



**First
Presbyterian
Church**

THANK GOD
FOR WHAT YOU HAVE
TRUST GOD
FOR WHAT YOU NEED

**New Two-Part Sermon Series
“Trust and Thanksgiving In Turbulent Times”**

We begin a new two-week series as we enter the Thanksgiving Season. The focus is on trusting the Lord for all things and times as well as living in gratitude to God.

Jeremiah teaches us to live in faith and to trust God. We read, “But blessed are those who trust in the Lord.” We are also reminded in the scriptures to “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.” (Psalm 136:1)

Over the next two weeks we will explore what it means to live in trust and to live into thanksgiving.

Sunday, November 15, “Trust Amidst Turmoil”
Psalm 20:1-9, Jeremiah 17:7-8, Mark 9:14-21

We are living in time of turmoil and unrest. There is discontent and division in our society. It spills over into so many areas of our lives. We are not the first to know challenging seasons in life and we will not be the last. As we look to the scriptures, to our Christian faith, and to Christ Jesus we find that placing our trust in the Lord is the way to journey through uncertain times. Join us as we seek to build up our trust in God.

--Craig

A Faith in Place Green Team, Jen Garlitz is interested in forming a Green Team to make our church more environmentally friendly. If you are interested just e-mail her @ jegarlitz@gmail.com Jen writes a blog on many aspects of eco-friendly practices: such as Reusable Cloth Shopping Bags, Cultivating a Chemically Free Lawn, Organic Food, Planting for Butterflies, and more. Here's the link to her blog www.everydayenvironmentalistblog.wordpress.com

e-News

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

No information

All men are invited to join a Bible study here at First Pres in Room 210 on Saturday mornings at 7:30 am. **Masks and social distancing are REQUIRED.**

This year the Thanksgiving Service will be online.

There will be no in-person worship service. We are looking forward to sharing this with you.

We hope everyone can stay safe and grateful this unique holiday season.

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	\$360,149
Year to Date Expenses	\$357,421

Received for bathroom renovation—\$11,650

Per Capita: \$38.47

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You can give by mail, by online giving through our website using the “Give” tab, and through electronic giving.
Thank you for your generosity.

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

On Sunday, November 15, We start a new Sermon Series on trusting and thanking God. Susan Pemble and Bev Adelman will be playing a bell and piano duet and Rita Bergland and Brenda Savage will be singing a duet in **Live Worship** this Sunday. We will see the Glory Ringers in our Online Video Worship this Sunday.

Our **Virtual Children's Worship/Sunday School** called "Celebrate Wonder" is going very well. In fact, some of the children are telling their parents that they want to do their "church stuff" as soon as they start their day! It's designed for Children, Preschool through Fifth Grade. If you are interested in participating please email ellen@firstpresjoliet.org or call the office.

Please continue making **RESERVATIONS FOR LIVE WORSHIP each Sunday.** We think things are going very well for our socially-distanced Live Worship Service each week. 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.

If Covid-19 cases continue to grow in number and Governor Pritzker places more mitigation restrictions in our area and across the state we will end up needing to stop Live Worship for a while. Session meets this week and will be discussing what to do if the positivity ratings keep enlarging. Watch the E-News and your e-mails for details.

Interim Pastor Search Committee plans are coming together. The Session has decided to have the HR Council invite 2-3 congregational members to join HR in forming the search committee for an Interim Pastor. The goal is to have an Interim Pastor ready to start serving at First Pres the beginning of May, as I am retiring on May 1. Please pray for HR and the additional members they will add to form the search committee.

For "Stars of Hope" Christmas gifts to children in need you will need to contact Kris Hayden by Monday, November 16 to take a star. You can call her or text her (815-258-8617 or tkkhay@yahoo.com)

I look forward to worshipping with you this weekend in either our Online Video Worship Service or through our Live Worship Service!

Craig

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Sunday November 8th, 2020 1 Timothy 6:11-21 - Fight the Good Fight

Fight the Good fight - Paul's words to Timothy are still vibrant today as on the day they were written. As people we all go through times when our spirit is crushed and our heart is in need of encouragement. This passage is about keeping your heart and your faith in check, because the way you see yourself when faced with your own struggles is not the same way God sees you. You are a man and a woman of God, that belongs to God. You also carry on your shoulder the same mantle that the prophets of the Old Testament did. You are empowered to be God's extended arms to the world. At times you might not see that, but that gift is in you. As Paul encourages Timothy, I want to encourage you to continue to stay strong in your faith, to remember the blessings of God, and to find that little fire in you that will help you carry on with your call for God's Kingdom. Sometimes there is a lot of going back to basics, to prayer, remembering and confusing your faith, but out of that comes strength and vision. So, fight the good fight, stand up for the things you believe speak the truth in love with grace and see what God can and will do in your life.

Be blessed, Bo M.

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

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.

STARS OF HOPE

Stars of Hope will be available again this year! For information please contact Kris Hayden. 1(815)258-8617 or tkkhay@yahoo.com. The due date for wrapped items will be Sunday November 29th.

Don't forget to keep up with First Pres on our social media! On Facebook we can found at First Presbyterian Church of Joliet. On Instagram and Twitter we can be found @ firstpresjoliet.