



Worship

Staff

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September 18, 2022
Season of Creation, Storm Sunday
Reverend Susan Phillips, leading

9:00 Sunday - Online in Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85677718426>

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Or Call +1 312 626 6799 and use

Meeting ID: 856 7771 8426

Onsite in the Sanctuary

10:45 Sunday

[Register Here](#)

6:00 Wednesday - Worship in the Garden

5:30 Social Time

6:00 Worship Service

MASKS

For the health and well being of everyone,
we are still masking while in the building.

Worship Tech Experiment

With gratitude for a bequest from the Slater family and the vision of our Worship and Music, Evangelism and Communication, and Building and Grounds Committees, we have installed a digital screen in our sanctuary. Thank you!

We will be able to share artwork reflecting the scriptures and sacraments. We will be able to add beauty to our beautiful sanctuary. We can expand the reach of our worship.

This Sunday, with the support of our Personnel Committee and staff, we will explore our capacity to welcome visiting preachers, mission partners, or other special guests, by having Pastor Susan lead worship in the sanctuary from a remote location. Thanks for your graciousness as we stretch our wings and expand our ministry reach!

Thanks from our Neighbors

Thanks be to God for our neighbors of First Presbyterian Church, Springfield and their Pastor Susan Phillips, for being our home away from home these last few months! Your hospitality has been loving; worshiping with you August 28 was pure joy. We look forward to more worshiping and serving with you.

For the first time since late June, Grace Lutheran Church, Springfield is open, and we look forward to coming home again this Sunday, September 18 for 9:15am worship and 10:30-11:30am Christian Education.

~Grace Lutheran

Care For Creation: A Rally for the Earth September 18 at 3:00

Join The Greater Springfield Interfaith Association In front of the Lincoln Statue at the Illinois State Capitol Building for a rally on September 18 at 3:00.

Climate change is now causing great tumult and devastation all over the world. As such the Greater Springfield Interfaith Association (GSIA) is gathering voices from various faith communities and organizations whose sacred creeds, teachings, mission statements and scientific understanding will speak to the gravitas of how we need to deal with this as a world community, locally and globally.

Their intent is to gather all people of good-will together in order to honor and rally for the earth as a mixture of faith communities, private and public organizations that are working alongside one another to promote this. In accord with the values of the Greater Springfield Interfaith Association, this event is offered not as a protest but a rally that honors inclusivity, interconnectedness and positivity in order for us to respond and act with greater care for our earth.

Speakers will include members from the Greater Springfield Interfaith Association, Faith Coalition for the Common Good, Faith in Place, Springfield Dominicans, Sierra Club Illinois Chapter and others.

They encourage participants to bring signs that affirm the earth, call for positive action and anything else that speaks to the interconnectedness of all living things on the planet. This is a RAIN OR SHINE event so be prepared to stand or sit, remain cool/warm and hydrated.

Community Engagement TRAINING

Training will include:
Theology of hospitality
Poverty awareness
Community resources
Anti-bias/anti-racism
Mental health first aid
Trauma-informed care



September 13th and 20th
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm in Zoom

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REGISTER HERE



We invite you to bring your pet or stuffed animal to service on **Wednesday, September 28th at 6:00 pm** as we give thanks for the ways that animals bless us.

Please be sure to bring a leash, harness, or carrier for your pet.

Fellowship in the Garden

Thank you to the Greers for setting up fellowship this past weekend. It is good to be able to gather together. If you would like to host fellowship in the garden please contact [Michelle](#). Fellowship in the garden is not all about the goodies . . . we are there to have conversations, greet new people, catch up with friends, and share with others.



Do You Love Singing?

Join the choir! Singing has always been an important part of First Presbyterian Church's worship service. We are delighted to announce choir will begin again on September 18th. So, if you love singing and



would like to get involved, join us Sunday mornings for rehearsal at 9:15 in the commons and singing at the 10:45 service starting September 18th. [Email Becky Kemp](#) for more information.

