the concert at 6:30 p.m. for the second band, Water Within, which is from Nashville. Water Within will play at 7:00 p.m., and there will be refreshments and homemade cookies at 6:00 to welcome everyone. It will be a great night of music.

All Officer Retreat for Day Deacons, Night Deacons, and Elders. We are holding the All Officer Retreat on Thursday evening February 22. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. We will start our retreat together at 6:00 p.m. and finish by 9:00 p.m. This worked very well for us last year. Come enjoy dinner fellowship and working together on the life, ministry, and mission of our church.

In Christ,



KIDS

Mid-Week Family Night! See below.

YOUTH

Sundays

10:00 a.m.—Jr./Sr. High Bible Study meets in Room 206
6 to 7:30 p.m.—Jr./Sr. High Youth Group; this week we are excited to have our very own Matt Pritz teach on God's Goodness. Join us upstairs in the café area! Students in 6th-12th grade welcome!

Wednesdays

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

Confirmation—Wednesdays

Come for dinner at 5:30 p.m.
Class starts at 7:20 p.m.

FAMILIES

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 —Anxious for Nothing
—The Gospel of Mark Adult Discussion Group
7:30 p.m.—Chancel Choir

Volunteers this Sunday, February 18, 2018

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Children's Worship:

Laura Pritz

Jacob Riebe

Holy Hunters:

Greeters:

Betsey O'Mara

Jan Gehrig

Acolytes:

Emma Corcoran

Kellen House

Ushers:

Barb Rodgers, Capt.;

Ed Schultz, Capt.;

Mark Dykema

Mark Morrison

Coffee Fellowship: , Capt.;

Sound Room: Keith LeVasseur

Video Screens: Matt Blaser

Mission

Mission for the Homeless—a call to care for the poor amongst us. Check out the list in the narthex for items to bring—easy open canned goods, warm socks, scarves, mittens, gloves, toiletries, etc. We'll pack up the items the last Sunday of each month and volunteer drivers will deliver them to the homeless in the Joliet area. Call Linda Zoellick at 520-400-8396, with questions.

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Craft & Vendor Fair
Saturday, April 14, 2018
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Here at First Pres.

Crafters/Vendors Wanted!

Details & registration form are on our website. All money raised (excluding sales of craft items) will benefit Feed My Starving Children.

Cost is \$25 per table plus 1 item from your line donated for our "Special Drawing Table."

Pick up a registration form this Sunday.

Call Kris Hayden at 815-258-8617, if you have questions or are interested in participating.



1 Concert — 2 Bands

Join us on February 24, when we welcome two Christians Bands!

Nashville-based *Water Within* was with us in worship last August and is returning for this Saturday night concert. You can listen to some of their songs on iTunes from their albums "Unlocked" and "Long Live Your Spirit."

Enlivened is a local band, which began as a youth band with The Center (formerly Christian Youth Center).

Invite you friends, neighbors & co-workers to this inspirational night of music!

6:00 p.m.—Fellowship & Refreshments
6:30 p.m.—*Enlivened* opens the concert
7:00 p.m.—*Water Within* performs

A freewill offering will be received to benefit Feed My Starving Children.

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Worship Attendance — 119

Stewardship Report

2017-2018 Budget: \$ 792,000

Year to Date Receipts	\$625,176
Year to Date Expenses	\$613,470

2017-2018 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$163,592.47

Please 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."