



**New Hope For the New Year”  
January 5-February 16).**

As we anticipate what the new year means, we look with Hope at what 2020 will bring. We understand that there will be New Hopes realized and New Challenges presented as the year unfolds to us. This sermon series is about navigating life in the hope of Christ Jesus and finding strength for the inevitable challenges that surface. We will seek wisdom from the lives of God’s people and parables in the Bible such as David, Rahab, the Prodigal Son, Josiah, Anna, Lydia, and Daniel.

Sunday, January 5  
“From Shepherd Boy to King” Samuel 16-18

Sunday, January 12  
“Writing New Chapters” Joshua 2

Sunday, January 19  
“Mending Fences with Family and Friends”  
Luke 15:11-32

Sunday, January 26  
Never “Just” Ordinary  
Luke 2:33, 36-38 & Acts 16:12-15

Sunday, February 2  
“Return to Faith” II Kings 22-23

Sunday, February 9  
“Foundations for Making a New Life” Daniel 1-3.

This Sunday I am preaching on “Writing New Chapters” from Joshua 2. We will study the story of Rahab and how in faith she began a new chapter in her life. It’s 2020 and a new fresh year has started. What new chapters will you write in your life this year as you are led in faith? Check out Matthew 1:5 and you will see that Rahab is included in the genealogy of Jesus. Look at Hebrews 11:31 and you will see that she is remembered as an example of faith. See if you can find where she is mentioned for doing what is right in the letter of James.

---Craig Herr

# e-News

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**The Week Ahead :**

- Glory Ringers—Mondays @7 PM
- Centering Prayer—Tuesdays at 1 PM in Room 217
- Praise Yoga—Meets the 9th, then 28th and 30th
- Thursday Circle—1/9 at 9 am
- Women’s Bible Study—1/9 at 10 am
- Mary Circle—1/9 at 12 pm
- Executive Comm—1/9 at 6 pm
- Session—1/9 at 7pm
- Potluck—1/12 at 11:30 am
- Parish Council—1/12 at 11:45 am
- Confirmation—Sundays at 4:30
- Youth Group—Sundays at 6 pm
- Night Deacons—1/14 at 7 pm
- Human Resources Council—1/15 at 8 am
- Midweek—Wednesdays at 5

**The first 2nd Sunday Potluck of 2020 is January 12th**, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Bring a dish to share and drop it off in the kitchen, or run out and pick something up during coffee hour. Enjoy fellowship with your church family and get to know others better. There is always delicious food and great conversation!

**CONFIRMATION AND YOUTH GROUP:**  
**We are BACK!**

Confirmation is back at 4:30 each Sunday, and Youth Group is back at 6 pm each Sunday

**Christmas Decorations Take-down** We’ll meet at 9 a.m. on Saturday, January 11 to take down the decorations at church and store them away until next Christmas. The more people that help, the quicker our task will be completed! Please consider coming to lend a hand.

**Volunteers this Sunday, January 12, 2020**

	<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<u>Connection Center:</u>	Reed Mott	Susan Mott
<u>Children’s Worship:</u>	Laura Pritz	Sarah Lundeen
<u>Greeters:</u>	Sherry and Dennis Jones	Emma Sticklen
<u>Acolytes:</u>	Tate Albers	Rafe Rogers
<u>Ushers:</u>	Mark Morrison Mark Dykema Jon Belfield	Ed Schultz Laura House
<u>Coffee Fellowship:</u>	Jasmine Keir	
<u>Sound Room:</u>	Keith LeVasseur	
<u>Video Screens:</u>	Matt Blaser	

**Come help take down the Christmas Decorations this Saturday.** Come meet in Hoffman Hall this Saturday at 9:00 a.m. to take down the Christmas decorations in Hoffman Hall, the Narthex/Lobby, and the Sanctuary. It will be a fun time.

**It's Potluck Sunday this Sunday!** Bring a dish to share and join us in Hoffman Hall right after the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. It's a great time to talk and eat some delicious food.

**Sunday, January 12,** Worship with us at the Traditional Service at 9:00 a.m. or the Contemporary service at 10:30 a.m. We seek the presence, guidance, and grace of God in this new year. We are going to elect New Day Deacons, Night Deacons, and Elders and then Ordain and Install our new Deacons and Elders at both worship services.

**Chili and Movie Night Coming Up,** There's no need to get bored or discouraged on the non-football weekend of January 25-26. Come out on Saturday, January 25 to Chili and Movie night. Bring a crockpot of your favorite chili to share at 4:30 p.m. Chili tasting, or shall I say eating begins at 5:00 p.m. The at 6:00 p.m. there are five movies to choose from. If you aren't into the movie thing just come for a great dinner of amazing chili!

**Tuesday, Lunch Study,** Our Tuesday, Lunch Study is going to start up again on Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. We gather about 11:40 a.m., eat lunch and study the Bible from Noon to 1:00 p.m. We are going to study the book of Isaiah. Watch for more details to come. Anyone is welcome. It's a great group of people. Bob Haas and I share in leading class discussions.

*Craig*

#### **FINANCIAL PLANNING:**

The next meeting will be held Thurs. January 30 at 4 pm! We received multiple requests to try a daytime session toward the end of the day. 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

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*Please leave a message if you call.*

### **Sunday, January 5- "From Shepherd Boy to King" 1 Samuel 16-18**

This Sunday I preached on King David - from Shepherd to King.

King David is remembered as a man after God's own heart. As we read his life's story, we discovered a life well lived, with lots of faithfulness and also a lot of backsliding, with many moments of great leadership but also seasoned with times of doubt and falling off grace.

The start of a new year is a great time to take inventory of our lives in the light of God's grace, and embrace the Hope we find in being forgiven, given a new chance to make things better and live as people after God's own heart.

I encourage you to read 1 Samuel 16-18 and Psalms 8 or Psalm 18 as they give us an insight in his spiritual journey.

-Bo

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

## **CHILI NIGHT**

### **CHILI AND MOVIE NIGHT**

January 25th! Bring a crock pot of chili at 4:30 or show up at 5 for dinner and the friendly chili competition. Afterwards we will be showing Peanut Butter Falcon, A Dog's Journey, Breakthrough, Downton Abbey, and Dumbo (2019). Childcare is provided so bring the whole family!

### **Our Church Family**

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

#### **January 5, 2020**

Worship Attendance — 166

#### **Stewardship Report**

2019-2020 Budget: \$ 768,135

<b>Year to Date Income</b>	\$545,995
<b>Year to Date Expenses</b>	\$556,166
2018-2019 Bequest/Gift Income Received	— \$3,000

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