



e-News

November 5th, 2025

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A letter from Lead Pastor, Bo Mircea

First, Don is doing well, and I thank you all for your prayers and kindness showed this past Sunday.

Secondly, when it comes to this Sunday's sermon, as someone said to me, do not let a good sermon go to waste. We will look again at the Parable of the Widow's Mite. If you listened to the sermon on the pre-recorded service, you will have more time to think and meditate on this wonderful lesson of faith.

Thirdly, did you know that the Girl Scouts that meet in our church have finished redecorating and painting, and yesterday they reopened the Art Room with its fresh and modern updates? That is pretty cool, if you ask me.

So to recap, Don is doing well, Sunday is coming, and the Church is being a good host to the community. Pray that we will always be able to serve and be present with one another at all times.

See you on Sunday,

Blessings,
Pastor Bo

Happening at 805 western this Month:

- **Pictures for the Directory**- There is one more day when you can get your picture taken. If you need help scheduling please call the front office and they will be able to help you.

-We will be holding a **Thanksgiving Service** here at church on Nov. 25th at 6:30 pm. I would encourage you to attend, and if you are able to, bring some canned soup for our Micro Food Pantry.

-Nov 29 - 9 am Sanctuary and **Church decorating** for Christmas.

Thank you to all the church and choir members who came to my aid when I collapsed in church last Sunday. Your loving care was much appreciated. I am doing well and expect to be back in church on Sunday!

- Don Caisley

Church Family

Prayers of health and healing for:

Jean Smietanski, Mary Jane Johnson, Mark Fumagalli, Joyce Bossen, Sherry Jones, Nicole Celios (Scherrie Sanchez's daughter), and Xian Qi (Hasen Qi's brother).

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Grief and Care Packages for Bereaved Parents

Our November Mission of the Month is a heartfelt initiative dedicated to supporting parents who have recently experienced the profound loss of a child in the hospital. Our goal is to assemble and deliver grief and care packages that offer comfort, hope, and practical support during their time of unimaginable sorrow. You may drop off these items at church.

This mission involves preparing thoughtful packages for mothers and fathers grieving the loss of their child. Each package will contain items designed to provide gentle care and solace, such as handwritten notes, devotional booklets, comfort items (like blankets and candles), and resources for emotional and spiritual healing. We will work in partnership with Saint Joe's Hospital to ensure these packages reach families most in need, letting them know they are seen, loved, and not alone.

FPJ DIRECTORY PHOTO DAY

NOV. 18TH 2-8:30PM

Make sure to reserve your Nov. 18th spot if you haven't had your photo taken yet.

If you cannot be here to have your photo taken you may submit one for the directory for a \$15 fee. Photo must be digital or original print. Photos should be close up - from waist or chest up, no full body. **A required form will be on our website.** Deadline submission is January 20th.

UPDATED NURSERY HOURS

Moving forward our nursery will be staffed earlier, starting at 9am each Sunday, through the end of the worship service. As always the nursery facilities are also available to guardians regardless of if you drop your child off.

SAVE THE DATE – COMING UP

11/5—Directory Photo Day
11/11—Church building and office will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day
11/13—Dinner Out Group
11/18—Directory Photo Day
11/23—OASIS: Christmas Cards for Veterans, 11:30am
11/25—Thanksgiving Worship Service at 6:30pm
11/29—Christmas Decorating at 9am
11/29—Harvest Arts concert at 7pm

SOAR HIGH PROGRAM

Wednesdays through April 29th
3yr olds-8th grade

MUSIC	DINNER	BIBLE
5:30-6:10pm	6:15-6:45pm	6:50-7:25pm

Students are grouped by age, ability, and skill level. Music includes singing and playing instruments. Bible lessons are age-appropriate with lesson based games and crafts. *Nursery care is available during Music and Bible times.*
Contact the church office if you have a child interested in joining.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need greeters and extra helpers—contact Sarah Randolph at music.randolph@firstpresjoliet.org

Children's Church Corner

Faith Focus: ROAD MAP: God shows us the way.

Lesson for Sun. 11/9: Solomon Asks for Wisdom
—1 Kings 3:1-15

Bible Verse: "The Lord is my strength and my power; he has become my salvation" —Exodus 15:2

November 5th, 2025 Stewardship Report

2025-2026 Budget	\$707,600
Year to Date Income	\$331,288
Year to Date Expenses	\$316,625
Per Capita	\$44.00

You can give by mail, by online giving through our website using the "Give" tab, and through electronic giving. You may also text your gift to FPJ at (815)205-3044.

Thank you for your generosity.

DINNER OUT GROUP

November 13th at 6pm

Cracker Barrel at 1511 Riverboat Center Drive

Contact Carol Kline to be included in the reservation.

MILITARY FOOD DRIVE

Maggie Vick and her family are doing a food drive (through Nov. 7th), collecting non-perishable and canned food for active military members here in Joliet. These can be dropped off at church (please label 'military') or you can call Maggie directly at (815) 242-0524.

OASIS: CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR VETERANS

Sunday, November 23rd at 11:30am at First Pres

OASIS: Women's Ministry invites all women to join together to sign Christmas cards for veterans. Please bring any extra cards you may have.
A light lunch will be served.

Watch for more OASIS events coming soon!

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Tuesday November 25th at 6:30pm

Take some time to give thanks in this special worship service.

We are asking for donations of canned soup for our Micro Pantry, helping feed our community.

NOTICE:

The church building and office will be closed Tuesday November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day. Regular hours will resume Wednesday the 12th. Please contact your small groups leader about meeting changes.

SUNDAY SERVANTS 11/9/25

USHERS: Scherrie Sanchez, Ed Schultz, Dale Mullen, Pat Haldorson

COFFEE: Jasmine Keir

LITURGIST: Carol Kline

ACOLYTE: Rylie Blaser

SOUND: Cliff Stepina

VIDEO: Matt Blaser

GREETERS: Lynn Kosowski, Judy Garrison

SPECIAL MUSIC: Soar High Program