



e-News

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A Letter from Lead Pastor Bo Mircea

Why worship? What is the relationship between worship and living a fulfilling life? Why is it important that all who have faith belong to a worshipping community, and attend corporate worship? And, just for fun, why do we worship the way we do on Sunday mornings? Those are just a few questions I would like you to think about as you prepare your hearts for this coming Sunday's worship. 1 Chronicles 16:23-31 lays the foundation for parts of our conversation and I hope that in your own personal worship, as you pray and meditate on the word of God, the words of the Psalms will speak to you. As this Sunday is Communion Sunday, I would also like to ask you to spend some time in prayer for the Christian community around the world. The Lord's table brings all of us people of faith to a place where we are to be humble, to live in grace, and learn from the Lord himself. May this coming Sunday be one of those God encounters where we once again will be changed in the image of His son.

Looking forward to worship along side you this Sunday,
Blessings,
Pastor Bo

Happening at 805 Western:

- Night Deacons **Free Pancake Breakfast on Saturday** - 8:30 am, if you are to listen to the many reviews of these pancakes you will know that we serve the best ones in town (according to Reed Mott that is). Stop by, say hello, and grab some coffee too.

- **SOUPer Bowl** is coming up - Feb 9th- Treat yourself and your guests to a bowl of homemade soup (bread bowl too!) and help the Oasis Women's Ministry raise money for the Soar High program. Details on reverse side.

- **March 2nd 3 pm** - The PNC would like to invite you to celebrate ministry at First Pres during the **installation service** for Rev. Bo Mircea. Dinner will follow the service.

Church Family

Prayers of health and healing for:

Jean Smietanski, Klint DeGeus, Mary Jane Johnson, Sheila Lundeen, and Aaron Bailey (grandson of Mary and Don Caisley).

Lead Pastor Installation Service and Dinner

March 2nd at 3pm, dinner afterwards

Pastor Bo's Installation Service will be held on Sunday, March 2 at 3 p.m. here at First Pres. This is a formal worship service in the Presbyterian church. It's a celebration of God's call in a person's life and in the life of a church. Come to share in the joy and celebrate what God is doing at this time at First Pres. Following the service we will enjoy a delicious dinner in Hoffman Hall. If you plan to attend the dinner, please return the card you will receive in the mail, by February 16th to the church office (mail it back, put it in the offering plate, or send an email) so food can be planned accordingly.

OASIS: Women's Ministry

Upcoming dates:

2/5 2/19 3/12 3/19 4/2 4/30

Oasis will meet at 5pm for fellowship and various service opportunities, Midweek dinner is at 6pm each Wednesday (free but donations appreciated), and after dinner the ladies are invited to tea and dessert with Oasis until roughly 7:15pm.

OASIS SERVE DAY: March 15th 9:30-11:30 am at the Northern IL Food Bank

Children's Church Corner

Faith Focus: Praise Makers—We worship God together in different ways.

Lesson for Sun. 2/2: We Worship God with our Prayers—*Acts 12:1-17*

Bible Verse: "Ask, and you will receive. Search, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you." - *Matthew 7:7*



Soup Orders: \$10 ea / 2 for \$16

___ Creamy Zuppa Toscana
___ Broccoli Cheddar
___ Chunky Chicken Noodle

_____ Total Soup Orders

\$_____ Amount Due / _____ Paid / Picked up _____
Cash or Check *(to First Pres.)* with order or at pick up

Name: _____

Phone # _____

Proceeds will benefit FPJ's Soar High Arts Ministry!

**January 29th, 2025
Stewardship Report**

2024-2025 Budget	\$747,600
Year to Date Income	\$455,296
Year to Date Expenses	\$460,044
Per Capita	\$44.00

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Thank you for your generosity.

SAVE THE DATE- COMING UP

1/29 Soar High and Midweek
2/1 Free Pancake Breakfast
2/5 Soar High, Midweek, and Oasis
2/9 SOUP-er Bowl Sunday
2/13 Dinner Out Group
2/23 Soar High performance in worship
3/2 Pastor Bo's Installation service and dinner
3/15 Oasis Serve Day at Northern IL Food Bank
3/29 Craft and Vendor Fair

SPRING VENDOR/CRAFT FAIR
March 29th 9am-4pm

\$3 entry donation grants shoppers access to a unique shopping experience with 50 different vendors/creators, and a snack shack.

Check info on our website for vending sign up.

SOAR HIGH AND MIDWEEK

Kids age 3 through 8th grade can participate in Soar High. 5-6pm kids will be learning music, art, and a Bible lesson. Kids are split into similar-age groups.

At 6pm everyone is invited to a fellowship dinner. The meal is free but donations are appreciated.

After dinner kids have a rec time while adults are invited to join the Adult Bible Study, and women are invited to Oasis: Women's Ministry twice a month.

Nursery care is available except during dinner, guardians are responsible for all of their children during dinner.

DINNER OUT GROUP
February 13th at 6pm

Juliet's Tavern in Joliet 205 N Chicago Street
Contact Carol Kline to be included in the reservation.

SUNDAY SERVANTS 2/2/24

USHERS: Scherrie Sanchez, Reed Mott, Mark Dykema, Mark Fumagalli
COFFEE: Pat Haldorson
LITURGIST: Carla DeYoung
ACOLYTE: Joseph Adler
SOUND: Rich Pool
VIDEO: Matt Blaser