



# e-News

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## MORE LIKE JESUS: SERMON ON THE MOUNT SERIES FOR LENT

During this Lenten Season, on our way to Easter, we are studying the Sermon on the Mount. We will journey through some of the most familiar teachings of Jesus from Matthew Chapters 5-7. As we study these passages, we will relate them to the events surrounding Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. In the process, our worship services will reveal that the cross itself is the ultimate sermon on the mount for our journey of faith in this special and sacred season.

- April 14, Palm Sunday  
"Prayer: Does it Make a Difference?"  
Matthew 7:7-11
- April 18, Maundy Thursday  
"The Golden Rule"  
Matthew 7:12
- April 19, Good Friday  
"The Tree and its Fruit"  
Matthew 7:15-20
- April 21, Easter  
"The Better Way"  
Matthew 5:6, 6:19-21, 7:13-14

A little over 2000 years ago a group of Jesus' followers lined a road leading to Jerusalem, shouting "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" Joyful praise for sure, but I also think it was a form of public prayer as the meaning of "Hosanna" is literally, "save us." Those lining the road that day were looking for a certain kind of savior—one who would end the tyranny and oppression of the Roman Empire. Many pray for a similar result today. This Sunday we continue our Sermon on the Mount series by looking at Matthew 7:7-11 and ask ourselves the question, "Prayer: Does It Make A Difference?"

— Dale Ambler

### Music this Sunday:

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

## The Week Ahead

### \*\*\*Upcoming Council/Committee Meetings:

- Church Growth Council—Apr. 10, 4:30 p.m.  
Executive Council—Apr. 11, 6 p.m.  
Session—Apr. 11, 7 p.m.  
Parish Council—Apr. 14, 11:30 a.m.

### \*\*\*Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

- Thursday Morning Circle—Apr. 11, 9:15 a.m.  
Mary Circle—Apr. 11, 12 noon  
**EASTER EGG-STRAVANGANZA—Apr. 13, 9-11 a.m.**  
2nd Sunday Potluck—Apr. 14, 11:45 a.m.  
Lunch Bunch Discussion Group—Apr. 16, 12 noon  
Dinner Out—Apr. 16, 6 p.m. at McWethy's Tavern, 1700 Renwick Rd., Romeoville

- 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

### Volunteers this Sunday, April 14, 2019

<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<u>Connection Center:</u> Bob & Colin Becker	Bob & Colin Becker
<u>Children's Worship:</u> Bo Mircea	Sarah Lundeen
<u>Greeters:</u> Emma Sticklen, Zander, Christian	House Family
<u>Acolytes:</u> Tate Albers	Rafe Rogers
<u>Liturgists:</u> Lilly Dunbar	Evan Lundeen
<u>Ushers:</u> Mark Fumagalli, Capt. Mark Dykema Allen Brooks Lilly Dunbar	Ed Schultz, Capt. Mark Morrison
<u>Coffee Fellowship:</u> Pat Haldorson, Capt.; Colin Becker	
<u>Sound Room:</u> Cliff Stepina	
<u>Video Screens:</u> Matt Blaser	

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

**Easter Egg-Stravaganza.** This Saturday is our Easter Egg Hunt with Arts & Crafts, Telling the Story of Easter, and Breakfast Time all wrapped up into a two hour great, great time. Bring your children, grandchildren, and neighborhood children this coming Saturday, 9 a.m.—11 a.m.

**It's Time to Invite Your Guest(s) to Church.**

This Sunday, Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday followed by Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and then Easter. This is the best time of year to invite guests to church. Many people continue to indicate that they would come to worship on Easter if someone just asked them and invited them. Think about who you will invite to church. Your invitational presence and enthusiasm are more significant than you might first think. Invite someone to First Pres. and into the presence and celebration of the Lord Jesus.

**Mary Lynn Keir is going to serve as our Pastor of Visitation.** She is going to begin her ministry as our Pastor of Visitation, eight hours a week, the end of May, beginning of June. Mary Lynn is excited about serving in this capacity and she knows so many of us, which is so good.

**Thank you for your support of Angel House Mission.** We continue to support Bhoke, Rhobi, and Lucia at Angel House Mission because of your love and care. This special offering was just received and as you can see, some monies continue to be given. Thanks so much for remembering these wonderful young women.

