



e-News

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**ESSENTIAL EXTRAORDINARY
FAITH and GRACE**

Summer Sermon Series "Essential Faith, Extraordinary Grace"

The book of Ephesians, written to a group of churches, expresses the width and breadth and length of God's love and grace. It describes the importance of the Church and why the Body of Christ exists and how it services and does ministry in the world. Paul indicates how the Church crosses racial boundaries and social classes for all are one in Christ Jesus. There's even more to this wonderful book and letter of the Apostle Paul. Join us in this Summer Study and Sermon Series.

Sunday, July 19- "To Know and To Love" Ephesians 3:14-21

This Sunday I am preaching on Ephesians 3:14-21. It is a great prayer, some call it a Paul's Great Pastoral Prayer. As I am reading this prayer I am constantly reminded that as people of God, we are called to pray for the church, for those that do not yet know Christ in its fullness. This Prayer captures so much of Paul's desires for the church in Ephesus. It speaks about growth and maturity. I hope you get the chance to read this passage before Sunday, and ask yourself the question: Do I know Christ, the way Paul prayed for me?

Be Blessed,

Bo M

We have **one worship service online** with both traditional and contemporary songs in the service. Look for it online, on YouTube (firstpresjoliet), facebook, our website, or check the email sent each Saturday afternoon.

Check the Pastor's Corner for information on in-person worship.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Paul Stoxen passed this week. Visitation will be Wed. 22nd from 10-12 at Carlson Holmquist-Sayles Funeral Home. Service to follow at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery at 1:30.

TEEN WATER FIGHT WAS A BLAST!



July 12, 2020

Stewardship Report

2020-2021 Budget	\$734,307
Year to Date Income	\$205,294
Year to Date Expenses	\$168,741

Received for bathroom renovation—\$11,650

You may text your gift to FPJ at (815)205-3044 or go online to use a credit card. Just go to our Website and click on "Giving. Please continue to **remember the church in your giving** as we continue to further the life, ministry, and mission of First Pres. in new and different ways these days. You can give by mail, by online giving through our website using the "Give" tab, and through electronic giving.

REMINDER from Parish Council! There is still time to join us for Tail Gate Dinner tonight! Bring your favorite food, and meet us in the parking lot across the street at 5:30 pm. We would love to see you and fellowship with you.

This Sunday, we are planning for a sweet treat for everyone joining us for the in person service, so please call or email the church office to reserve your seat for Sunday. We are so thankful for the kind words and all the support you have showed us, and so encouraged by seeing you participate in worship, here at church or from your homes. Indeed the church lives and worships where two or three are together

Vacation Bible School - It is coming on July 27th-31st. It will be online, but still fun and engaging. Our team of volunteers had been hard at work, planning, recording videos and getting ready for this week. I would encourage you to spread the word. Please sign up soon so we can prepare the take home bags and have them ready for you.

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Please Update Your Membership Information

It's time to update your record for our annual Directory which will be published later this summer. Have you changed your phone number or cancelled your landline? Have you moved? Are all your children still living at home? Please email

office@firstpresjoliet.org with any corrections to your information, or call the office at 815-727-9259. Thank you!

Sunday July 12, 2020

"A Grace that Unites" Ephesians 3:1-13

A Grace that Unites. - In Ephesians 3:1-13 Paul speaks about his Identity in Christ, even as he is chained to a Roman soldier in prison in Rome, Paul sees that as a victory for the Gospel. Learning from Paul's circumstances, is about learning to see our lives in the light of a higher calling, as people redeemed and called to serve Christ. Our Lives are about identity, being in Christ, living out Christ. In that identity we discover that there is no more Jew or Gentile, that all are made one, and in this grace we are called to serve those around us. So, do you know who you are? Do you know who you are in Christ? You are redeemed, called to love, called to serve called to be part of that grace that unites.

All of our virtual Worship Services are available on our YouTube page and website.

DO YOU MISS COFFEE CHATS IN HOFFMAN HALL?

Well good news! If you have facebook we have opened a group just for the First Pres family ! This will be a great place to catch up and chat and share prayer requests and pictures of the flowers you've been planting and so on! On face-

Are you supply shopping on Amazon?

Did you know you can support First Pres when you buy from Amazon? Just go to **Smile.amazon.com**

And select First Presbyterian Church of Joliet as your charity and a percent of your money spent will be donated back to the church!

CHOO CHOO! ROCKY RAILWAYS VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN!! **REGISTER SOON!**

VBS will be virtual this year! Videos will be provided for the skits and stories and crafts and songs we all love about VBS and the supplies will be available for pick up at FPJ.

More Information and registration is available on our website!