Newcomer Classes

Pastor Susan is leading a 3 part newcomer class via zoom on September 14, 21 and 28 at 7:00 pm. This is an opportunity for those who are new to the congregation and/or considering membership to learn more about this particular church and the Presbyterian Church USA's mission and history. If you are interested, please contact RevSusan@LincolnsChurch.org.

Join Zoom Meeting

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IL Times Best Of Springfield 2022



Pastor Susan and Chaplain Tim were both nominated for the IL Times Best of Springfield for 2022. Thanks so much for the nominations!

Pastor Susan is grateful to pastor this congregation and serve this community. We have so much good work to do together!

They are fortunate to have some great colleagues, too. Y'all can vote for any of them.

[READ MORE](#)

Prayers of Compassion for Theresa Norton Greco

We join the family and friends of Theresa Norton Greco as they celebrate her life and mourn her passing. We are grateful for the deep friendships that began in the youth group here at First Presbyterian Church.

We will share memorial plans when they are finalized.



MATTHEW 25

Systemic Change and Affordable Housing

Thursday, September 15th at 1pm (ET)

[PC\(USA\) Facebook Page](#) or [YouTube Channel](#)

pcusa.org/matthew25 | [#BeingMatthew25](https://twitter.com/BeingMatthew25)

Being Matthew 25! Livestream Series

One of the greatest needs in our world today is affordable housing. In the next episode of Being Matthew 25, we are talking with the Presbytery of Denver about a respectful community-based approach to address the systems and structures that perpetuate poverty and advocate for social justice. Mark your calendars for September 15 at 1:00 pm ET on the PC(USA) Facebook or YouTube channel.

[Watch Here](#)

Route 66 Mother Road Festival Church Parking on September 23-25

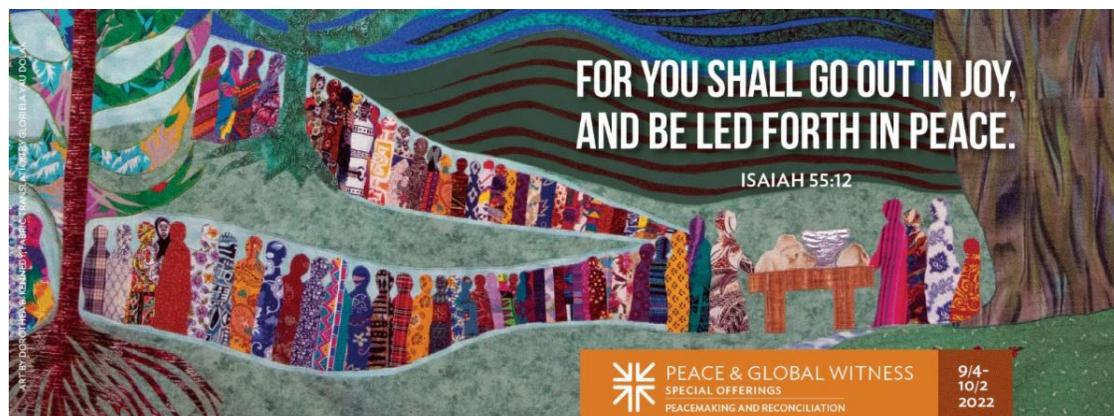
Springfield welcomes thousands of people for the International Route 66 Mother Road Festival on September 23-25. Access to the church will be limited on Sunday. You should be able to get to the church parking lot from the alleyway.

Annual Springfield Crop Hunger Walk October 2, 2022

The Springfield Crop Hunger Walk is once again scheduled for the first Sunday in October at 1:30 pm with check-in at 1:00 pm at Third Presbyterian Church, 1030 N Third Street. The Mission Committee has signed on once again to involve our congregation in this effort towards "ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME." In the past, our food pantry was one of four local organizations to receive funds raised by this effort; so please consider supporting Crop Hunger Walk this year by requesting individuals sponsor your 2.7 mile walk, by making a generous donation to a walker, or by making an online donation in the name of our church.

You can make a First Pres. online donation at <http://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/event/springfield> and walkers are encouraged to send emails through the site to friends and family members requesting pledges. Sally Jones and Don Ecklund have participated in the walk over many years and would love to accept your donation. Thanks for your continuing generous support of this effort to end world wide hunger.

