



e-News

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WEEK 6 IN LENT: Palm Sunday, Worship/Study Series

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

On this Palm Sunday we continue to explore and mine the meaning of Philippians 4:6-7:

6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Max Lucado writes, “You may be facing the perfect storm, but Jesus offers perfect peace.” On this sixth Sunday of Lent, Palm Sunday, we continue to pursue the peace of God.

Sunday, March 25: For several weeks we have looked at the many sides of what causes anxiety in our lives and ways of coping. This Sunday we continue our “Anxious for Nothing” series as we try to better understand the peace of God that is present in all aspects of our lives, but especially the storms of our lives. Mark 4:35-41 will be the source for a message titled, “Peace and the Storm.”
—Dale Ambler

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

The Week Ahead

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

Men’s Dinner Group—March 23, 6 p.m. at McBride’s on 52, 2727 W. Jefferson St., Joliet

Project Linus workday—March 26, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. We will be working on blankets for children in need and for our “Mission for the Homeless” project. Call Tari Ambler at 815-351-2544.

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

Saturday Morning Men’s Bible Study—Saturdays at 7 a.m. in the Fireside Room

Lunch Bunch Adult Discussion Group and Mid-Week Family Night will not meet next week, Holy Week.

**Discussion Groups on *Anxious for Nothing*:
The Sunday class in the Fireside Room will not meet on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.**

Wednesday Night Women’s Study and Wednesday Men’s Discussion Group will not meet next week, Holy Week.

Volunteers this Sunday, March 25, 2018

9:00 a.m.

Children’s Worship & Holy Hunters:

Bo Mircea

Greeters:

Barb Rodgers

Acolytes:

Stewart Paul

Ushers:

, Capt.;

10:30 a.m.

Val Koehne

Pat Costion

Evan Lundeen

Ed Schultz, Capt.;
Mark Morrison

Coffee Fellowship: Aubrey Herr, Capt.;

Sound Room: Rich Pool

Video Screens:

Leave A Legacy of Love Through Your Giving for "God is love" (I John 4:8). Please bring your pledge card to worship this Sunday or mail your pledge card to the office. We are working to complete our "Legacy of Love" Stewardship Campaign.

Each and every day we have opportunities to live in love, that is, the love of Christ alive in us, influencing what we do, say, and commit to do. And over time — day by day, year by year — we leave a legacy of love in our world. The love of God in Christ Jesus never ends. What will your legacy of love look like over time?

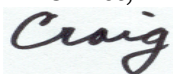
Through our "Legacy of Love" Stewardship Campaign you have the opportunity to give in love to support what God is doing in the life, ministry, and mission of First Pres. Ask the Lord to guide you as you prayerfully decide what to give this year in 2018-2019. May the Lord bless you and fill you with the riches of his joy, grace, hope, and love.

Your Ministry Impact. There are many ways to serve in ministry for Christ at First Pres. You could provide a welcoming presence by greeting at the front and rear entrances before worship on Sunday morning. Come early to greet for the 9:00 a.m. worship service or if you like sleeping in, you could come and greet for the 10:30 a.m. service. Or you could provide a welcoming presence by helping out at coffee fellowship between services on Sunday morning. Perhaps you would like to welcome many guests to our church by being involved in our Easter Egg-stravaganza on Saturday, March 31. Just call the office or talk with one of our church staff members to serve in these ministries.

Last Chance for Easter Flowers. Please remember to order Easter flowers on Sunday morning at church. You can also call the church office to place your order. The flowers are beautiful to see and experience as we celebrate the Easter Season.

Palm Sunday Breakfast and Support for our Youth Mission Trips. Youth Mission Trips are transformational opportunities for our youth, advisers, and those who they serve. You can be a part of helping to make this year's Summer Youth Mission Trips a reality by going to the Palm Sunday breakfast this Sunday, March 25. It's our most important fundraiser for our Youth. There's a great menu and breakfast is served from 8:15-10:30 a.m. on Palm Sunday. There are silent auction items including a beautiful quilt.

In Christ,



KIDS

Mid-Week Family Night! See below.

Easter Egg-stravaganza—March 31, 9 to 11 a.m.

"Plane Ol' Mission Trip" Children's Musical—April 8, 9 & 10:30 a.m.

YOUTH

Sundays

6 to 7:30 p.m.—Jr./Sr. High Youth Group

Wednesdays

5:30 p.m.—Family Mid-week Dinner

6:30 p.m.—Jr./Sr. High Bible Study

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 Bible Study

—Men's Discussion Group—Anxious for Nothing

—Women's Discussion Group—Anxious for Nothing

7:30 p.m.—Chancel Choir

NO MID-WEEK FAMILY NIGHT ON MARCH 28th
(HOLY WEEK)

Our Church Family

Known to be in the hospital: No one

Passed to Life Eternal:

Bill Allen (March 15)

Sympathies are extended to Rosemary Allen and family on Bill's passing; and to Mike Fumagalli and Mark, Maureen and Matt Fumagalli and families, on the passing of Mike's wife, Kirsten, on March 14.

