



# The Servants' Light

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Jesus Christ—  
Ministering  
To One Another,  
To Our Community,  
And To Our World.”***

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## **Sunday Morning**

### **Schedule**

#### **Worship—**

9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

#### **Children's Worship—**

9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

#### **Holy Hunters—**

10:30 a.m.

#### **Coffee Fellowship—**

10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

#### **Nursery/Preschool Care—**

8:30 to 11:30 a.m.



We have 4 shifts, packing 109,000 meals, to feed 300 of the world's hungry children for an entire year!

Sign up for one of the shifts:

Friday, Nov. 2 — 6 to 8 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 3 — 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

3 to 5 p.m.

The link will be up this Friday. Just go to our website, [www.firstpresjoliet.org](http://www.firstpresjoliet.org), and click on the Feed My Starving Children box on the home page. You will need to create a login and password. You can register your whole family. You can also sign up to help set up on Friday or clean up after the last shift on Saturday, either through the link or by calling the church office.

Registration is open to the community. You might ask your neighbors, your clubs, your extended family, your sports teams, etc. to all sign up for the same shift. It's fun to work together in a group of friends and it's so convenient—all four shifts are right here at First Pres., in Hoffman Hall.

Feed My Starving Children tackles world hunger by sending volunteer-packed, nutritious meals to 70 countries, where they are used in orphanages, schools, clinics and feeding programs to break the cycle of poverty.

**SIGN UP — HAVE FUN — MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

## The Pastor's Corner—



### Craig Herr, Senior Pastor

**Sunday, September 30.** Come worship the God of Life who calls each one of us into ministry. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we can help people connect or reconnect

with the Savior, reconnect with the community of God's people the church, and reconnect with a purpose-filled life serving the Lord and others. The Lord wants to work through us to help others reconnect to the real hope we have because God so loved the world.

Chancel Choir is singing and the Glory Ringers are playing at the 9:00 a.m. service. The Worship Band is singing and playing at the 10:30 a.m. service.

**Sermon.** This Sunday I am preaching on "Making Work, Work" on the final sermon in our Reconnect and Sustain Your Life in Christ Series. The sermon scripture passages are John 6:25-40 and Colossians 3:23.

**The Sign Up for Shifts at our FMSC Mobile Packing Event** begins Friday, September 28. We will put the sign up Link on our Website for you to pick a time to pack food for our Feed My Starving Children Mobile-Pack Event on November 2-3. You can go to [www.firstpresjoliet.org](http://www.firstpresjoliet.org) and then find the Feed My Starving MobilePack link to choose the time you wish to volunteer.

We will have four packing sessions: 1 Friday evening and 3 on Saturday with a set up session Friday afternoon and a cleanup session at the end on Saturday. You can see the schedule below.

Invite anyone you know to come and help provide wonderful nourishing meals to children all over the world. Help us raise \$23,900 by asking your family, friends, and neighbors to give to fund the meals; 109,000 meals. One meal costs only 22 cents and \$80 feeds a child for an entire year!

#### SHIFT INFORMATION

Day	Date	Shift	Time	Stations
Friday	2-Nov	Set up	3:30-5:30PM	
Friday	2-Nov	1	6-8PM	6
Saturday	3-Nov	2	9:30-11:30AM	6
Saturday	3-Nov	3	12:30-2:30PM	6
Saturday	3-Nov	4	3-5PM	6
Saturday	3-Nov	Clean Up	5-7PM	

In Christ,



#### Known to be in the Hospital:

Glenn Brosell at Presence St. Joseph Medical Center  
Baptized:

Emerson Flynn Jakob (Sept. 16)  
Son of Jeffrey and Christine Jakob

Isabella Juliet DaMassa (Sept. 23)  
Daughter of Daniel and Jennifer (Cox) DaMassa

The hospitals will no longer call to tell us who is there, so please let us know if you are admitted.

### September 23, 2018

Worship Attendance — 220

### Stewardship Report

2018-2019 Budget: \$799,852

<b>Year to Date Receipts</b>	\$306,936
<b>Year to Date Expenses</b>	\$340,240

2018-2019 Bequest/Gift Income Received — -0-  
Feed My Starving Children — \$7,052  
(Goal—\$23,900, 109,000 meals, feeds  
300 children for an entire year)

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](http://www.firstpresjoliet.org) and click on "Giving."

# Growing in Christ—

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## New Sermon Series "Live in Hope: Five Practices For Followers of Christ"

Thousands of Congregations and many, many Followers of Christ have grown in witness, character, faithfulness and joy through living out the "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations: Through Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission & Service, and Extravagant Generosity we grow in our relationship with Jesus and in living the life Christ calls us to live. This works for individual disciples and churches of all shapes and sizes and ministry contexts.

