



e-News

October 2nd, 2024
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MIDWEEK

5-6pm SOAR HIGH—register online today!
 Kids age 3 –8th grade will have a Bible lesson and related art lessons, games, and other activities
 Kids 5yrs—8th grade will also have singing & instrument lessons

6pm—Fellowship dinner for all

6:45pm—Adult Bible Study and kids rec time

DINNER OUT GROUP

October 17th at 6pm
 Vai's 916 S. IL Rt 59 in Naperville

Contact Carol Kline to be included in the reservation.

PROJECT LINUS

October 28th at 9am

Come lend a hand making no-sew blankets for kids in need in our local community. No experience needed, just scissors!

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Stewardship Report

2024-2025 Budget	\$747,600
Year to Date Income	\$269,932
Year to Date Expenses	\$277,835
Per Capita	\$43.00

You may text your gift to FPJ at (815)205-3044 or go online to use a credit card. You can give by mail, by online giving through our website using the "Give" tab, and through electronic giving.
Thank you for your generosity.

Church Family

Prayers of health and healing for:

Sheila Lundeen, Al Brooks, Mark Fumagalli, Jean Smietanski, Klint DeGeus, Jody Farr, Jeannette Miller, Mary Jane Johnson, and Paul Pocius.

Pray for baby Anna Jean as she awaits her heart surgery.

Jean Smietanski would like to thank everyone for their thoughtful prayers and cards. They are so helpful during her recovery.

HANDBELL CHOIR

Are you interested in our Handbell Choir, the Glory Ringers? Would you like to try ringing a handbell? Reach out to Susan Pemble or the church office to learn more, or arrange a time to try out the bells, no commitment required.

SUNDAY SERVANTS 10/6/24

USHERS: Ed Schultz, Mark Morrison, Scherrie Sanchez, Dale Mullen
COFFEE: Sue Mott
LITURGIST: Sue Fordyce
ACOLYTE: Caleb Adler
SOUND: Rich Pool
VIDEO: Todd Hayden

Children's Church Corner

Faith Focus: Promise Builder-God keeps God's promises.

Lesson for Sun. 10/6: God's Promise to Noah—*Genesis 6:13-9:17*

Bible Verse: "The Lord carried out just what he had promised."
Genesis 21:1

The PNC Process

Planning	Mission Study	Data Evaluation	Resume Evaluations	Interviews	Pastor Visits	Pastor Selection	Pastor Acceptance
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The PNC is has completed interviews with the top candidates and is moving forward with the next steps. Your prayers are appreciated as we continue to diligently work for the future ministry of First Pres.

A letter from Acting Head Pastor Bo Mircea

Have I mentioned before how much I am enjoying working through the parables? And from what I hear, you are too. Looks like folks really like props to go along with the sermons. So here is a hint for this coming Sunday: Knock, knock... The parable of the persistent widow will be our text for Sunday. Luke 18:1-6 speaks to the understanding of persistence. And may I add, not just in prayer or in asking. Sunday we will explore the faith driven persistent living, and how we as people of faith respond to the challenges of this life. Looking forward to worship with you on Sunday.



Blessings
Pastor Bo Mircea

Happening at 805 Western

- How about this last Sunday and the **Soar High kids**? What a great display of love and dedication. Between seeing the kids singing, and all the kids that were in church this past Sunday my heart was full. Keep praying for the children’s ministry and for the people making all these programs possible. We are blessed with great people.
- Pray for the **Youth ministry** as we are putting together a team of advisors, looking at curriculum, and a making a calendar for a hard reset for our Youth ministry. This is an exciting time to see what the Lord can do when we pray and get to work as people of faith.
- I hope this **Saturday’s Free Pancake Breakfast** is on your calendar. The Night Deacons will be happy to serve you breakfast if you stop by and say hi to our neighborhood friends.
- **Nov 9th - MorningStar Service Day** is coming up. We will be going to the MorningStar warehouse to pack food boxes that will find a good house for Thanksgiving. This is why I love this season, as I said in my letter last week, because there is so much going on and I know the joy we all experience as we serve the Lord. As the Bible verse goes: Do not get weary in doing good. And I pray we never will.

WE NEED TRUNKS!

Trunk N Treat is coming up and we need trunks! This is possibly the most fun way to support a ministry here at First Pres. It is an absolute blast getting to hand out candy and see hundreds of families having fun because of our church.

Grab some friends or family and sign up for a trunk spot today!

SAVE THE DATE

10/23 Trunk N Treat

11/9 Serve Day at MorningStar Mission

12/6 Advent Concert with Harvest Arts

SOAR HIGH

FREE
Register Today

MUSIC

ART

BIBLE

3yrs-8th grade
Wednesdays 5-6pm
Sep. 11th-April 30th

TRUNK N TREAT

October 23rd 6pm-7:30pm
(earlier for volunteers)

Reserve your spot for Trunk N Treat 2024. You can sign up through the form on our website.

Trunk N Treat is a safe alternative to traditional trick or treating, all in one parking lot. There will be candy, costumes, games, food, a petting zoo, and more! There will be no scary tricks, ensuring fun for all ages. This event is free so make sure to bring your family, friends, and neighbors.