



A NEW DAY FOR THE CHURCH—A NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU

This Sunday we started a new sermon series on the book of Acts — **A New Day for The Church — A new Opportunity for you.** The Book of Acts, is a letter from Luke to Theophilus, and captures the life of the early church in the light of the resurrection.

Sunday, May 9 Bible Text Acts 1: 12-17; 21-26

Early in the book of Acts we see the disciples acting quickly in electing someone new to take Judas's place. As Matthias is Chosen to Replace Judas, we are given a front row seat at the inner workings of the church in Jerusalem. Leadership is important, and for the early church, that meant more than a leading person, it meant being part of a group of people dedicated and passionate about the same things. Have you wondered why it was so important to them to elect someone so quickly? I mean they were in no rush right? Soon we will see the church in Jerusalem multiply very fast, they grow with 3,000 people after one sermon. God rewards those that prepared, I've heard that saying once or twice. This Sunday we will look at what it means to be ready to serve and what opportunity awaits for you. Looking forward to worship with you on Sunday.

Blessings,
Pastor Bo

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 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday morning. Reservations are required by contacting the office by noon on the Friday before.

CONFIRMATION—June 6th

Join our Confirmation class: Kellen House, Aiden Fagan, Roland Frey, Malik Taylor, Cameron Paul. Evan Lundeen

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayers of healing Dixie Balsley.

Prayers of healing for Estella Jurkovich.

Sympathies and prayers to Kris Hayden and her family on the loss of her mother, Donna Nelson.

Sympathies and prayers to the friends and family of former member Betty Liess who passed away April 30th.

Save the Date! June 13th, 2021 Pastor Craig Herr's Retirement Celebration

Invites with the information have been mailed! Keep your eye out!

THIS WEEK'S BLOG—BOOK OF ACTS—5/6-12

5/6 Chapter 2: 1-40—Pentecost

5/7 Chapter 2: 41-47—The First Church

5/10 Chapter 3: 1-11—A Lame Man Healed

5/11 Ch.3: 12-26—Peter's Second Sermon

5/12 Ch.4:1-4—The First Persecution

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Stewardship Report

2021-2022 Budget	\$734,307
Year to Date Income	\$93,437
Year to Date Expenses	\$52,695
2021-2022 Bequest/Gift Income Received	\$0
Per Capita:	\$38.47

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

Happy Wednesday 1st Pres! Did you make plans for Sunday worship yet? If the answer to that is not yet, now is the time. We are looking forward to worship in person on Sunday at 9am and 10:30 am. We also continue to worship online on Facebook and YouTube. I would like to encourage you to share the videos on whatever social platform you are using. We had been developing a very steady audience on line and we would like to see that audience grow.

If you did not have a chance to check the **FPJ Blog this week**, I will invite to do that right now by going to here: <https://firstpresjoliet.wordpress.com> We would love to see you engaging our conversation on the book of Acts. Every day we invite you to read and bring your questions to share with our community. Growing in faith sometimes looks just like this, behind a computer screen having a conversation. Plus you can study the bible in your P.J.'s while drinking your morning coffee.

This week we are starting transitioning all the booking to our **new Treasurer/Financial Secretary**, Sharon Lenza. Going forward please reach out to her on her new email address sharon.lenza@firstpresjoliet.org or call the church office with any questions.

Blessings, Bo

DRIVE IN MOVIE NIGHT! MAY 15th!

Lot opens at 7:45, movie at 8:15 pm

\$5 Donation per car gets you a treat bag

All donations support PINK HEALS Joliet

Film being shown is "The War With Grandpa" (2020) PG

Starting May 3rd, our first Pres Blog is back online. We will follow the Book of Acts. The blogs and the Sunday Sermons will go hand in hand for the next two month, helping us to engage the Book of acts at a deeper level. The First Pres Blog has been part of our devotional life for the past 8 years, and continues to be an important place for us to connect outside our Sunday morning worship. I would like to encourage you to subscribe to the blog directly on the blog site. This way you will receive a daily email with the latest blog the was posted, and also give you the opportunity to interact with the post by posting a comment and engage in conversations with other bloggers. We are also adding a Video Blog once a week, on Facebook and Wordpress. The video Blog, will serve as a bridge to the Sunday sermons, and also provide a place to ask some of your questions regarding the things we explore during the week.

Hope you can join us in this devotional and discipleship journey.

Pastor Bo on behalf of Kris Hayden, Matt Blaser, Craig Randolph, Karl Darley and Carrie Kapral

Last Sundays Sermon-

A Time for Faith

The Book of Acts: A New Day for the Church, A New Opportunity for You

The beginning of the Book of Acts captures the disciples at the time of transition and to some degree, anxiety. As Luke writes to his friend Theophilus, Luke points to some foundational themes that we will discover as we follow the story of that little church in Jerusalem growing beyond the borders of Israel.

1. Jesus is Alive - this is central to all the Gospel. We worship a living God, Christ alive in the world and in us.
2. Remember the Message - Jesus spent time with the disciples and reminded them of the message of the Kingdom of God. No matter where we are, we are messages of God's Kingdom
3. Learn to listen to the Holy Spirit - Jesus promised his followers the Holy Spirit, the great advocate, the Spirit of God living in us. We are called to learn to look and lean on the Spirit of God in all we do.
4. There is a sense of urgency in the work of the Gospel - While the disciples were looking at Jesus ascending into the clouds, they are encouraged to focus on what is ahead, at that today is the best day to serve God.

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

Vacation Bible School!

VBS is virtual again this year! Registration will be open soon, keep your eyes open! VBS week will be June 21—25. The theme is Wilderness Escape. We are very excited to bring this opportunity for the families and kids of First Pres. !

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

The program will once again be Grab and Go, from June 1—Aug.17th from 11:45 to 1 pm.

Volunteers are needed. If you are interested please contact Barb Rodgers at barbrodgers1945@sbcglobal.net or (708)744-2161

The new church guide book/directory will be printed this year so if you need to update your information please contact the office to do so.