Robert Schnase, the author of *Five Practices* shares how we can "live out the irresistible message and mission of Jesus in our world today." Come explore the "abundant life" Jesus has for you, our church, and all the world.

- October 7 "A Lot Can Change In Forty Days."  
Intro--Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations
- October 14 Passionate Worship
- October 21 Radical Hospitality
- October 28 Intentional Faith Development on Reformation Sunday
- November 4 Risk-taking Mission and Service
- November 11 Extravagant Generosity on Youth Sunday
- November 18 Conclusion: "Turning Intentions, of the Five Practices, Into Reality"

## Women's Discussion Group

Lisa Haldorson is facilitating a Women's Discussion Group on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room using Bob Goff's new book, *Everybody Always: Becoming Love in a World Full of Setbacks and Difficult People*. "In his entertaining and inspiring follow-up to the New York Times bestselling phenomenon, *Love Does*, Bob Goff takes readers on a journey into the secret of living without fear, constraint, or worry. The path toward the liberated existence we all long for is found in a truth as simple to say as it is hard to do: love people, even the difficult ones, without distinction and without limits." (Amazon) The only requirements to participate in this discussion group are to be a woman and to bring your thoughts and ideas about life with you to share with others.

## Adult Education Opportunities

### Tuesday "Lunch Bunch" Bible Discussion Group

Our Tuesday discussion group gathers at 12:00 noon in Room 210 each Tuesday. We are spending our time until Christmas discussing 1 Corinthians. Paul's letter to the church at Corinth was a bold letter, and it is a bold letter for us as well. The young church faced many challenges to their integrity and faith...just as we do today. With great passion and love, Paul writes about building their faith on the one and only sure foundation...Jesus. Come join us in lively discussions!

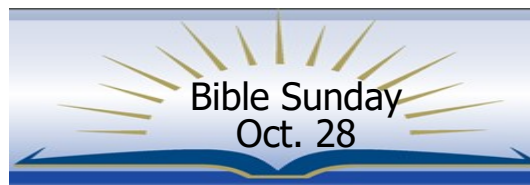
— Dale

### C4 Men's Bible Discussion Group

We are gathering on Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., in Room 210 using the book of Proverbs to guide us in our discussions.

Why Proverbs? Because I believe we can be difference makers in this world through godly wisdom and Christian character...the very heart of the book of Proverbs. A second reason is that the character of a man is defined certainly in what he claims to believe regarding matters of truth but, more importantly, by the practicing of these truths. Come prepared to talk about what you believe and why you believe it and we will not only learn from the book of Proverbs, but hopefully, from each other.

— Dale



If you have a child 4 year olds, in third grade or in sixth grade, who would like to receive an age-appropriate Bible, please call the church office at 815-727-9259 by October 22.

# BuncoBunco

Ladies Night Out  
Oct. 9, 6:30 p.m.

Back by popular demand: It's Bunco!

Join us for a night of Bunco and fellowship. Bunco is an easy-to-learn game and a great way to get to know others better because the teams switch up through the evening. Bring an appetizer or snack to share and get ready for some fun!

## 2nd Sunday Potluck

Save the date — October 14 — for our 2nd Sunday Potluck. Plan to join us for a great lunch and spend some quality time with friends. We'll gather right after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Bring a dish to share, drop it off in the kitchen, and head to worship. We'll have plenty of time to eat and visit together. Questions? Call Jen Gabl, 815-954-1254.

## PW Circles

### Thurs. AM Circle

2nd Thursday  
(Oct. 11, 9:15 a.m.)  
in the  
Fireside Room

### Mary Circle

2nd Thursday (Oct. 11)  
in the Fireside Room  
Bring a sack lunch at  
12 noon; dessert &  
meeting at  
12:30 p.m.

Thurs. AM Circle's Horizon Bible Study is  
"God's Promise: I am with you."

Mary Circle is viewing and discussing a DVD by Andy Stanley entitled "The Bad Boys of Easter."

## Small Groups & Special Events

### Session Notes

At its regularly scheduled meeting of September 13, 2018, the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Joliet, voted:

—to proceed with the plan to install a micro pantry in the churchyard by the sidewalk leading in from the parking lot; the pantry will be filled with non-perishable foods that can be accessed by anyone in need.



Save the Date — Saturday, November 10 — for our annual Soup & Movie Night. Bring a pot of your favorite soup or just come to taste.

We'll vote on our favorite soup and then watch a movie—there will be several to choose from, for kids and adults. Ask friends and neighbors to join you for a fun family night.

### Prayer Requests



If you have prayer requests, please fill out the form in the pew pad and place in the offering plate, in the box on the table in the narthex, or mail to the church office. Our Pat's Prayer Circle prays for those in the congregation, their friends and relatives, and for those in our community and in our world.

