

This coming week in the life of the church

Today 11/23

9am Worship
10:15am Sunday School

Monday 11/24

11am Meals on Wheels
5:30pm Trustee Meeting
6pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday 11/25

11am Meals on Wheels
7pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday 11/26

9am Psalm Sisters Bible Study
11am Meals on Wheels

Thursday 11/27

****Church Office Closed****
Happy Thanksgiving

Friday 11/28

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**Giving Our Tithes and Offerings
to God~**

*All that we have comes from
God; we are caretakers of what
belongs to Him. As an act of
faith, we return a portion of
God's provision for the growing
and continuation of His work.
There is an offering plate as you
enter for tithes and offerings,
you can send them through our
website, or they may be mailed
to the church office.*



Belvidere First

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LOVIN' JESUS  LOVIN' YOU

November 23 2025



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Order of Worship for November 23, 2025

Prelude (song/s)

Welcome

***Opening Songs of Praise:** "How Great is Our God"
"10,000 Reasons"

***Responsive Reading:** From Psalm 103

Liturgist: Kelli Billesbach

One: Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Many: Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—

One: who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**Many: The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:**

One: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;

Many: he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

One: The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.

Many: But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children— with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.

One: The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all. Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

Many: Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will. Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the Lord, my soul.

***Scripture:** Hebrews 5: 1-14

Discipleship Time Mission Team

Prayer Song: "You Have Been Good"

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Message Pastor Jim

***Doxology** (UMH #95)

***Prayer of dedication**

God, your provision is right on time, but your mercy is slow to anger and patient beyond belief.

Receive our gifts, as signs of our gratitude. Use them and us to demonstrate your mercy and to bring folks to faith in you, in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Closing Song of Praise:** "Give Thanks"

***Benediction**

***= Stand as able**

****Headsets to assist with hearing during the service are available from any usher****

Altar Flowers given by Donna Denning in memory of Bill Denning

Jesus is greater than _____

“We Three Kings” says _____

Work of High Priest: _____

v. 7: Jesus’ secret - _____

how are you/we doing? _____

Jesus “learned” by _____

Made “perfect” means He _____

By this time, I/we _____

By what time? _____

They were once _____

Now they are/were _____

Work of teacher: _____

Not from spiritual gift or acquired skill but

First next step for First Church is _____

Hebrews 5:1-14

⁵ Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. ³ This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. ⁴ And no one takes this honor on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵ In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him,

“You are my Son; today I have become your Father.”

⁶ And he says in another place,

“You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷ During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹ and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him ¹⁰ and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

¹¹ We have much to say about this, but it is hard to make it clear to you because you no longer try to understand. ¹² In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God’s word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! ¹³ Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. ¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.