



“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.

**2/23 “Sharing Hope: Eagerness”
II Corinthians 8:1-9**

This Sunday we will think about the hope of living in God’s grace and generosity. When the grace of the Lord Jesus takes root in us, we become eager to live in such a way that we share the hope, grace, and generosity of the Lord with others. I am preaching on “Sharing Hope: Eagerness” this Sunday. The sermon scripture text is II Corinthians 8:1-9. I encourage you to read this passage for several days before Sunday. See what God does in your life with this scripture lesson.

-Craig

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The Week Ahead :

- Glory Ringers—Mondays @7 PM
- Centering Prayer—Tuesdays at 1 PM in Room 217
- Praise Yoga—Meets Tuesdays at 7pm, Thursdays at 8am
- Confirmation—Sundays at 4:30
- Youth Group—Sundays at 6 pm
- Midweek—Wednesdays at 5
- Lunch Bunch—11:45 am on Tuesdays
- Community Services— 8 am on 2/20
- All Officer Retreat—6:30 pm on 2/20
- Quilt Group—7 pm on 2/20
- Bags of Love Packing— 2/23 at 10 am
- Project Linus—9am on 2/24
- Bags of Love Distribution—11:30 am on 2/24
- Ash Wednesday Dinner—5:30 pm on 2/26
- Ash Wednesday Worship Service—6:30 pm on 2/26

Teen Bible Study: We all too much of some things can be bad. Too much TV, too much junk food, too swearing. The list seems almost endless! But what about good things? Can you exercise too much? Eat too "healthy"? Maybe even be too polite?

Join us as we talk the many ways the devil uses gluttony to catch us in sin!

Confirmation: We're starting with the New Testament and Jesus! Hurray! If you made a shirt last Sunday, we still have it and we're excited to see you wear it!

Youth Group: We've been talking a lot about the Holy Spirit! This week will be the last before we dive into the Fruits of the Spirit. A few weeks ago we made a collage of who we are and what fills us. This week we'll learn about the Holy Spirit filling is and bringing those collages back!

Volunteers this Sunday, February 23, 2020

	9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
<u>Connection Center:</u>	Sharon Cavanaugh	Dave Cavanaugh
<u>Children's Worship:</u>	Megan Pritz	Sarah Lundeen
<u>Greeters:</u>		
<u>Acolytes:</u>	Emma Corcoran	Evan Lundeen
<u>Ushers:</u>	Al Brooks Mark Dykema	Ed Schultz Laura House
<u>Coffee Fellowship:</u>	Sue Fordyce, Pat Haldorson	
<u>Sound Room:</u>	Keith LeVasseur	
<u>Video Screens:</u>	Todd Hayden	

Sunday, February 23, Join us on this last Sunday of February to worship with your friends in Christ. Worship with us at either our Traditional Service at 9:00 a.m. or our Contemporary service at 10:30 a.m. this Sunday. Can you believe that February is almost over! March and Springtime are just around the corner!

Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26. This Lenten Season we are going to focus on Jesus' simple, yet profound prayer, "Not as I will, but as you will." As we make our way to Easter, we will consider what it means to live in God's will and to follow the way of Jesus in the different areas of our life.

It's Taco Night at our Midweek Family Dinner Tonight, I hope to see you! Come to eat at 5:30 p.m. for a great meal and renewing fellowship. If you wish to stay after dinner there are studies for adults, men, women, youth, and children.

Tuesday, Lunch Study On Isaiah , Our Tuesday, Lunch Study is going again on Tuesday, February 11. 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. We have started at Isaiah 40 last Tuesday. Anyone is welcome. It's a great group of people. Bob Hass and I will share in leading class discussions.

Bathroom Renovation Fund Growing, We are making progress on our special offering for remodeling our main bathrooms in the church. Thus far we have received \$6,875; our goal is \$15,000. We are focusing on the two bathrooms (women's and men's) on the second floor and then the two bathrooms (women's and men's) on the first floor. The all congregational letter you received has the details on what is going to be done. Envelopes are available in the pews.

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Sunday, February 16 "Hospitality, Loyalty, and Hope"

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17

As our sermon series on New Hope for the New Year comes to a close, keep in mind that Hope is always with us! We know this through the teachings in the Bible, both in the Old Testament and the New Testament.

This Sunday we read from the Old Testament, about a woman named Ruth. Ruth is an "outsider", a Moabite. Yet, Ruth holds a key place in the salvation narrative; she is part of Jesus' story. God knows what he is doing, from beginning to end. As strange as it may seem, he often chooses to work through the most unlikely of (and ordinary) people and circumstances!

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

MISSION

Help fill empty shelves & stomachs!

There are several opportunities at First Pres. to help those in our community who are food insecure—
Our **Micro Pantry** offers canned and packaged food to those in need. You can help by bringing food or by offering to check the pantry one day a week and filling it with food we keep on hand. Donations should be of prepackaged goods only, please refrain from donating homemade dishes.
"**Bags of Love**" are filled with easy-open food donations, socks, and toiletries the last Sunday of the month and taken to MorningStar Mission for distribution. There are bins in the Narthex for your donations. Especially needed are easy open canned meals/ entrees.

Our Church Family
Known to be in the hospital:
Shirley Hill at St Joseph

February 16, 2020

Worship Attendance — 165

Stewardship Report

2019-2020 Budget: \$ 768,135

Year to Date Income \$627,048

Year to Date Expenses \$626,984

2018-2019 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$3000

Received for bathroom renovations— \$6875

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

MUSIC THIS SUNDAY:

First Service at 9:00 a.m. :

Chancel Choir and Glory Ringers

Second Service at 10:30 a.m.:

Worship Band