A Memorial Service for Grace Gnadinger will be held Saturday, March 24, 11 a.m. here at First Pres., with a Memorial Gathering at 10 a.m. to time of service.

A Memorial Service for Bill Allen will be held Tuesday, March 27, 11 a.m. at Carlson Holmquist Sayles Funeral Home. Visitation is Monday, 3 to 7 p.m. and Tuesday, 10 a.m. to time of service.

"Thank You to all my church family for their prayers, cards, visits, flowers and food. I appreciate you all more than I can say."

Carolyn Schaeffer



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

Registrations are now closed!

If you would like to donate items for the lunch café that day, please sign up in Hoffman Hall. The more items that are donated the more we will be able to keep our costs down.

Come shop on April 14th. We will have dozens of crafters/vendors with a nice selection of crafts and goods, including blankets & small quilts, jewelry & accessories, clothing, home décor, skin care & cosmetics, food & nutritional products, children's items, etc.

There is a \$1 donation at the door; gift/prize drawings; and lunch and snacks available for purchase. All money raised (excluding sales of craft items) will benefit Feed My Starving Children Mobilepack Event here at First Pres. in the fall.



Easter Egg-stravaganza
Saturday, March 31, 9 to 11 a.m.

Join us for breakfast, the telling of the Easter Story, crafts, pictures with the Easter Bunny and a fun Easter Egg Hunt! Bring the grandchildren, and invite your neighbors, relatives and co-workers for our 11th annual Easter Egg Hunt.

If you can help out with crafts, breakfast or by greeting our guests, contact Bo at 727-9259 or bo.mircea@firstpresjoliet.org. Helpers are asked to be here at 8 a.m. on March 31st.

Mission

Mission for the Homeless—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 THIS Sunday morning and deliver them to MorningStar Mission on Monday, staying to help serve lunch! Call Linda Zoellick at 520-400-8396, with questions or if you can help deliver the bags.

Project Linus workday on Monday, March 26, 9am - 12 noon. We will be working on blankets for children in need and for our "Mission for the Homeless" project. Call Tari Ambler for information, 815-351-2544.

One Great Hour of Sharing—On Easter Sunday we will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, providing food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. Our offering helps support the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Presbyterian Committee for the Self Development of People.

Wildfire Youth Group Palm Sunday Fundraiser

Join us March 25, beginning at 8:15 a.m. for our Wildfire Youth Group Palm Sunday Breakfast!

We will have live music from Michael Endres, a silent auction (featuring this beautiful queen-size quilt—on display in Hoffman Hall—and more!), a drawing for an iPad, plus a great breakfast menu! Who doesn't love biscuits and gravy, eggs, muffins, and fruit?

Support our teens and see the great things we are doing—all to fund our summer mission trip to Kansas City, Kansas, and other youth activities! This is our MAIN FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR.





HOLY WEEK AT FIRST PRES. CHURCH

Palm Sunday — March 25

Palm Sunday Breakfast — 8:15 to 10:30 a.m.
Biscuits & Gravy, Eggs, Muffins, and Fruit
(Youth Ministry Fundraiser, Silent Auction, Drawing)

Worship at 9 & 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday — March 29

Maundy Thursday Dinner at 6 p.m.
Pork Roast w/Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Green Beans Amandine, Tossed Salad
Rolls, Dessert, Beverages — Freewill Offering

Worship/Communion at 7 p.m.

Good Friday — March 30

Journey to Stations of the Cross — 6 p.m.

Easter Egg-stravaganza — March 31, 9 to 11 a.m.

Breakfast, Telling of the Easter Story, Arts & Crafts,
Pictures with the Easter Bunny, and an Easter Egg Hunt!



Easter "Resurrection" Sunday — April 1

Traditional Worship at 9 a.m. with Chancel Choir,
Instruments & Glory Ringers

Contemporary Worship at 10:30 a.m.
with Worship Band



Leadercast at First Pres. Joliet
May 4, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (includes lunch)

Join some of the world's top leadership experts via simulcast as they take the stage at Leadercast Live, the largest one-day leadership event held live in Atlanta and broadcast to locations around the globe, including First Pres.!

The speakers this year range from leadership authors to fighter pilots to astronauts. Known for their work in coaching fellow leaders or leading large organizations, these eight speakers will bring a wealth of knowledge to the Leadercast Live stage. Take charge of your leadership journey with the practical lessons and tools you'll learn from these speakers. Single registration — \$79; 3 or more from same company — \$69. Register now—Rates go up after March 30. The registration form is on our website—www.firstpresjoliet.org

March 18, 2018

Worship Attendance — 178

Stewardship Report

2017-2018 Budget: \$ 792,000

Year to Date Receipts	\$700,410
Year to Date Expenses	\$698,705

2017-2018 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$163,592.47
Angel House Special Offering — \$4,722
Thank you—we have surpassed our goal by \$42.
Feed My Starving Children 2018
(Ash Wednesday & Concert)— \$1,111

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."