



e-News

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LOOKING AHEAD TO THIS SUNDAY

1 Samuel 1:4-20

This Sunday I am preaching on 1 Samuel 1:4-20. Hannah, for many of us familiar with the Bible story, holds a special place in our hearts. She embodies the struggle of a woman, a wife that desires one thing: to have a child. You can see it is easy to identify with Hannah, because at times we too feel the same deep burden in our prayers, and sometimes those prayers become more than a desire they become the only thing that is in our hearts. And prayers become labor, they become unspoken tears and words, that has us shackled and stuck.

Her story though is a story of courage, a story of perseverance, and of dedication. This Sunday I would like to invite you to explore this story of this woman of faith, her unshakable faith in God, and together find peace and comfort in knowing that God listens to his children.

Looking forward to worship with you on Sunday morning,

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 Fel-

SEASONAL DECORATING!

We would love your help in decorating our beautiful church for the Advent season!

Decorating starts at 9 a.m. on Saturday 11/27.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Pastor Bo and his family thank you for all the prayers for his father who, under God's blessing, is now home recovering

Prayers of healing for Jim Huey.

Prayers of healing for Joyce Bossen

Prayers of healing for Lee Haldorson

Prayers for the family and friends of Dorothy Crombie who died 11/5/21. On 11/21 a visitation will start at 12:30, service to follow at 1 here at First Pres.

Prayers for the family and friends of Todd Garrison who died 11/9/21. On 11/12 a visitation will be held at Fred C Dames from 5-9pm. On 11/13 join us at 9:30 a.m. with a service to follow at 10:30 here at First Pres.

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Stewardship Report

2021-2022 Budget	\$746,307
Year to Date Income	\$378,904
Year to Date Expenses	\$296,603

Income includes \$58,143 of Employee Retention Credit
Per Capita: \$38.50

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Dear Beloved Church,

My first Sunday at First Pres. was amazing! I am so grateful for all the faithful who approached me to welcome me with all their hearts and tell me how touched they had been in worship. Thank you for your incredible kindness and support. It is wonderful to know that the love of Jesus Christ is felt in all of God's churches – and at First Pres. even more so!

My husband Tim and I helped at the Pancake Breakfast (well, I am not sure "helped" is the right word as you all work like a well-oiled machine). We LOVED the ministry of feeding the community, and caring about those who need a helping hand. Jesus asked that we "feed His sheep" and First Pres. does that with joy in their heart! We insisted that we got in on the blessing, and helped with the washing up. Bo spoke out loud the truth to all of us by saying "many hands make light work". We were out of there in no time. What a joy!

This Sunday you do not want to miss worship. Last week Carrie asked that the faithful come forward to give of their offering - either of their treasure, their time, or their heart. It was so moving watching all of you stop and look up at the beautiful stained glass window or bow your head in thanks. This week we ask that those who have a prayer request – something personal for yourself, your family, friends or the world at large be placed in the plate that will be beside the offering plate. This process will shift when it is once again safer to pass the offering plate, and Ushers will collect prayer requests from you, so you get to stay sitting in your pew.

Until then, this is the best way the entire Body can pray for brothers and sisters in need of God's strength and comfort. I have seen miracles wrought by a united Body of Christ. ALLELUIA!

I look forward to seeing you all in worship and getting to know all of you better.

Until then, God bless us all and see you Sunday!

Dr. Jen

STARS OF HOPE IS BACK!

The stars are out in Hoffman Hall!
Stop by, read the instructions and help us make this a loving holiday season for our community!

More information is available on our website.

CALL FOR ACOLYTES

Calling all children kindergarten through 6th grade! We need acolytes for 2022!

To sign up please leave a note in the offering plate with the following information:
child's name, parent's name, phone number, and email.

LADIES' PAINT NIGHT OUT!

The Women's Ministry team is having a **FUN PAINT NIGHT** on Thursday, December 2nd.

Spots are still available but they are limited so REGISTER NOW!

Check our website for more info.

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday Nights are coming back!

Dinner is going to look a little different, but classes will begin December 1st.

Keep an eye and an ear out for more Information coming soon!