



e-News

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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:

"Focus on The Finish Line"

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

"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

I am preaching this Sunday on, "Focus on The Finish Line" from I Corinthians 9:24-27. Each one of us runs our own race of faith. There is a finish line for each of us to cross so we need to keep the end in mind. However, the good news is that we do not run alone. We have friends in Christ who support us and whom we also can support.

Read I Corinthians 9:24-27 and Hebrews 12:1-4 this week as you prepare for worship.

--Craig Herr

September 1, 2019

Worship Attendance — 125

Stewardship Report

2019-2020 Budget: \$ 768,135

Year to Date Income \$289,340

Year to Date Expenses \$290,526

2018-2019 Bequest/Gift Income Received — -0-

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

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

Habitat For Humanity Meeting — 9/5 at 6PM

Men's Breakfast — 9/6 at 7:30 AM at Old Fashioned

Pancake House in Joliet

Free Pancake Breakfast — 9/7 at 8 AM

Confirmation — Sundays at 4:30

Youth Group — Sundays at 6:00

Second Sunday Potluck — This Sunday the 8th

Music This Sunday:

First Service : Chancel Choir

Second Service: Worship Band

CHANCEL CHOIR on Wednesday, Sept. 4, at 7:30 p.m. **GLORY RINGERS HANDBELL CHOIR** on Monday, Sept. 9, at 7 p.m. Come find out how you can be a part of these important ministries!

Volunteers this Sunday, September 8, 2019

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Connection Center:

Bob Becker Colin Becker

Children's Worship:

Megan Pritz

Sarah Lundeen

Greeters:

Emma Sticklen

Acolytes:

Tate Albers

Carter Lakin

Ushers:

Roger Hileman, Capt.

Ed Schultz, Capt

Mark Dykema

Coffee Fellowship: Sue Fordyce, Capt

Sound Room:

Rich Pool

Video Screens:

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

Sunday, September 8, This Sunday we begin our fall season of ministry and mission. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper at both the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. Join us for worship as we think about Running our Race of Faith.

Second Sunday Potluck, We will have Italian Beef Sandwiches provided and there will be ice cream sandwiches for dessert. Bring something to share and join us for a great meal and conversation.

Habitat Home Build Meeting, There's a volunteer meeting here at First Pres. for all the churches involved on Thursday evening, September 5 at 7 p.m. in Room 210. Work on the home will begin in mid-September. Typical hours to volunteer for will be Wednesday to Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please let Craig or the office know how you would like to help in building a new home. We've been waiting a long time for this to come together. Now we are getting very close.

The Book of Revelation Study, starts September 17 at Noon in Room 210. We will be studying the Book of Revelation. 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 and come ready for lively discussions, conversation, and caring fellowship.

10 Year Celebration for Bo, Can you believe it that Rev. Bo Mircea has been serving in the life and ministry of First Pres. now for 10 years, as of this August. We are going to celebrate his ministry on Sunday, September 29 between services. You will receive a mailing with more details. Bo began with serving as our Director of Children's Ministry. During those years he was taking seminary courses at a pace of one or two a year and slowly but surely working on Masters 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.

Craig

MISSION

Help fill empty shelves & stomachs!

There are several opportunities at First Pres. to help those in our community who are food insecure—

Our **Micro Pantry** offers canned and packaged food to those in need. You can help by bringing food or by offering to check the pantry one day a week and filling it with food we keep on hand. Donations should be of prepackaged goods only, please refrain from donating homemade dishes.

"Bags of Love" are filled with easy-open food donations, socks, and toiletries the last Sunday of the month and taken to MorningStar Mission for distribution. There are bins in the Narthex for your donations. Especially needed are easy open canned meals/entrees.

Our Church Family

Known to be in the Hospital: no one

Congratulations to Allison Herr and Ryan Zimmerman on their wedding on August 30th.

Sunday, September 1- "Just As He Told Us" from Mark 16:1-8

This Sunday, we took a look at Mark 16:1-8 as the women go to Jesus' tomb to anoint Jesus' body, and discover that he is not there. Instead, the women are told, "But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'" (Mark 16:7). Just as he told you! Just as Jesus taught and told the disciples along the dusty roads we read about in Mark's gospel, he is teaching and telling us today. Our task is to listen and learn. We are reminded once again that Jesus has not left us alone.

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

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

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019; 6:00PM

**WILDFIRE
YOUTH
GROUP**

**Kids & Rents
water balloon toss**

Winning family will get a \$20 gift card to Cinemark for a family movie night!

SAVE THE DATE

**FIRST PRES
LADIES RETREAT**

SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2019

**AT THE JACOB HENRY
MANSION!**

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.