



# e-News

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## LOOKING AHEAD TO THIS SUNDAY

### John 18:33-38a

Every year, the message for this particular Sunday is challenging. Our minds and our hearts are focused on Thanksgiving week and the Christmas season that immediately follows. We may find that we are trying to focus on the blessings we are grateful for, we may be making Christmas lists, or, perhaps, the holiday season is hard for some of us.

Here's the thing, friends. This particular Sunday is not actually Thanksgiving Sunday. On the liturgical calendar, the "church calendar", it is Christ the King Sunday. It is the final Sunday of the church's calendar year. On the Sunday following Thanksgiving this year, we run headlong into the first Sunday of Advent, a time of preparing ourselves for the coming of the King as a tiny, helpless infant. On THIS Sunday, we focus on Christ the King, on the undeserved sacrifice our Lord and Savior made for us.

This week we will read John 18:33-38a, and we will think about truth. Capital "T" truth. In the text, as Pilate turns away from Jesus (I know, I know - Pilate isn't a very *thanksgiving-y* character) he ponders "What is truth?" It's a good question. It's a question we should talk about.

Here are some truths we can be thankful for as we slide into the next many weeks:

God loves us and (from John 14:6) Jesus is the way, and the truth, and the life.

See you Sunday, friends!

Pastor Carrie

We have **1 worship service** with traditional and contemporary songs in the service. Look for it online, (YouTube ([firstpresjoliet.org](http://firstpresjoliet.org)), 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

Prayers of healing for Jim Huey

Prayers of healing for Joyce Bossen

Prayers of healing for Lee Haldorson

Prayers for Mary Lynn Keir

Prayers for Judy Korach

Prayers for Mike Lee

Prayers for Kay DeGeus

Prayers of thanks to God for the health and recovery of Libby Hall

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.

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#### Stewardship Report

2021-2022 Budget	\$746,307
Year to Date Income	\$392,646
Year to Date Expenses	\$323,407

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

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You can give by mail, by online giving through our website using the "Give" tab, and through electronic giving.

**Thank you** for your generosity.

## Happy Thanksgiving Faithful Fellowship of First Presbyterian!

This Thanksgiving holiday all of us will remember our beginnings and the kindness the Native Americans showed by sharing their food and friendship long ago. For generations we have gathered around the table with family and friends to thank our God and Creator for our many blessings. It is my favorite time of year and my favorite meal. Tim and I look forward to breaking bread on that day and speaking out loud our gratitude to God.

We want you to know, that although it has only been two short weeks since we have joined you in ministry, this amazing church is one of our biggest blessings. To pastor a church with this much history, mission, faithfulness, and with this much promise for the future is an honor and a privilege we do not take lightly. We praise God for you all and ask that the Lord fill your lives with every good thing.

"God is able to bless you abundantly,  
so that in all things at all times, having  
all that you need, you will abound in  
every good work".

**2 Corinthians 9:6-8**

Know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers every day, not just on Thursday, and we will be thanking God for you all the rest of our lives!

In God's Love and our own,  
Dr. Jen and Tim

## NEW YEAR, NEW TIME!

Through the Advent and Christmas season worship will continue to be held at 9 am. Looking forward to January, our live worship service time will be moved to 10.

The family of Todd Garrison would like to thank their church family for all the calls, cards, visits and prayers.

## STARS OF HOPE IS BACK!

The stars are out in Hoffman Hall!  
Help us make this a loving holiday  
season for our community!

More info is on our website

## CALL FOR ACOLYTES

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

More info is on our website

## LADIES' PAINT NIGHT OUT!

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

**Spots are limited so REGISTER NOW!**

Check our website for more info.

## NURSERY REOPENING

Starting Sunday our nursery will re-open!  
We are so excited to once again  
offer this service for our families !

## SEASONAL DECORATING!

Come decorate with us with some  
coffee and donuts 9 am 11/27!

## SAVE THE DATE

### Wednesday Nights are coming back!

Dinner is going to look a little different, but  
classes will begin December 1st. 6 –7pm

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

## LUNCH BUNCH

Bring a lunch each Tuesday at noon and  
come study The Bible with us in room 210!