



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, August 23 Ephesians 6:1-9

This Sunday I am preaching Ephesians 6:1-9. Paul is using his voice and his authority to speak to the culture of the day, in a way that would honor God, but also will encourage those that beloved in Christ. It is in that hard historical context that Paul is speaking about "Honoring each other", even in the most difficult situations. Today's world needs a little bit of that, a bit of being nice and kind, a little bit of honoring each other. I would encourage you to read the text for Sunday and ask yourself the following question:

How am I honoring God in my life today?

Looking forward to see you on Sunday,

Blessings,
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

Sympathies are extended to the Haas family on the passing of Bob Haas.

Pastor Craig Herr is currently home recovering from surgery.

THE FELLOWSHIP TAILGATE IS TONIGHT!

5:30 in the First Pres parking lot!
Bring your own food if you didn't order pot roast! Expect fun socially distanced games and prepacked ice cream! Bring your family and chairs and your excitement!

For more information check our website!

August 16, 2020

Stewardship Report

2020-2021 Budget	\$734,307
Year to Date Income	\$249,292
Year to Date Expenses	\$212,187

Received for bathroom renovation—\$11,650

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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.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER... Bo Mircea, Pastor

I cannot believe it is the middle of August. This year feels like is going fast and slow at the same time. There is a lot going on at First Pres:

Today we said good bye to Bob Haas, as we celebrated his life and ministry, but also his faith in the Lord. I would like to encourage you to reach out to Mary in the coming days, send her a card or a phone call. I am sure she will appreciate it.

Also keep Pastor Craig in your prayers, as he is at home recovering from surgery. I talked to him and he is in good spirits, and looking to be back in the office next Tuesday.

Bags of Love continues to serve those in need in our community. This Sunday you are invited to bring your donation of non-perishable snacks, bottled water/sports drinks, breakfast bars, and toiletries to church.

It has been a blessing to be in church in person on Sunday. The session met last week, and based on their observations and new decisions, we will be focusing on one service at 9 am for the rest of the month and September. We will revisit this as time goes on, and we are ready for two services as soon as it becomes viable. We are also following the same advice for fellowship coffee hour, and will be putting serving coffee in Hoffman Hall on hold for right now. We miss seeing you and sitting down together over a cup of coffee. But we look forward to seeing that happening again soon.

There is progress in the Bathroom renovations, and I think you would be pleasantly surprised to see that.

I really hope you get to enjoy this beautiful day,

Blessings,
Bo M.

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Sunday, August 16 "Relationships and Submission" Ephesians 5:21-33

Chapter 5 begins with the call to "Follow God's example" (NIV) or "Be imitators of God" (RSV) and to live differently in Christ than the typical way of living espoused in the Greco-Roman world. Now in Ephesians 5:21 we started a section on relationships. The key, as Paul writes here, is to "Submit to one another out of reverence to Christ." This is a call to mutual submission and conciliation in relationships, the first of which is the marriage relationship. Yet we are also being taught about Christ's relationship with his church in these verses.

The blessings and strength of Christ Jesus be with you.

--Craig

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

Project Linus

will meet August 24 at Pat Costion's house, 9am-noon. Please call or text 815-592-1013, or email Pat (pcostion@comcast.net) to confirm you will be there.



Faith in Place Green Team

I am interested in joining others to form a Green Team with the organization Faith in Place. Faith in Place will provide support, including a mentor, for our church to form a Green Team to make our church building more environmentally friendly, and/or to engage in activities to help our environment and alleviate climate change. We will build on the eco-friendly practices that are already happening at First Pres. A Green Team will meet on a regular basis, at a time that is suitable for participants.

-Jen Garlitz

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