



EXTEND YOURSELF  
Do Something More...

### NEW SERMON SERIES

#### "Extend Yourself" Series (November 3-24)

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.

-Carrie Kapral

11/10 - "Go and Do Likewise"  
Luke 10:25-37

11/17 - "Extend Gratitude"  
Psalm 103

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

#### Youth Group/Teen Take Over

### November 3, 2019

Worship Attendance — 173

#### Stewardship Report

2019-2020 Budget: \$ 768,135

**Year to Date Income** \$422,398

**Year to Date Expenses** \$418,412

Peace offering received \$303

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

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# e-News

November 6, 2019

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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

Soup and Movie Night — 11/9 set up at 4:30 Dinner at 5

### SOUP AND MOVIE NIGHT

November 9, Soup set up at 4:30. Dinner at 5 pm, and movies will begin at 6 pm! The movies showing are: Aladdin, Indivisible, Where Hope Grows, Yesterday, and Green Book. The whole family can come and enjoy a night of fun, fellowship, food, and film! A cash prize will be awarded to the fan favorite soup!

**Teen Midweek:** This week we are going to look at extending gratitude to others. We will be looking at Matthew 26:6-13 and discussing the woman who anointed Jesus with oil. After, we will talk about the things that others have done for us and how we can express gratitude towards them.

**Youth Group:** In 1 Corinthians 1, Paul talks about the foolishness of the Gospels twice. The wording may seem harsh in today's standards—but they are important. As Christians we understand that we are set apart from everyone else and our beliefs may appear foolish to the world. But what does God think about it? Join us on Sunday to find out!

**Confirmation:** This week we will begin learning about the Old Testament!

### Volunteers this Sunday, November 10, 2019

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Connection Center:

Jerry Lundeen Sheila Lundeen

Children's Worship:

Megan Pritz

Kaleigh Belfield

Greeters:

Emma Sticklen

Acolytes:

Tate Albers

Carter Lakin

Ushers:

Allen Brooks, Capt.

Ed Schultz, Capt.

Mark Dykema

Misti Lakin

Coffee Fellowship:

Pat Haldorson, Capt.

Sound Room:

Rich Pool

Video Screens:

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

**Sunday, November 10,** Come and worship with us this Sunday as we unpack what the Lord Jesus wants us to do as we seek to love, serve, and encourage others as followers of Christ. What does it mean to "Go and do likewise," as Jesus teaches us?

**8,773 Meals Prepared at the Northern Illinois Food Bank.** Last Saturday, November 2, fifteen of us joined another group at the Food Bank to prepare food for hungry and needy children and families. We prepared enough food for 8,773 meals: packing 50 boxes of beans, re-crating 43,200 eggs, and preparing pounds of gravy. Watch for details on going over to the N. IL Food Bank again.

**Ten Year Celebration on Sunday, November 17 for Kristina Wilson,** On Sunday, November 17, between worship services, we are celebrating and giving thanks 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.

**There are delicious meals every Wednesday Night at Church.** We have the best meals on Wednesday nights at 5:30 p.m. in Hoffman Hall. If you just want to join us for dinner you are welcome and will not be disappointed. After dinner we have classes and discussion groups for men, women, teens, and children if you wish to stay. We meet again tonight. Come enjoy a time of meal fellowship.

I hope to see you this evening at dinner.

*Craig*

**SAVE THE DATE:** We are planning a community trip to Brookfield Zoo on December 8th! The bus will leave at 3 pm and be back by 8 pm. Discount tickets and bus reservations available through our website.

#### **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** or **Jim Huey**  
**(815 953-8422) hueyjim@comcast.net**  
*Please leave a message if you call.*

#### **Our Church Family**

**Known to be in the Hospital:** no one

Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Steve Miner, son of Joyce Miner, brother of Beth Maurer. Steve passed on November 4th, 2019. Arrangements are pending.

#### **Sunday, November 3- "Encouragers Go Further" Romans 12:6-8, 15:4-7**

We have different gifts, if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; Some people are especially gifted that way, no doubt about that. Yet, on the other hand, our world needs more encouragers. We'll see that encouragement is used in the scriptures that suggest that all of us should make encouragement a part of our practice.

The Scriptures teach endurance and encouragement so we might have hope. We also can hold onto hope because God gives us endurance and God gives us encouragement.

Think about it, we receive encouragement directly from the Lord... From (2 Thess. 2:16)

"...God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope"

Why is encouragement so important? We encourage because it gives hope. When we encourage another, acceptance is promoted. We give encouragement to move others to do something good, to go in the right direction. We give encouragement to console, to comfort the hurting, to express compassion, to lift another person's spirit. **Encouragement is about helping, comforting, and caring about another.**

The world needs more Encouragers. The world has plenty of critics already.

**Who will you encourage, today, this week?**

**How will encourage someone else?**

**Why not join the ranks of the Encouragers?**

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

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

## **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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