## Meal Fellowship

**Men's Breakfast**—Oct. 5, 7:30 a.m. at the Old Fashioned Pancake House on Jefferson St., Joliet.

**Dinner Out Group**—Oct. 16, 6 p.m. at Backroads Pub & Grill 13717 S. Route 30, Suite 101, Plainfield. Call Jean or Bob Smietanski, 815-838-7616 to make a reservation.

**Men's Dinner Group**—Oct. 26, 6 p.m. at P.J. Mulligans (Prairie Bluff Golf Club) 19433 Renwick Road, Lockport. RSVP to Bob Smietanski at 815-838-7616.



## Ministering to One Another, to Our Community, and to Our World

### Night Deacons Food Ministry

On the first Sunday of each month, the Night Deacons collect monetary donations to fund our various ministries.

Please use the special envelopes marked “Night Deacon Ministries” in the pew racks for your donation. Thank you for your on-going support!

Our next Night Deacons’ Free Pancake Breakfast is Saturday, October 6, 8 to 10 a.m. Come on out and help us serve and welcome those in our community who are hungry.

Check out the list in the narthex for items to bring for our Mission to the Homeless bags—easy open canned goods, warm socks, toiletries, etc. Socks are especially needed. If you work for a company that would like to share in this mission, call Linda Zoellick at 520-400-8396. Our next packing day is Sunday, October 28.

### So, You Say You Can’t Sing?

Well then, you need to join the First Presbyterian Church Handbell Choir. You don’t even have to know how to read music—you just have to be able to count! The Glory Ringers rehearse on Mondays at 7 p.m. We ring two Sundays per month plus special services such as Christmas Eve, Easter, etc. Anyone from high school age on up is welcome. This is a different kind of music ministry that I’m sure you will enjoy. Feel free to talk to one of the members of the Glory Ringers and find out how exciting ringing can be! We need **YOU** to be a part of the Music Ministry of First Presbyterian Church!

— James Brownold, Glory Ringers Director



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

### World Communion Sunday October 7, 2018

On October 7th, World Communion Sunday, the 2018 Peace & Global Witness Offering will be received. This offering encourages churches to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our reconciling God’s mission with those around the corner and around the world, as active peacemakers—at all times in all ways.

This year 75% of our Peace & Global Witness Offering will be given to Feed My Starving Children and 25% to the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Please prayerfully consider your donation to this special offering.

### Choir CDs Now Available!



Chancel Choir is offering 2 new CDs of our music to the congregation for a donation of your choice. The first is our performance recording of “Peace Has Come,” the cantata by Mary McDonald that we performed during the 2017 Advent season. Mary McDonald’s piece is a wonderful accompaniment for your Christmas celebration.

The second CD is titled “Our Season’s Best Anthems,” a collection of 17 of our best live performances from 2017-2018. You will be able to hear again some of the great music from our 2017-18 choir season. Your response to our first CD was excellent and your donations helped purchase new choir music—some of which funded pieces on this season’s CD. Many of you have remarked that you listen to our first CD in your car or at home and find it a source of joy and inspiration. We think these latest offerings will have the same impact. Listen for our announcement and watch for our table near the entrance to the sanctuary this Sunday.

Ken Myers, Choirmaster



## Children's Ministry Update

Trunk 'n' Treat season is upon us! The weather is changing, the kids are in school and soon we all going to start planning for Thanksgiving and Christmas. You might say to me: "Bo, you are rushing things!" But I am not. Because when we get enthused about something, we tend to plan and speak about it to everyone and every chance we have.

Trunk 'n' Treat is just like that! It's fun for so many kids and families from the surrounding neighborhood, but also fun for us here at the church. Yes, there is a lot of work going into the event—people decorating trunks and buying tons of candy for the kids, lots of people cooking and serving chili and hot dogs. And after all the work is done, there is always a feeling of accomplishment and joy for being that one church that every year for the past 10 years has done something so special for our community.

As a church we are called to serve those around us, and what better way than to open our parking lot for one night to host our community, to provide a safe place for kids to dress up and go trick or treating, and for their parents to have a night that can be a special treat for their whole family without spending any money. Trunk 'n' Treat is that place!

I want to invite you to be part of that story again this year! Come and share in the joy and fun as we serve, and as we welcome kids and their families in the love of Christ. Come and be a part of it! And invite a friend, a neighbor, or someone who just needs a little break to be reminded that people care.

We need you to share that joy!  
See you at Trunk 'n' Treat!  
Blessings,  
Bo M.



**TRUNK AND TREAT OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**

SET UP FOR TRUNKS 4PM-5:30PM

VOLUNTEERS FOR FOOD AND SERVING 4:30 PM

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 6 PM



ONE MORE THING:  
*WATER WITHIN* WILL JOIN US THIS YEAR!  
SPREAD THE WORD!



