



## EXTEND YOURSELF Extend Gratitude

### "EXTEND YOURSELF" SERMON SERIES (November 3-24)

"Extend Yourself," that is, do a little more than you can easily do. In this way you strengthen your character and enlarge someone else's world. Jesus said, "If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you... what are you doing more than others?"

**This series is about serving well rather than seeking to be served.**

**11/17 - "Extend Gratitude"  
Psalm 103**

11/24 - "Being a Role Model/Example"  
1 Timothy 4:12

**Youth Group/Teen Take Over**

This Sunday I am preaching on "Extend Gratitude" and using Psalm 103 for the sermon text. It's wonderful to be the recipient of someone's gratitude. From time others extend their appreciation to us. This Sunday we will think of the power of gratitude and how we might extend our gratitude and appreciation to others and to the Lord. I encourage you to read through Psalm 103 as you prepare for worship this week.

---Craig Herr

### **November 10, 2019**

Worship Attendance — 198

### **Stewardship Report**

2019-2020 Budget: \$ 768,135

**Year to Date Income** \$431,651

**Year to Date Expenses** \$427,183

Peace offering received \$303

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

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# e-News

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

Centering Prayer—Tuesdays at 1 PM in Room 217

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

Confirmation — Sundays at 4:30

Youth Group — Sundays at 6pm

Glory Ringers — Mondays at 7 PM

Lunch Bunch—Tuesdays at noon

The Way - Mondays at 10 AM in room 210

Thursday Circle—11/14 at 9 am

Women's Bible Study—11/14 at 10 am

Mary Circle—11/14 at noon

Exec. Committee—11/14 at 6 pm

Session—11/14 at 7 pm

Quilt Raffle Drawing—11/17 drawing for quilt raffle

Dinner Out Group—11/19 6pm at Mamma Onestas

**REGISTER NOW:** We are planning a community trip to Brookfield Zoo on Sunday 12/8! The bus will leave at 3 pm and be back by 8 pm. Please register on our website. Ornaments are in Hoffman to be decorated for our community tree at the zoo, help us make it beautiful!

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER IS  
NOVEMBER 26TH**

### **TEENS!**

**It is MANDATORY ATTENDANCE  
this Sunday in preparation for next  
week's Teen Takeover!**

### **Volunteers this Sunday, November 17, 2019**

**9:00 a.m.**

**10:30 a.m.**

Connection Center:

Bob Becker Colin Becker

Children's Worship:

Stefanie Young Pam LeVasseur

Greeters:

Betsey O'Mara

Acolytes:

Emma Corcoran Maddox Lundeen

Ushers:

Allen Brooks, Capt. Ed Schultz, Capt.  
Mark Dykema

Coffee Fellowship:

Barb Rogers, Capt.

Sound Room:

Keith LeVasseur

Video Screens:

Aaron Warf

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

**Sunday, November 17,** We are entering the Thanksgiving Season and will think about the significance of Thanksgiving, praise, appreciation and gratitude this Sunday. How can we extend ourselves to others in expressing gratitude? How might we surprise our world through living gratefully each day?

**Community Thanksgiving Service,** We are worshipping with the Joliet Jewish Congregation, St. John's Baptist Church, Faith Lutheran Church, and Westminster Presbyterian Church for our Community Thanksgiving Service. This year we are will be going to Faith Lutheran Church on the corner of Midland and Glenwood Avenue. The service is at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 26.

**This Sunday we celebrate Kristina Wilson's Tenth Anniversary,** Between worship services, we will celebrate and express our appreciation for Kristina Wilson's ministry of music at First Pres. Kristina has led our Cherub Choir, Chorister Choir, and Children's Choir over the years and now our Worship Band and has sung many beautiful solos in worship. Join us between services for a cake reception in Hoffman Hall.

**Winter-Wonderland Brookfield Zoo Trip.** We have arranged for group rates for the Holiday Magic Season at the Brookfield Zoo. We are going on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, leaving the church at 3 p.m. and returning at 8 p.m. We also have a bus for going up and back together. We need to know now if you are going to purchase the group rate tickets from Brookfield Zoo. So sign up now, don't wait! Sign up now. Thanks.

I know there's a great Midweek Family night dinner tonight. Why not join us!

*Craig*

Please join us in **decorating the church** on 11/30 from 9 am to approx. 11 am. Snacks are provided! Any questions, please contact Sue Mueller or Pat Costion.

To anyone participating in **Linus Project** or wanting to learn more please join us 11/25 from 9 am to 12. Warm soup served at 11:30. Please RSVP with Pat Costion (815)592-4013

★ ♥ **Stars of Hope** ♥ ★

Stars of Hope will be available again this year to help the children at MorningStar Mission so make sure to stop by Hoffman on Sunday to pick up your stars! After Sunday Stars will be available in the office as well.

### Our Church Family

**Known to be in the Hospital:** Jim Chelini

### Sunday, November 10- "Go and Do Likewise" Luke 10:35-37

Following Jesus isn't a narrow thing, something limited to Sunday morning worship. A life of discipleship is vast, wide and sacrificial, to use just a few adjectives. Luke 10:25-37 tells the story we know as "The Good Samaritan". It is a love-as-a-verb story. It's a story of acting, of doing, of caring. It's a story about being active in the lives of others, about loving our neighbor. Jesus ends the story in Luke 10:37 by saying

**"Go and do likewise."**

Maybe you have read this passage many times; or perhaps it will be the first time you've heard it. Either way, it's a reminder to us to extend ourselves in loving and serving others. It is a challenge to figure out what each of us, using our unique gifts and talents, are called to do.

**It's a call for each of us to go and do likewise.**

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

### FINANCIAL PLANNING:

The next meeting will be held 12/3 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 info, contact **Ken Graham (630 297-5632)** [kengraham8@msn.com](mailto:kengraham8@msn.com) or **Jim Huey (815 953-8422)** [hueyjim@comcast.net](mailto:hueyjim@comcast.net)  
*Please leave a message if you call.*

## Poinsettias

If you would like to purchase flowers to decorate the sanctuary, please fill in below and mail to the church office or place in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Please make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church—Poinsettias" The deadline for ordering is December 15th.

How many (at \$12/pot):  
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Our/My Poinsettias are given:

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memory of loved ones  
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