



e-News

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We Wait In Hope” Advent Series (December 1-29)

“We Wait In Hope” Series is from The Joel Raney Advent Choral Series Format.

We wait in hope for the Lord Jesus’ birth as we make our way through the Advent Season and seek the Savior. There is a time of waiting and then a time of watching in expectation. Once hope begins to take shape we move to preparation. And preparation leads us to praise. Finally, hope is realized and we proclaim and share the Savior, the Hope of the world.

Sunday, December 1

“Wait in Hope” Luke 1:26-32

Sunday, December 8

“Watch in Hope” Luke 1:46-56

Sunday, December 15

“Prepare in Hope” Luke 2:22-40

Sunday, December 22

“Praise in Hope” I Thessalonians 5:16-24

Christmas Eve Services, Dec. 24

“Proclaim the Hope of the World” Luke 2:8-14

On this Second Sunday of Advent I am preaching on “Watch In Hope.” The sermon scripture passage is Luke 1:46-56, called Mary’s Song. Here Mary praises God for what the Lord is doing and will do. Mary “Watches In Hope” for the goodness, mercy, peace, and justice of God to come to life in her world and the world to come. Come and “Watch In Hope” as you worship with us this Sunday in this Advent Season.

---Craig Herr

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

Education Council—12/5 at 6:30 pm

Men’s Breakfast—12/6 7:30 am

Free Pancake Breakfast—12/7 at 8 am

Parish Council—12/8 at 11:45 am

Brookfield Zoo Trip—12/8 bus leaves at 3 pm

Church Growth Council—12/11 at 4:30 pm

Music This Sunday:

First Service : Chancel Choir and Glory Ringers

Second Service: Worship Band

December 1, 2019

Worship Attendance — 161

Stewardship Report

2019-2020 Budget: \$ 768,135

Year to Date Income \$476,237

Year to Date Expenses \$474,563

Peace offering received \$303

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

You may text your gift to FPJ at (815)205-3044 or go online to use a credit card.

Volunteers this Sunday, December 8, 2019

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Connection Center:

Don Barnes

Ralene Barnes

Children’s Worship:

Megan Pritz

Sarah Lundeen

Greeters:

Dan Kline

Acolytes:

Tate Albers

Trevor Lakin

Ushers:

Jon Belfield Capt.

Ed Schultz, Capt.

Mark Dykema

Coffee Fellowship:

Allen Brooks , Capt.

Sound Room:

Rich Pool

Video Screens:

Aaron Warf

Sunday, November 24, Last Sunday we introduced two new Advent Worship Songs, one new one at each worship service. At the 9:00 a.m. service, with Bells and the Chancel Choir we are singing, "We Wait In Hope" by Joel Raney. At the 10:30 a.m. service, with the Worship Band we are singing, "King of Kings" by Hillsong. Each Sunday we sing a new verse of the song as the Advent Season unfolds.

New Worship Art Murals Each Sunday, Each Sunday we add a new Advent Mural to our collection in the Narthex/Lobby area and we also use the Mural for our Advent Bulletin Covers. Kim Bolte is painting the Advent Murals for each Sunday of Advent and for Christmas Eve. I encourage you to take your worship bulletins home and cut out the mural picture to place on your refrigerator so you can have your very own collection of these original murals.

Advent Facebook Ads, Each Sunday in Advent and for both our Christmas Concert, the afternoon of December 22, and Christmas Eve Services we are advertising on Facebook. You will see one of the Murals Kim Bolte has painted each week for our Facebook Ads. Please share, like, and boost the Ads to your Facebook network and anyone you wish to invite to First Pres. The very first week our Facebook Ad went to nearly 2,700 people. You can enlarge our presence and expand our message to others during this Advent Season. Thanks for your help.

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 8th, leaving the church at 3 p.m. and returning at 8 p.m. We also have a bus for going up and back together. Tickets and seats are limited so sign up now!

Don't Forget to come Our Midweek Family Night Dinner tonight. We have wonderfully delicious meals and great conversations 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.

Craig

Our Church Family

Known to be in the Hospital: no one

Congratulations: on the birth of Millie Joy Ward, daughter of Mandy and Jimmy Ward, granddaughter to Jerry and Sheila Lundeen

ZOO TRIP: We have very limited tickets left for the Zoo Trip! Register online or contact the office if you are interested!

Sunday, December 1- "Wait in Hope" Luke 1:26-32

Hope is the soundtrack of the advent season. Without hope, everything we do this season will always come short of finding comfort and joy. The hope of the advent is not just about a baby being born, it is also about the king that entered the world in Bethlehem. Even more, Advent is about a king that will come again. And that is the hope that we have, the hope that we share, and it is that hope that brings us peace. Have a Hope filled Advent Season.

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

Midweek Teen Bible Study:

Before we dig into the Christmas devotional, let's celebrate the season by decorating the Youth Room!

Confirmation & Youth Group:

In place of standard Confirmation and Youth Group, we will be going to the zoo! Be at the church at **3pm** and we'll head to the zoo together and be back by **5pm**. Looking forward to this fellowship trip!

Joyce Miner, Dan, and Beth would like to express their appreciation to the congregation for the many expressions of loving caring they have received since the sudden passing of Steve. The delicious meals, beautiful cards, and special donations have been an emotional support during this time of grieving.

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):

Our/My Poinsettias are given:

_____ to the Glory of God

_____ to the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones

_____ to the Glory of God and in loving memory of

Donor:

(please use exact wording to be printed)

