

January 9, 2018

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“RUN YOUR RACE” SERMON SERIES

We begin the New Year looking at our Race of Faith. The Savior is still “God With Us.” And as we turn the pages of our calendars, whether electronic or paper, to the new year that lays before us, we turn our attention to how we shall live in the faith, hope, peace, and joy of the Gospel. We will look at how we follow the Lord Jesus. 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
- January 20 Overcoming Obstacles
Hebrews 12:1-4, Psalm 27
- January 27 Don't Run Alone

This Sunday I am preaching on “Running Our Race of Faith in Hope.” The scripture pages are I Corinthians 9:24-27, Psalm 25:1-8, and I Timothy 4:8-10. We will explore how to nurture hope in our daily life. We live in a world that bombards us with negativity when, in reality, there are good and wonderful things occurring on a daily basis. The Lord Jesus intends us to live in hope.
--Craig Herr

Music this Sunday:

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

Our Church Family

Known to be in the Hospital: No one.

Congratulations to Jill and Michael Strimel on the birth of a son, Jacob Michael, on January 6. Proud grandparents are Sue and Ray Mueller.

The Week Ahead

***Upcoming Council/Committee Meetings:

Stewardship Council—Jan. 9, 3:30 p.m.
Church Growth Council—Jan. 9, 4:30 p.m.
Executive Committee—Jan. 10, 6 p.m.
Session—Jan. 10, 7 p.m.
Parish Council—Jan. 13, 11:45 a.m.
Mission Council—Jan. 13, 11:45 a.m.
Human Resources Council—Jan. 16, 8 a.m.

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

Thursday Morning Circle—Jan. 10, 9:15 a.m.
Combined Circles Lunch—Jan. 10, 11:30 a.m.
Mary Circle—Jan. 10, 12 noon
2nd Sunday Potluck—Jan. 13, 11:45 a.m.
Dinner Out—Jan. 15, 6 p.m. at Al's Steak House,
1900 W. Jefferson, Joliet
Quilt Group—Jan. 17, 7 p.m.

Lunch Bunch Adult Discussion Group—Jan. 15,
12 noon
C4 Men's Discussion Group—Jan. 16, 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

Ladies' Night Out: Happy 2019! Ladies, we are back to our monthly fellowship events! Now that the holidays are over, fellowship and self-care are essential to replenishing your souls! This Tuesday (Jan. 15) we will meet sometime around 7 p.m. at the movie theater in the Joliet Mall. Our hope is to see *On the Basis of Sex*, a biographical drama about Ruth Bader Ginsburg. However, times are not posted online yet. Our back-up plan—We will see *Mary Poppins Returns*! Call Karissa at 815-954-3047 if you are interested.

Volunteers this Sunday, January 13, 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> Megan Pritz	Pam LeVasseur
<u>Greeters:</u> Emma Sticklen	
<u>Acolytes:</u> Tate Albers	Rafe Rogers
<u>Liturgists:</u> Jon Belfield	Trevor Lakin
<u>Ushers:</u> Barb Rodgers, Capt. Mark Dykema	Ed Schultz, Capt. Mark Morrison
<u>Coffee Fellowship:</u> Allen Brooks, Capt.; Jackie Brooks	
<u>Sound Room:</u> Rich Pool	
<u>Video Screens:</u>	

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

We Elect New Day Deacons, Night Deacons and Elders this Sunday! We are grateful for all those who have decided to serve as Deacons and Elders.

On Sunday, January 20, we will **Ordain and Install Deacons and Elders** at both worship services. We will welcome our new leaders into service and thank our outgoing leaders as well.

Christmas Decoration Take-Down is this Saturday. We'll come at 9:00 a.m. to take down the Christmas Decorations throughout the Sanctuary/Worship Center, Hoffman Hall, and Hallways. We have a good time of conversation and fellowship while putting away the decorations for next year.

Habitat is going to build a new house in the 1500 block of North Raynor Ave. this summer. If you are interested in helping to build this new home, which is not far from our church, please let me or one of our Mission Council Members know: Mary Kessling, Mahryha Iwema or Lisa Kasper.

Chili Cook-off & Movie Night is coming up on 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 beginning at 6 p.m. It's a great evening!

Happy New Year! I pray for God's blessings, guidance, strength and peace to you!

In Christ,
Craig

Vendors Wanted —
for our Spring Craft & Vendor Fair
Saturday, March 30, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Door prizes, Special Drawings, Lunch & Snacks available for purchase.

Information and registration form are on our website, www.firstpresjoliet.org.

Proceeds will benefit First Pres. Joliet Stephen Ministry and Women's Ministry.

KIDS

Mid-Week Family Night resumes next Wednesday, January 16. Kids will have a Movie Night—wear your PJ's and bring your blankie!

YOUTH

Wildfire Youth Group: We're back! We are excited to begin 2019 with Veronica from The Spanish Community Center. She will give a brief presentation about who they are and what they do. After this, we will be writing notes of encouragement to their ESL students! Students in grades 6th-12th grade are welcome. We meet Sunday nights, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Confirmation: Christmas break is over! Join us at 4:30 p.m. this Sunday as we continue our lessons with the book of Kings!

FAMILIES

Mid-Week Family Night. We resume next Wednesday, January 16—Family Dinner, Kids' Movie Night, Men & Women's Discussion Groups

2nd Sunday Potluck is January 13, right after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Bring your dish to share and join us for a great lunch, fun and fellowship.

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

Shark Boy & Lava Girl

The Star

Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again

Beautifully Broken

Mission

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 filling a need in our community. 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.

Stephen Ministry—We have trained Stephen Ministers who are eager to walk alongside anyone who needs someone to provide caring listening and supportive conversation. If you need someone to talk to during a difficult time or a time of change or a time when you are recovering from one of life's challenges, call Kris Hayden, First Pres. Stephen Leader, @ 815-725-3696 or 815-258-8617 (cell).

January 6, 2018

Worship Attendance — 160

Stewardship Report

2018-2019 Budget: \$ 799,852

Year to Date Receipts \$585,763

Year to Date Expenses \$593,829

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." Tracy is also receiving Pre-Pledges for 2019 and 25% of pre-pledged giving is used for January-March 2019, while 75% is used for April-December of 2019.