



TEAM JESUS:
Who are YOU in the Church?



“Team Jesus: Who are You in the Church?” Sermon Series

In this series we will think about all of the various kinds of people we need to be the church today. We need those who depend upon the Good Shepherd. We need people who will provide resources, act on their faith, and show appreciation. The church needs servants who will stand with those in need no matter how difficult the situation. We need members who will teach and mentor others, and more. During the Lenten Season as we anticipate Easter, we will look at those who followed Jesus in the New Testament and see what we can learn about ourselves and about the Church of Jesus Christ.

Sunday, March 21 “A Lesson About the Power of Grace: Zacchaeus” Luke 19:1-10

This week we continue to look at Team Jesus - Who are you in the church. Zacchaeus is more than a “short little man”, in fact he is a giant in the book of Grace. His story is a reminder to us all that even the ones that are on the sidelines looking in, the ones that the society treat unfairly and they are often overlooked are full of potential and their story will makes all say: God is Good.

This Sunday we will look to the impact of a few words spoken in grace, and received in great faith, few words that have the power to change a person’s life. I would like to ask you to go back to your own story of grace, and remember those words of grace. Do you remember them? Do you remember who spoke those words to you? Words of grace are important, and creating a place of grace is the call of the church today.

Looking forward to worship with you the Sunday. May grace abound in your life.

We have **1 worship service online** with traditional and contemporary songs in the service. Look for it online, (YouTube (firstpresjoliet), facebook, our website).
There is one service at 9 a.m. Sunday morning. Reservations are required by contacting the office by noon on the Friday before.

e-News

March 17, 2021

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayers and sympathies to the friends and families of Clarabel S. Riddell, Mary Kessling’s mother, who passed March 9th.

Prayers for healing and recovery for Allen Brooks on his upcoming surgery

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to donate flowers to decorate the sanctuary for Easter, please fill in below and mail to the church office. Please make checks payable to “First Presbyterian Church—Easter Flowers”. Online payment will be available as well. The deadline for ordering is March 21st.

How many? (at \$12/pot):

___ Lilies ___ Tulips ___ Mums

Our/ My Easter Flowers are given:

- ___ to the Glory of God
- ___ to the Glory of God and in loving memory of loved ones
- ___ to the Glory of God and in loving memory of

Name:

(please use exact wording to be posted on our website)

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Stewardship Report

2020-2021 Budget	\$734,307
Year to Date Income	\$606,592
Year to Date Expenses	\$ 604,392

2020-2021 Bequest/Gift Income Received \$6,200
Angel House Mission \$2,255
Per Capita: \$38.47

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

Sunday, March 21, This Sunday we will focus on the wonder and power of God's grace in worship. Both **Holly Tomashek** and the **Worship Band** will be playing and singing in worship. We are wearing masks and social distancing in our Live Worship Service at 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings.

We will have two Live Worship Services on Easter Sunday. Both services will be the same in terms of music, hymns, songs, and sermon. The Live Worship Service times are **9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.** Please make your reservations for either service.

It is time to order Easter Flowers to celebrate this coming Easter, April 4! You can order Lilies, Mums, or Tulips for \$12 each pot. You can mail in your order to the office or you can also order flowers online as well. We will publish the names of those who ordered flowers in memory of loved ones and to the glory of God, as we have done in the past.

On Palm Sunday we are having a Rally in the parking lot across the street after the 9:00 a.m. Live Worship Service. There will be special treats for all of the children as well as adults. Watch for more details.

The Men's Study Group is starting up again on Wednesday, March 24 at 6:30 p.m. Mark Morrison is leading the study. See the details in our E-News.

Today I read, "Jesus, give us enough for today." in **our Lenten Season Devotional "Places of the Passion"** by Reed Lessing. This is based on the Lord's Prayer petition of asking for our daily bread. Today is the time to ask for what we need for this day. Today is the day to meet God in prayer and to serve as Christ calls us to serve today.

May you know and experience the presence of Jesus, this day.

Craig

Once again it is that time of year when we consider how we are going to use our time, talents and money in furthering God's Kingdom. How will we use the gifts that God has given us this year? We are a church family that serves each other. Our congregation supports a variety of missions, both local and abroad. Each of us needs to give prayerful thought and consideration to our commitment and support of the missions of the church. We need to realize that each of our actions towards our fellow man can help populate heaven and perhaps even plunder hell.

By Dave Steinberg

Last Sundays Sermon

Sunday, March 14 "Someone who Invites: Philip" John 1:43-51

There are a lot of positions on Jesus' team. One is that of the inviter - folk who are adept at inviting friends and family to church and other ministry or fellowship events. In many ways, though, we are all inviters because there are so many ways to invite!

We learn about this inviting thing from the disciples themselves - each has their own personality, each follows Jesus in their own way. Jesus, of course, is the best invitation giver ever, with his words of "follow me". We read about the disciples' responses to Jesus - they follow, then they go and find others and say "come and see!"

That invitation is for us as well. Jesus still says "follow me." Including others on Team Jesus really can be just as simple as inviting others to "come and see."

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

Men's Study Group

If you are looking to be motivated, uplifted or inspired? I have the book for you "Love Does" by Bob Goff. We start Wednesday March 24 at 6:30 P.M. We will be using a hybrid model. If you want to meet in person we will be in room 210, for those of you who would rather Zoom we will be using it also. You can pick up your books in the church office. I really miss meeting with you guys and I will see you soon.

Bible Study

There is a Bible Study group meeting each Saturday morning at 7:30 a.m. This group meets in room 214 at First Pres.

PALM SUNDAY RALLY!

Sunday March 28th 10 - 11 a.m.

After the Palm Sunday Worship Service, hop in your car and come drive through the lot and get some nice goodies for all ages!