

January 23, 2019

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“RUN YOUR RACE” SERMON SERIES

We continue to look at how we follow the Lord Jesus in our Race of Faith. Are we present to the One who is present to us? Are we listening to his voice? What does he have in mind for us now?

January 6	A God Inspired Life Philippians 2:12-18
January 13	In Hope I Corinthians 9:24-27
January 20	Overcoming Obstacles Hebrews 12:1-4
January 27	Don't Run Alone Colossians 1:3-11
February 3	Run In Strength Zechariah 4:6, I Timothy 4:8-10

Bo is preaching this Sunday on “Don't Run Alone” and he writes, “Faith, in a western context, has an individual feel to it; we believe in a personal Jesus, in a personal walk with God. This Sunday I would like to look at Faith not just as an individual race but as a communal call to each one of us. What does the Bible say about growing in community? What is the value of being part of a fellowship of believers? These are just a couple questions to get us started as we look towards Sunday morning. I invite you to read Colossians 1:3-11 in preparation for Sunday. And I look forward to worshipping together this Sunday.” --Blessings, Bo Mircea

Music this Sunday:

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



Check out the Lost & Found in Hoffman Hall this Sunday for any hats, gloves, jackets, water bottles, glasses, kitchen items, etc. you may have left at church. Items remaining will be donated to a thrift store.

The Week Ahead

***Upcoming Council/Committee Meetings:

Worship Council—Jan. 23, 4:30 p.m.
Education Council—Jan. 24, 7 p.m.

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

Men's Dinner—Jan. 25, 6 p.m. at Thayer Brothers (cash only), 753 Ruby, Joliet
Chili Cook-Off & Movie Night—Jan. 26
Project Linus—Jan. 28, 9 a.m. to 12 noon
Lunch Bunch Adult Discussion Group—Jan. 29
12 noon
C4 Men's Discussion Group—Jan. 23, 6:30 p.m.

Centering Prayer—Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in Room 217
Praise Yoga—Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and Thursdays at 8 a.m. in the Narthex

Mission

Project Linus Workday is Monday, January 28, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. With our extreme cold weather, the blankets we donate to children in need are even more appreciated. Join us to make fleece blankets and easy quilts and please bring your sewing scissors. Call Tari Ambler, 815-351-2544 for more information.

Mission to the Homeless—Easy open canned goods, warm socks, toiletries, etc. are always needed and now that winter is here, warm hats, gloves, and 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 Micro Pantry is often almost bare by Monday mornings. Please help us by bringing canned or packaged food supplies. The “Take what you need, leave what you can” policy is designed to allow anonymous food pick-up for those in need and a drop-off point for those who wish to donate.

Our Boards for the Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations are back up in the Narthex/Lobby Area. We moved them out for the Advent-Christmas Season. But now they are back, as they are significant to us for our life, ministry, and mission. What is happening? The session has been working and giving thoughtful reflection on all of the suggestions (Post-It Notes) provided by the congregation and elders. You will see that the more important Post-It Note Idea/Suggestions have been placed higher on the boards. This means the session teams are giving higher priority to those suggestions. They are also arranging them together in clusters when they have a clear relationship to each other. The Post-It Notes that have been placed lower on the board have less priority right now and are in the "parking lot." They are still there in case their priority changes as the planning process goes on. Yet some will remain there.

What can you do? One thing you can do is to identify any ministry-mission suggestions you want to help work on by writing your name on that particular Post-It Note. You can invite another person to do that with you so you have two people interested in helping to make that ministry-mission suggestion a reality.

"Chili Cook-off & Movie Night" Is THIS Saturday, January 26. Plan to come and share your very own crockpot of chili at 4:30 p.m. Tasting begins at 5 p.m. with Movies at 6 p.m. It's a great time and evening. Don't forget to bring a canned good for our micro-pantry!

We Voted to Change the Church Bylaws last Sunday and Elected Night Deacons. Last Sunday the congregation voted to change our church bylaws to allow us, according to the discretion of the session, the ability to elect more than one youth member to be a Deacon or Elder. We do think it's better to have more than one youth serve together at a time as Deacons or Elders. Thanks for approving that change. Our three Youth Night Deacons are delighted to serve: Colin Becker, Hunter Belfield, and Lilly Dunbar.

In Christ,
Craig

KIDS

Mid-Week Family Night is tonight!

YOUTH

Midweek Teen Bible Study: Tonight we are going to examine Jesus' baptism and how He was tempted by Satan himself. Both stories are great for us to see how Jesus is Immanuel: God with Us. Join us on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. for dinner and Bible Study!

Wildfire Youth Group: We are excited to have our very own Matt Blaser as our first testimony of 2019! Join us this Sunday to hear how God has worked in Matt's life to make him into the man he is today. Wildfire Youth Group meets Sundays from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. and welcomes students in grades 6-12.

FAMILIES

Mid-Week Family Night, Wednesdays,
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

- 5:30 p.m.—Dinner for everyone
- 6:30 p.m.—Kids Music & Learning
 - Teen Bible Study
 - Men's C4 Bible Discussion Group (discussing the 4 C's: Christ, Conviction, Courage, & Compassion)
 - Women's Discussion Group (studying Max Lucado's book, *Grace: More Than We Deserve, Greater Than We Imagine*)

Chili Cook-Off and Movie Night—Jan. 26

- Chili Set-Up — 4:30 p.m.
- Tasting — 5 p.m.
- Movies begin — 6 p.m.
 - The Greatest Showman* — Fireside Room
 - Shark Boy & Lava Girl* — Cinema
 - The Star* — Sanctuary
 - Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again* — Room 217
 - Beautifully Broken* — Room 201

Bring a canned good for our Micro Pantry!

Spaghetti Dinner To-Go — Feb. 9, 5 to 7 p.m.
Get your tickets this Sunday—only \$8 for Spaghetti with meatballs, salad, bread, & a bottle of water. If you don't have a ticket, the To-Go Dinner will cost you \$9. Proceeds will benefit the Sr. High Mission Trip to Pocahontas, VA and the local Jr. High Mission Trip, both this summer.

Volunteers this Sunday, January 27, 2019

<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<u>Connection Center:</u> Don & Raelene Barnes	Don & Raelene Barnes
<u>Children's Worship:</u> Bo Mircea	Sarah Lundeen
<u>Greeters:</u>	
<u>Acolytes:</u> Cameron Paul	Creighton Blaser
<u>Liturgists:</u> Sue Fordyce	Nick Kasper
<u>Ushers:</u> Al Brooks, Capt.	Ed Schultz., Capt.
<u>Coffee Fellowship:</u> Sue Fordyce & Misti Lakin, Capts.;	
<u>Sound Room:</u> Cliff Stepina	
<u>Video Screens:</u>	

January 20, 2019
Worship Attendance — 108

Stewardship Report
2018-2019 Budget: \$ 799,852

Year to Date Receipts \$598,432
Year to Date Expenses \$612,893

2018-2019 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$14,000

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."