



NEW FALL SERMON SERIES

"Strength for This Season" Series (September 8-October 27)

We are living in challenging times and are facing troubles and obstacles in our country and in the world. How do we find the strength we need for these turbulent times? We hold onto the God who holds onto us and is still there for us, for the world, and for the church. Here's where we will begin this series.

Sunday, September 15- "Prayer Practice"

Romans 11:33-36, 12:1-2

"More Mercy"

Matthew 9:9-13, Micah 6:6-8

"Lean In to the Lord"

Psalm 116:1-10, Philippians 4:4-13

"Training for the Most Good"

II Timothy 3:10-17

This Sunday I am preaching on, "Prayer Practice" from Romans 11:33-36; 12:1-2. The practice of prayer is part of participating in the life of faith that Jesus has in mind for us. Jesus demonstrated the practice of prayer in his life and ministry and would agree with Paul, that "For from him [God] and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen." Come and join us for worship and prayer this Sunday. I encourage you to read Romans 11:33-36; 12:1-2 and pray about what God brings into your heart as you prepare for Sunday worship.

--Craig Herr

BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY

To celebrate our second Back to Church Sunday between Services join us for a full breakfast of pancakes, sausage, eggs, and fruit!

Music This Sunday:

First Service : Chancel Choir

Second Service: Worship Band

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The Week Ahead

Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

Centering Prayer—Tuesdays at 1 PM in Room 217

Praise Yoga—Thursdays at 8AM and Tuesdays at 7 PM

Back to Church Breakfast — Between service on 9/15

Confirmation — Sundays at 4:30

Youth Group — Sundays at 6:00

Women's Bible Study — 9/12 at 10 AM

Glory Ringers — Mondays at 7 PM

Chancel Choir — Wednesdays at 7:30 PM

LAST DAY FOR LADIES RETREAT EARLYBIRD

PRICING IS THE 15TH

September 8, 2019

Worship Attendance — 164

Stewardship Report

2019-2020 Budget: \$ 768,135

Year to Date Income \$294,325

Year to Date Expenses \$293,980

2018-2019 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$3,000

We offer several convenient options for electronic giving. Please visit our website or call Tracy Norris for more information.

Volunteers this Sunday, September 15, 2019

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Connection Center:

Sue Mueller

Jill Strimer

Children's Worship:

Laura Pritz

Kaleigh Belfield

Greeters:

Betsey O'Mara

Acolytes:

Emma Corcoran

Evan Lundeen

Ushers:

Roger Hileman, Capt.

Ed Schultz, Capt

Mark Dykema

Coffee Fellowship: Jon Belfield, Capt

Sound Room:

Cliff Stepina

Video Screens:

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

Sunday, September 15, We study the Practice of Prayer in Worship. There's a great Breakfast in Hoffman Hall between the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship services; 9:45-10:30 a.m. Come to enjoy a time of worship, fellowship, good food, and great conversations.

The book of Revelation begins NEXT WEEK- The Study on Revelation, starts on September 17 at Noon in Room 210.

Both Bob Haas and I will be leading the class. We will be using the Kerygma Curriculum- The Book of Revelation: Visions for the Church in Crisis as we prepare for each class session. Our study begins on September 17 at Noon. Bring your lunch or eat before you arrive and come ready for lively discussions, conversation, and caring fellowship.

Habitat Home Build Meeting News, Habitat has four housings being built and it's possible to volunteer there or at the Habitat Restore with a group from the church. Let us know if you are interested in these opportunities. However, building the 1517 North Rayner Home (the one we want to help build) has been held up in the permitting process with the city since March. Hopefully in the next three weeks this will be solved. So, watch for more details on the house building.

10 Year Celebration for Bo, You will receive a mailing this week on celebrating Bo's 10 year Anniversary on Sunday, September 29 between services. Bo began serving as our Director of Children's Ministry. During those years he was taking seminary courses and slowly but surely working on a Master's Degree. Once he finished, he wanted to be ordained as a Minister in the Presbyterian Church. It is so good that he wanted to continue in ministry here as our Associate Pastor of Children's and Family Ministry. Plan to celebrate Bo's ten years of ministry with us September 29.

Now is the Time, Now is the time to register for the September 28, Ladies Retreat. Next week the price goes up so register now. Call the office, register on Sunday! Before you know it, it will be Saturday, September 28th!

Craig

Wildfire Youth Group: This week we will begin our study on The Holy Spirit! We will examine John 16:5-7 and consider what we already know about the Holy Spirit and the things that still baffle us!

Students in grades 6th-12th are welcome!

SAVE THE DATE:

Versiti will be hosting a Blood Drive in Hoffman Hall on Oct.6 from 8-12

FINANCIAL PLANNING:

The first meeting will be held 10/15 at 7p.m. in room 210.

These meetings will be for all of us to learn more about financial planning from each other. No one will be asked to disclose personal information. For more information, contact **Ken Graham (630 297-5632) kengraham8@msn.com** or **Jim Huey (815 953-8422) huey-jim@comcast.net** Please leave a message if you call.

Our Church Family

Known to be in the Hospital: Brian Lynch

Sunday, September 8

"Focus on The Finish Line"

I Corinthians 9:24-27, Hebrews 12:1-4

Focus on your Finish Line in the race of faith.

Run one day at a time. just put one foot in front of the other. Abraham Lincoln said, "The best thing about the future is that it comes only one day at a time." "Run well and serve others." Dale Turner, a long time follower of Christ writes,

"Do something for someone else each day at some cost to yourself." There's a finish line for you; your very own finish line in the Christian faith. Everyone, even you can win; it's not a competitive race. it's a collaborate race. We do not run alone. Let the Lord Jesus and others give you strength. Jesus promises to be with us always.

I think of that ancient prayer,

Christ Be With Me by St. Patrick

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ where I lie, Christ where I sit, Christ where I arise,
Christ Jesus is with us, near us, in us, for us.
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of every one who speaks to me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me...

Past Sermons are available to hear on our website and app! Under "Media", then

"Sermons" <https://www.firstpresjoliet.org/sermons-2/>

ADULT MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

Women's: Study material is to be determined

Men's: *Making Sense of the Bible*
by Adam Hamilton



For more information on the Ladies' Retreat and the registration form check our website, there is a link on the home page! Printed registration forms are also available in the office.