The beginning of the school year has proven to be great for our Wildfire Youth Group. We began our season with a Kickball Kick-Off. We played students against parents and I am impressed to say that the parents dominated the field! It was a great night of introduction to Wildfire and a whole lot of fun. Since then, we began our lesson on Jesus, learning that historically there is more evidence of Jesus' existence than any other person in antiquity. We have also delved into our service projects and happily partnered with Project Linus and Mission for the Homeless to create a few blankets for those in need.

This weekend we are excited to have our first fellowship event at Siegel's Cottonwood Farm. If your teen is interested, here are a few details! Admission is \$15 and includes a variety of activities. They will need extra money for snacks and or a pumpkin if they decide to pick one.

Please drop students off at the Farm (17250 Weber Rd, Lockport, IL 60441) at noon and pick them up at 4 p.m. We will meet at the entrance! If you need assistance with financials or getting a ride for a student who wants to attend, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Still coming up this weekend is our very first homegrown testimony: Carol Randolph. We are so excited to have her with us this Sunday and we are looking forward to hearing how God has worked in her life!

Blessings,  
Karissa  
[Karissa.Fleming@firstpresjoliet.org](mailto:Karissa.Fleming@firstpresjoliet.org)  
815-727-9259 x207hh

### Upcoming Oct. Events

**Oct. 7**

**Who is Jesus:  
The Promise, 6 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Oct. 14**

**Service Work Sunday:  
Aunt Martha's,  
6 to 7:30 pm.**

**Oct. 21**

**Who is Jesus:  
The Prophecy  
6 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Oct. 24**

**Trunk 'n' Treat!  
Dress up as your favorite  
Zoo Animal!**

**Oct. 27**

**Fright Fest Fellowship  
Meet at church at 9 a.m.  
With a group of 15 or more  
tickets are only \$39/person**

**Oct. 28**

**Live Testimony:  
Steve Johnson  
6 to 7:30 p.m.**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Craig M. Herr—Senior Pastor  
 Dale Ambler—Associate Pastor  
 Bo Mircea—Associate Pastor of Children's Ministry  
 and Family Ministry  
 Karissa Fleming, Dir. of Youth Ministry  
 Diane Uden—Administrative Ministry Assistant  
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**Newsletter Deadline**—The deadline for  
 reserving space in the Oct. 31 *Servants' Light*  
 is **Oct. 10**. Please e-mail to  
[sherry.buffington@firstpresjoliet.org](mailto:sherry.buffington@firstpresjoliet.org).

TO:

## October Daily Devotional Blog

10/1	Isaiah 64	Ps 119:9-16	1 John 2
10/2	Isaiah 65	Ps 119:17-24	1 John 3
10/3	Isaiah 66	Ps 119:25-32	1 John 4
10/4	Jer 1-2	Ps 119:33-40	1 John 5
10/5	Jer 3-4	Ps 119:41-48	2 John
10/6	Jer 5-6	Ps 119:49-56	3 John
10/7	<i>Day of Reflection: God as Patience</i>		
10/8	Jer 7-8	Ps 119:57-64	Jude
10/9	Jer 9-10	Ps 119:65-72	Rev 1
10/10	Jer 11-12	Ps 119:73-80	Rev 2
10/11	Jer 13-14	Ps 119:81-88	Rev 3
10/12	Jer 15-16	Ps 119:89-96	Rev 4
10/13	Jer 17-18	Ps 119:97-104	Rev 5
10/14	<i>Day of Reflection: God as Generosity</i>		
10/15	Jer 19-20	Ps 119:105-112	Rev 6

10/16	Jer 21-22	Ps 119:113-120	Rev 7
10/17	Jer 23-24	Ps 119:121-128	Rev 8
10/18	Jer 25-26	Prov 1	Rev 9
10/19	Jer 27-28	Ps 119:129-136	Rev 10
10/20	Jer 29-30	Prov 2	Rev 11
10/21	<i>Day of Reflection: God as Compassion</i>		
10/22	Jer 31-32	Ps 119:137-144	Rev 12
10/23	Jer 33-34	Prov 3	Rev 13
10/24	Jer 35-36	Ps 119:145-152	Rev 14
10/25	Jer 37-38	Prov 4	Rev 15
10/26	Jer 39-40	Ps 119:153-160	Rev 16
10/27	Jer 41-42	Prov 5	Rev 17
10/28	<i>Day of Reflection: God as Wisdom</i>		
10/29	Jer 43-44	Ps 119:161-168	Rev 18
10/30	Jer 45-46	Prov 6	Rev 19
10/31	Jer 47-48	Ps 119:169-176	Rev 20

Jer = Jeremiah; Ps = Psalms;  
 Prov = Proverbs; Rev = Revelation