Peace & Global Witness Offering



Your donation to this offering "helps people experience the freedom and dignity that Christ wants for everyone" (quote from a 2021 bulletin insert). A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in

cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. You can donate using the same method as you do for your church pledge making sure to note your donation is for the Peace Offering. *Thanks for your generous support of the four annual Presbyterian offerings.*

Presbyterians, including Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, reach out to help

by Darla Carter | Presbyterian News Service

If you live in an area with safe, clean drinking water, it's easy to forget how integral that water is to daily life — until you hear about a place like Jackson, Mississippi, where residents are in the grips of an intractable water crisis that has captured international attention and left them under a boil water advisory for weeks.

[READ MORE](#)

Can You Help With Shelter Meals?

Our church continues to serve evening meals at two shelters for people experiencing homelessness. Team members donate or prepare menu items and help serve. If you would like to help please contact [Barb Olson](#), [JoAnne Durkee](#) or [Chaplain Tim Haworth](#).



Help Keep the Micropantry Stocked

Stocking our micropantry is a way we love our neighbors. [Click here to sign up for a particular day to stock it](#)

Or

Drop off food and hygiene items ANYTIME you want. You may place them directly in the micropantry cabinet or the basket in the narthex.

[Click here for suggested items](#).



If you have any questions contact Chaplain Tim at Tim@LincolnsChurch.org.

Thank you!

The butterfiles have arrived!
Join us for Wednesday Worship in the Garden!



Join us in our beautiful garden for Wednesday worship. We gather at 5:30 pm to visit and services begin at 6:00 pm. Pastor Susan and Chaplain Tim lead the services while Emily Wheeler provides music.



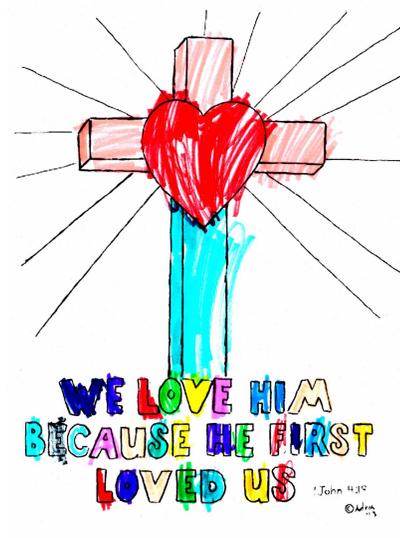
Looking to Volunteer?

If you are looking for a way to be more involved in the church, join a committee. Here is a description of each committee. If one speaks to you email Michelle@LincolnsChurch.org and she will put you in touch with the committee chair. [READ MORE](#)

Kids Activity Page

Click on this link for a fun activity page. [Check back each week for a new activity page.](#)

Share your work with us! We would love to see and display your creativity and talent. Send us your colored pictures (scan, email, regular mail) and we will share them on Sunday mornings and maybe also on our Facebook page.



Renovation Update

Check out the [renovation](#) page on our website to see floor plans and external views of the renovation project.





Susan H.
Skylar J.
Kelly R.



All events are via Zoom unless otherwise specified.

SEPTEMBER

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Worship Committee Meeting 5:30

Community Engagement Training 6:00

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Wednesday Worship in the Garden 6:00

Newcomer Class 7:00

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Reverend Susan Phillips to lead worship zoom 9:00, sanctuary 10:45

NOTE: Links to all events are attached to items on the church calendar found at <https://www.lincolnschurch.org/calendar>. If you click on any item in the calendar, the Zoom invitation will open.

Sunday Attendance

Last Week	Zoom = 34	Sanct. = 65	Garden = 16	Total = 115
August 2022	Zoom = 135	Sanct. = 246	Garden = 57	Total = 438
August 2021	Zoom = 202	Sanct. = 188	Garden = 44	Total = 434

How to Join a Zoom Meeting

From your computer, cell phone or tablet:

Click the link provided.

To join a Zoom meeting via telephone:

Dial number given for the meeting. You will be prompted to enter the meeting ID provided followed by #.

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