



## SERMON PREVIEW

I Believe

**Good Morning Holy Spirit!**

**John 14:15-27**

This Sunday I am preaching on the Holy Spirit. Some years back I heard the expression 'good morning Holy Spirit' in the context of living a spirit filled life. More specifically as a way to surrender yourself to God's leadership. That expression has stuck with me and continues to bring me to prayer, because it is a great reminder that God wants to walk with us. He wants fellowship, and for us to discover who God is everyday. It is that relationship that, in many ways, defines our understanding of the Holy Spirit, and how the Holy Spirit is present, and operates in the lives of the believers.

I would like to encourage you to read John 14:15-27, and pray that you will discover the beauty of a spirit filled life every day.

Blessings,  
Pastor Bo

We have **1 worship service** 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. With Fellowship Coffee hour after service in Hoffman Hall.

# e-News

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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for a quick recovery for Pastor Bo's father in Romania.

Sympathies to the family of Tom Ringhofer whose father has passed away.

Prayers of health and comfort for Libby Hall.

We also ask that you also pray for those who are constrained to their homes, and those who are combating various illnesses.

## THIS WEEK'S BLOG, GENESIS—9/30-10/1

**9/30** Ch. 48:1-22—Jacob Blesses Joseph's Sons

**10/1** Ch. 49:1-33—Jacob's Prophetic Blessing

More information on the future of the blog is coming soon.

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### Stewardship Report

<b>2021-2022 Budget</b>	\$734,307
<b>Year to Date Income</b>	\$343,200
<b>Year to Date Expenses</b>	\$239,186

Income includes \$58,143 of Employee Retention Credit  
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## THE PASTOR'S CORNER Bo Mircea, Associate Pastor

It was so good to be in worship on Sunday morning and worship with so many of you. This week our marquee reads: "Pumpkin Spice Prayers every Sunday".

It has been a long year, and a long summer. A long time for all of us as a community to be separated, and I think it is important for all of us to try to regain that sense of normality, even if it requires some cheesy marquee saying to draw people attention.

This Sunday is Communion Sunday, a perfect time for anyone to come and worship. We learned a lot about doing life on our own, and life in our COVID bubbles over the past year. As the positivity rate in Will County continues to go down, and as fall comes into our neighborhoods I would like to invite you to worship with us on Sunday again. We will still practice safe worship for all, but we would be so happy to have you join us.

Here are a few things for the calendar:

**This Saturday** - Parish council invites everybody to a Drive in movie night (you will find all the details below)

**This Sunday** not just communion but also Congregational meeting to approve new terms of call for Rev. Bo Mircea

**Next Sunday Oct 10** - Blood Drive. Please signup on the website [https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/5595393](https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5595393)

Looking forward to worship with you on Sunday,

Pastor Bo

PS. It is National Coffee day. I hope you are enjoying a fresh cup today, even if it is Pumpkin spiced :)

### SAVE THE DATE: BLOOD DRIVE

We will be hosting a **blood drive** on **October 10th**. You can make an appointment ahead of time to donate blood.

There is a **blood shortage** in our area, so please consider donating, especially if you have type O or O- blood. More information is available on our website.

### DRIVE IN MOVIE NIGHTS!

Did you enjoy our past movie nights? Did you maybe miss out? Well good news, Parish Council has TWO MORE DRIVE IN MOVIE NIGHTS PLANNED!

October 2: Hero Dog: Journey Home

October 23: Blue Miracle

more info available on our website!

(please note that the films have swapped showing days)

### SAVE THE DATE: BIBLE SUNDAY

Bible Sunday is going to be on HALLOWEEN! How exciting! Keep an eye out for information coming soon!

### LAST SUNDAYS SERMON

**SUNDAY 9/26/21**

Last Sunday I preached on "Jesus - Man or God?" The main idea of the sermon is that we all need to answer that question for ourselves at some point, just like the disciples. I had to restart writing the sermon a couple times, in part because I felt that deep conviction in my heart that I have to respond to, about what I believe about Jesus.

We live in a culture and a world that is generally welcoming to Jesus, until we pose the challenge to define who Jesus is to the world. A great prophet, a wise man or even more than that - God?

As the days go by and as our faith grows, we also need to answer that question with some conviction. Who is Jesus to you? A friend? The savior? A good teacher? Or the king of eternity?