**Save the Date for Sunday, May 19.** We are planning a catered lunch for Sunday, May 19, which is Pastor Dale's last Sunday at First Pres. We plan to celebrate Dale's ministry and have a time to express our appreciation and gratitude to Dale as well as to Tari. Dale has had a wonderful ministry with us, for us, and for the Lord Jesus Christ at First Pres. The same can be said of Tari and her ministry throughout the life and mission of First Pres. over so many special years. Plan to be with us all at church. You will receive a mailing the end of the week or beginning of next week so you can make reservations for lunch and contribute to a gift for Pastor Dale.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday for worship, fellowship, and growing as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christ,  
Craig

## KIDS

**Mid-Week Family Night**—Tonight is the big Pinewood Derby & last night of Mid-Week Family Night!

**Easter Egg-stravaganza** is Saturday, April 13, 9 to 11 a.m. Come for breakfast, arts and crafts, telling of the Easter Story, pictures with the Easter Bunny and a fun Easter Egg Hunt!

## YOUTH

**Teen Bible Study:** Tonight we will meet and cheer on the children who made pinewood derby cars! Join us for dinner at 5:30 p.m. and fun festivities after!

**Wildfire Youth Group:** This Sunday we will begin Holy Week by watching Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ*. To attend this event you must have a permission slip. The movie will begin around 6:15 p.m. and end around 8:30 p.m. We look forward to experiencing this film together as a Youth Group.

## FAMILIES

**Mid-Week Family Night** Tonight is our last night —  
5:30 p.m. Dinner  
6:30 p.m. Pinewood Derby  
Adult Discussion Groups

**Easter Egg-stravaganza**—April 13, 9 to 11 a.m.  
**2nd Sunday Potluck**—April 14, 11:45 a.m. Bring a dish to share. There's always Great Food and Great Fellowship!

## MISSION

**Mission to the Homeless**—Kendall Fris has volunteered to take over this ministry. There are bins in the narthex for your donations of food (with easy open lids), socks and toiletries. The items will be bagged up the last Sunday of the month and distributed through MorningStar Mission. It's an easy way to help the homeless right here in our community.

**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.

**April 7, 2019**

Worship Attendance — 175

**Stewardship Report**

2019-2020 Budget: \$ 768,135

<b>Year to Date Receipts</b>	<b>\$21,770</b>
<b>Year to Date Expenses</b>	<b>\$12,639</b>

Angel House Offering — \$3,766  
2019-2020 Bequest/Gift Income Received — -0-

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."

## LEADER- LEADING HEALTHY *Teams*

Leadercast Live, May 10, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at First Pres. Church, 805 Western Ave., Joliet. This is the largest one-day leadership event in the world, broadcast live from Atlanta to

hundreds of host sites. This year brings together experts in leadership and organizational health to help attendees master the art and science of developing and leading healthy teams. For more information and the registration form, visit [www.firstpresjoliet.org](http://www.firstpresjoliet.org).

## CELEBRATE



If someone in your family is graduating this spring, please print out this info form, fill it in and return it to church by April 30, along with a photo of your graduate.

## HOLY WEEK at First Presbyterian Church, Joliet

### PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14

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

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

### MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 18

Dinner at 6 p.m.

Roast Pork, Potatoes, Broccoli & Carrot Medley,  
Salad & Dressings, Rolls & Butter, Dessert  
Worship/Communion at 7 p.m.  
Chancel Choir

### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Service at 6 p.m.

### EASTER "RESURRECTION" SUNDAY, APRIL 21

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

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



Saturday, April 13  
9-11 a.m.

Bring your whole family for this fun, free event! Invite your neighbors, too. Enjoy Breakfast, Arts & Crafts, Telling of the Easter Story, Pictures with the Easter Bunny, and a fun Egg Hunt by age groups.

**"Grateful Giving" Stewardship Campaign Response.** We are seeking to finish up the Stewardship Campaign in April. You received your pledge card with a two page selection of pictures of First Pres. We ask that you return your pledge card this Sunday. Or, if you prefer, you could mail it to the church office for Tracy Norris, our treasurer. Please think about your "Grateful Giving" in response to God's grace and make your own response.