



e-News

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Fall Sermon Series “Stronger Together”

We have begun a Fall Sermon Study Series on the Power of Being the Church together. We will Study the New Testament Letter of I Timothy.

Paul writes this letter 3-5 years after being in prison and writing Ephesians. Timothy is the pastor at the Ephesian Church by this time.

We will think about how good it is to be the Church Together. Join us for our Fall Sermon Series through 11/8.

Sunday October 11 “Looking in the Mirror” 1 Timothy 3:14-16

This Sunday, I am preaching on 1 Timothy 3:14-16. The big questions for today are: What is the church? How are we the Church? Is Jesus still the foundation of the Church today?

As we are looking at the Book of Timothy from the perspective of Stronger Together - we need to come to the understanding of the things that bring us together, the things that fuel our passion and service. The Church is more than a building, it is people that are drawn together by the same love for their Savior. As we look at the text this Sunday, I would encourage you pause and paint your own picture of what the Church is or what you expect to see in a Church. And as you do that, I would encourage you to pray for the Church today, for the mission and ministry that it is ahead of us, each and every day.

Looking forward to Sunday,

Be Blessed, Bo M.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

No information

DRIVE IN MOVIE!

**Come One Come All! Come see
The Greatest Showman at
First Pres!**

October 10th Parish Council will be hosting a drive-in movie! Come watch Greatest Showman with us for a \$5 donation (you get a treat bag too!) The lot opens at 6:15pm and the movie starts at 7. Sound will be transmitted through a channel on your FM radio.

We have **1 worship service online** with traditional and contemporary songs in the service. Look for it online, (YouTube (firstpresjoliet), facebook, our website) or check the email sent each Saturday afternoon.

We are doing one live worship service at 9 am each Sunday. If you plan to attend **MAKE SURE YOU MAKE A RESERVATION.** Seats are not guaranteed unless you rsvp with the office by noon on Friday. To do this call or email the office.

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Stewardship Report

2020-2021 Budget	\$734,307
Year to Date Income	\$318,978
Year to Date Expenses	\$302,955

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.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER... Craig Herr, Senior Pastor

On Sunday, October 11, Come and worship and seek the grace, peace, joy, and strength of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We will think about what the church is all about and how we are "Stronger Together" in Christ and being one in Christ as God's people.

Our **Virtual Children's Worship/Sunday School** called "Celebrate Wonder" has started. It's designed for Children, Preschool through Fifth Grade. If you have not yet received it call the office.

Saturday Night Drive-In Movie at our Church this Saturday, October 10! Drive into our parking lot at 6:30 p.m. for the big show at 7:00 p.m. There will be a big screen and sound through your cars FM Radio station.

There's still time to make a reservation to Volunteer at the Northern IL Foodbank on Larkin Ave. On Saturday, October 17 we are going over to the Northern IL Foodbank as a group from our church. We will meet there at 9:00 a.m. and work until 11:30 a.m. Please call the church or e-mail us to make a reservation. Don't wait, **let us know now** so we can properly plan. It's a great way to help hungry people in this pandemic time. Food is much needed.

Take a moment to share your gratitude. We are celebrating Ken Myers' 15 years of serving and leading in our music ministry and Chancel Choir. In "normal" times we would celebrate with a cake in Hoffman Hall and recognize Ken in our Worship Services. Since we can't do that now, I encourage you to send Ken a card and share your appreciation for his leadership of our Chancel Choir. We look forward to the time when the choir will sing again in worship.

Keep on Keeping on making **RESERVATIONS FOR LIVE WORSHIP each Sunday** as we pursue what it means to be "Stronger Together" in our Sermon Series. There are three ways you can worship with us: at our Live Worship Service at 9:00 a.m. or our Online Video Worship on either Facebook or on YouTube.

For Pastoral Care please call the office to leave a message to talk with a pastor or call us on our cell phones. We are available and can access our messages from home.

May God richly bless you in all things.

Craig

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Reminder: If you are experiencing emotional hardship (depression, grieving etc.) you can reach out to our Stephen Ministry to receive help from a trained team. This can be from someone in our FPJ family or not depending on preference. Everything is confidential. These are hard times but you are not alone, please contact Pastor Craig to be put in touch with Stephen Ministry.

Sunday, October 4, Sunday, "Live Well, Lead Well, and Serve Well"

I Timothy 3:1-13 and Matthew 5:1-12 (NIV)

There are some things we should never forget and long remember.

The Good News, Grace, and Presence of Jesus Christ is the foundation of the church.

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet **for your sake** he became poor, so that **you** through his poverty might become rich.

Faith in the Lord Jesus is essential for the church and for the world.

We read that Overseers, elders, or leaders are to have a depth of faith for they are not to be a recent convert. Deacons must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith. Faith in Jesus, a vital and living relationship with Jesus Christ is key.

All who would be involved in the church need to keep current in their relationship with Jesus and being a Christ-Follower.

There are some things we should never forget and long remember.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ is paramount.

In our passage there are three bottom line themes to remember.

We are taught to Live Well, Lead Well, and Serve Well in the life, ministry, and mission of the Church.

Take a look at last weeks sermon as you think about your life trajectory.

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

CONFIRMATION

Pastor Bo is looking forward to sharing with our 8th graders ! Confirmation will start 10/14 on Zoom Wednesday nights. When it is safe to do so they will meet in person. If you are interested please contact Bo Mircea via phone or email at bo.mircea@firstpresjoliet.org

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We still have spots available to help out at the local Northern Illinois Food Bank! This will be October 17th. For more info check Pastors Corner or contact the office.