



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.

10/ 20- "Seek the Most Good" II Timothy 3:10-17

10/ 27 "Live More" Colossians 3:12-17

I am preaching this Sunday on "Seek the Most Good" from II Timothy 3:10-17. While we will think about the importance of the scriptures in II Timothy 3:16, the point of reading and understanding the scriptures is "so that God's people may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." I am inspired by the Salvation Army's mission statement, which is "Doing the most good." Jesus taught us to be salt and light in the world saying, "let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." This Sunday we will think about seeking the most good to do the most good for Christ and his Kingdom.

---Craig

October 13, 2019

Worship Attendance — 161

Stewardship Report

2019-2020 Budget: \$ 768,135

Year to Date Income \$388,414

Year to Date Expenses \$384,277

Peace offering received \$203.00

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.

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The Week Ahead **Fellowship/Bible Studies:**

Centering Prayer—Tuesdays at 1 PM in Room 217

Midweek Family Night— Wednesdays at 5:30 PM

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

Confirmation — Sundays at 4:30 PM

Youth Group — Sundays at 6:00 PM

Glory Ringers — Mondays at 7 PM

Chancel Choir — Wednesdays at 7:30 PM

Lunch Bunch—Tuesdays at noon

The Way - Mondays at 10 AM in room 210

Quilt Group— 10/17 at 7 PM

Fright Fest—Meet at FPJ at 9 AM

Trunk N Treat—10/23 from 6 PM to 7:30 PM

VOLUNTEER AT THE NORTHERN IL FOOD BANK,

On Saturday 11/ 2 up to 25 adults & children 8+ can go to the Northern Illinois food bank to help. Wear closed toe shoes and be there 8:50 a.m. -11:30 a.m. It's on Larkin Ave. behind Taco Bell and Comfort Inn. Come and help feed hungry families!

SOUP AND MOVIE NIGHT

Mark your Calendars! November 9, Soup set up at 4:30. Dinner at 5 pm, and movies will begin at 6 pm! The movies showing are: Aladdin (2019, PG), Indivisible(PG13), Where Hope Grows(PG13), Yesterday (PG13), and Green Book(PG13) . Bring your appetite and prepare for a fun evening of friends food, fellowship, and film!

SAVE THE DATE: (More Details to Come)

We are planning a community trip to Brookfield Zoo on December 8th!

Volunteers this Sunday, October 20, 2019

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Connection Center:

Reed Mott

Susan Mott

Children's Worship:

Laura Pritz

Kaleigh Belfield

Greeters:

Betsey O' Mara

Acolytes:

Emma Corcoran

Kellen House

Ushers:

Mark Dykema

Ed Schultz

Bob Becker

Misti Lakin

Coffee Fellowship:

Barb Rodgers , Capt.

Sound Room:

Cliff Stepina

Video Screens:

Peter Mbi

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

Sunday, October 13, Through God's gracious mercy and forgiveness we are welcomed into the family of God, the church. It's all about Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross for sins through which we receive God's grace. Once we are saved and a part of Christ's church, we are called to do good works to glorify our wonderful God. This Sunday we will think about our response of good works to God's saving grace in Jesus. One inner city church put up a sign in their fellowship hall, "God Saved Nobody to sit down but Everybody to Work." Their intention was to make a gracious difference for Christ in their city and world.

NEEDED FOR TRUNK'N TREAT, HELP WITH FOOD SERVING AND PREP,

Trunk N" Treat, that exciting community event at our church is on Wednesday, October 23! Our biggest need, just a week out, is for help preparing and serving food. Just call the church or see Bo or me and let us know. Anticipate MUCH FUN and take part in it all! Of course, you can help in any of the following ways: set up, clean up, serving food, greeting, and decorating a trunk. But serving food is the biggest need.

Our Church Family

Known to be in the Hospital:

Brian Lynch is at Holy Family in Des Plaines
Joan Barnes

Pat Haldorson asks for prayers for Lisa Haldorson and Ezequiel Diaz, as they mourn the loss of their premature twin boys Pedro and Lucas.

YOUTH NEWS

Wildfire Youth Group: We are still meeting this Sunday October 20th, but we will not be meeting Sunday October 27th!

Fright Fest: We are meeting this Saturday the 19th at First Pres! Be ready and at the church by 9 am, expect to be back around 11 pm. Dress for the weather and be excited! And don't forget to either bring lunch and dinner, or money to buy food at the park.

Confirmation: Just a heads up that Confirmation is cancelled on October 27th! We are still meeting this Sunday the 20th though, see you then!

Volunteer at the Northern Illinois Food Bank. On Saturday, November 2 we have space for 25 volunteers to assist in getting food ready for people who are hungry in our area. Sign up this Sunday or call the office to volunteer from 9 a.m. to 11:30 am. We'll meet at the Northern Illinois Food Bank at 171 S. Larkin Ave, behind Taco Bell and the Comfort Inn. Come and help hungry families and children have access to good food.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be present in you each day.

Craig

Sunday, October 13 "Real Peace" Romans 5:1-5

Peace seems so hard to come by, we are busy people, living busy lives in a busy world. We are surrounded by stress and conflict. Sometimes it feels as though there isn't time to take a deep breath. We long for some quiet, some order, some comfort.

Thomas Merton said, "We are not at peace with others because we are not at peace with ourselves, and we are not at peace with ourselves because we are not at peace with God." The apostle Paul would agree. Yet, we are not without peace. In Romans 5, he begins to lay out the lasting path to peace; peace that is the result of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ. This peace is timeless and available - even in the midst of the change and uncertainty that characterize so much of the world today.

Past Sermons are available to hear on our website **and app! Under "Media", then "Sermons"**
<https://www.firstpresjoliet.org/sermons-2/>

◇ TRUNK N TREAT ◇

Save the Date! October 23rd, 6 PM
here at First Pres! You can sign up now online, or with the office.

Email: office@firstpresjoliet.org

Phone: (815)727-9259

Trunk spaces are still available but

We are in need of people to help serve warm food to all our chilly visitors!

CHRISTMAS QUILT RAFFLE All of the funds raised from ticket sales will be donated directly to the Angel House curriculum. Tickets are sold in Hoffman Hall until 11/10. Tickets cost \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. We will draw the winning ticket on November 17th between services and announce the winner at that point. If you have questions feel free to contact Michelle Gier at 815-922-7695.