



# e-News

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## SERMON PREVIEW

### I Believe

#### “Called to be the Church”

This Sunday I am preaching on “The Church”, what is so special about it? Growing up in an Orthodox culture, the understanding I had about the church at times seemed medial, a place for old folk, a dark and gloomy building, with not much life to it. But once I start developing my own faith I learned something different about “the Church”- exactly the opposite of what I knew. Church is a living thing, is a place that is growing, breathing life in the place that surrounds it. Church is more than anything I thought I knew as a kid.

So what makes the church alive? The simple answer is GOD and YOU! Through all the things God has given both you and the community you are part of. This Sunday we will look at our own church experience. We will discover together how God wants to enter our world, to model and shape who we are as people of faith though the ministry of this place we call church.

Please take a look at Acts 11 and bring your questions for Sips ‘n’ Sermons after the service.

Be blessed,  
Pastor Bo M.

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.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for the recovery for Pastor Bo’s father in Romania

Prayers of healing for Dave Jeffries

Prayers of healing for Joyce Miner

Prayers of healing for Judy Korach

Doris Alderson will be joining us for coffee hour on Oct. 24th to spend time with everyone here at First Pres.

Happy Birthday to Margaret Lucas who is turning 105 on 10/14!

## Save the Date! Bible Sunday’s Coming Up!

On October 31st, yes on **HALLOWEEN**, it will be **BIBLE SUNDAY!**

If you aren’t joining us for live worship that morning, you can still drive through our lot at 10 am to get your Bible and some festive goodies at our Rally!

October 12, 2021

### Stewardship Report

2021-2022 Budget	\$746,307
Year to Date Income	\$356,728
Year to Date Expenses	\$258,270

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THE PASTOR'S CORNER Bo Mircea, Associate Pastor

Hi dear friends,

How are you today? I would like you to pause and think about the answer to that question, and in your pause to take a deep breath and speak to God for a moment. You see we are always running, everything is "a rat race", and in that race we lose ourselves. Today I want to remind you that you are loved by God, that there is a special call on your life, a place where God wants you to be, even if it is hard. In that place you and I are made complete, and there we find wholeness, peace and focus. So, please pause, breathe and speak to God for a moment.

Thank you to all that donated blood this Sunday. Talking to one of the people running the event I found out how important and vital this is not just for our community but for the good of many. Tomorrow Session will meet, and we will be looking at a few things that are coming up, from Pancake Breakfasts to Wednesday Nights and so much more. Please pray for us, for wisdom, direction, and excitement for the things to come.

Bible Sunday is coming up, on Oct 31st, if you know of a little one or even an older one that might need a bible please let us know, we will be happy to get one for them. On that Sunday we will celebrate Reformation day, and we will have a small rally after the service, so if you are not able or ready to attend worship in the morning, you can still drive to the church, and you will be welcomed in the parking lot with a Bible and a little bag of goodies.

Over the past few weeks, I ran into some different people and I realized one thing: I miss seeing people. I miss seeing you. So I pray that you are well, and that we can worship tougher soon. Remember Sunday, 9 am, and coffee right after.

Coffee in the morning is good, but nothing better than worshipping on Sunday morning.

See you Sunday,  
Pastor Bo

### **Sip N Sermons!**

Starting Oct. 17th, meet us in Fireside each Sunday after service. Grab a coffee, some snacks, and join us for a more in depth discussion on each sermon.

Bring your questions!

### **"Texts on the Text"**

Hi, friends! I hope you have had a chance to see the Facebook post about a new small group opportunity for the ladies! I'm super excited about it - it's a text small group where we will share our questions and thoughts about the sermons and, as time goes by, maybe even work together to figure out the "so what" of Scripture as we apply it to our daily lives.

This is a new concept for me, and I'm not sure how it will all go -- so I'm committing just to the month of October. If it is a good thing for us - we will keep on doing it! If it doesn't go very well, we will move on and try something else. I'm praying that it does work well - it has been on my heart and in my prayers for a few months now.

If you haven't seen it on Facebook, or if you don't have Facebook, let me know and I will send you the video clip. If you are interested in joining me in this, send me an email or a text and we'll get started! Here is where you can find me:

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or you can text or call me at  
815-919-8714,

My prayers are for you as we move through this week!

### **DRIVE IN MOVIE NIGHT!**

Save the Date: October 23rd!

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