

Welcome

We are an inclusive, Christ-centered community of faith, passionately committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ in practical ways. Please let us know of your interests and concerns.

Pastors:

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We want to get to know you!

- Fill in the Friendship Pads; please use a name tag.
- Introduce yourself to one of the pastors.
- Join us for coffee and conversation in Westminster Hall.
- Trouble hearing? Try a hearing device at the back of the Sanctuary.
- Large-print hymnals are on the back table.
- Wheelchairs are available for in-church use.
- Printed sermons are available; video is available at www.firstpres.live

Children, Youth & Families

Please sign in your child in the education building. There you will receive a name tag for your child/ren and a matching identification label to be used by the parent or guardian during pick up. Our nursery and toddler rooms (birth - 2yr) are open from 8:45 AM-12 PM each Sunday. The Sunday School education hour for K-8th grade is during the 9 AM worship service. The education hour for Confirmants and High School students is from 10:10-11 AM.

Schedule

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| 8:45-9:00 | Children check-in and gather in the chapel |
| 9:00-9:15 | K-5 grades in worship, then class in the Education Building until 10 AM |
| 9:00-10:00 | Preschool and Middle School lessons in their classrooms |
| 10:00-10:30 | Children's Choir in the Chapel |
| 10:00 | Parents pick up children in the family library on the first floor of the Education Building |
| 10:10-11:00 | High School Class, Confirmation Class (runs October 1-May 20) |
| 11:00 | Parents pick up of youth at Education Building entrance |
| 11:00-12:00 | Nursery and toddler rooms still available for child care |

Contact our Director of Children, Youth, and Families, **Mindy Watts-Ellis** (mindy@firstpres.church) for more information about children and youth education and family events.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

December 17, 2017 8 and 9 AM



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church
Bienvenue à La Première Eglise Presbytérienne de Champaign
Bienvenidos a La Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana

삼페인 제일 장로교회에 오신것을 환영합니다.

Pour nos amis de langue française et les membres,
nous avons des copies du sermon d'aujourd'hui en français
à l'arrière de l'église

Service for the Lord's Day

A special welcome to those at our church for the first time.

Magnificat
Giovanni Pergolesi

Prelude

Richard Rossi

Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light*
Johan Schop, harmonized by J.S. Bach

Call to Worship

Leader The Promised One of God brings good news to the oppressed and binds up the brokenhearted. (*Isaiah 61:1*)

People **We are witnesses to the light of Christ!** (*John 1:7*)

Leader The Promised One of God proclaims liberty to captives and release to prisoners. (*Isaiah 61:1*)

People **We are witnesses to the light of Christ!**

Leader The Promised One of God comforts all who mourn and gives a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. (*Isaiah 61:2-3*)

People **Rejoicing always, praying without ceasing, holding fast to what is good, (1 Thess. 5:16-17, 21) we are witnesses to the light of Christ!**

✳️ **Hymn 2** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

8Sandy Carr; 9Tim, Julie, Katie, Emily, & Allison Young

9Children's Sermon

✳️Prayer of Confession

Our God, in this season of hope and expectancy, we confess our need for you. Touch our hearts, deepen our love and slow us down. Help us to hear your still, small voice, and to see the needs of a world that walks in the darkness of hunger, hatred, war and injustice.

In our perplexity, guide us; from our selfishness, heal us; from our biases, prejudices and cynicism, deliver us. Instead fill our hearts and minds with wisdom, love, grace and goodness, through Jesus Christ....(continue to pray in silence)

✳️Assurance of Pardon

Leader And his name shall be called Jesus, which means, "God saves."

People **Because He will save His people from their sins.**

Leader So accept and believe this good news:

People **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Passing of the Peace

Leader The peace of Christ be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Please greet one another in the peace of Christ.

Response #576 *Gloria, Gloria*

Act of Friendship & Updates

I Magnificat anima mea (My soul magnifies the Lord)
Chorus

II Et misericordia ejus (And his mercy is on them)
Jessica Ragsdale, soprano; Alexis Korbe, alto; Chorus

III Fecit potentiam (He has shown His strength)
Chorus

Scripture *Luke 1:46-55* (NT. pg. 57)

Sermon *Magnify the Lord* Pastor Eric Corbin

Hymn 16 *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

IV Suscepit Israel (He has helped his servant Israel)
Yichen Li, tenor; Brandon Pauley, bass

The Prayers for Ourselves and Others

The Lord's Prayer (hymnal pg. 16, traditional)

V Sicut locutus est (And it was spoken)
Chorus

VI Sicut erat in principio (As it was in the beginning)
Chorus

✳️Benediction

✳️Postlude

Richard Rossi

✳️Please stand if able.

The composer of today's work, Giovanni Battista Pergolesi (1710-1736) lived during the musical period we would now identify as the Baroque. The text is from *Luke 1:46-55*, and is thought of as a Canticle of the Virgin Mary. It may be interpreted as her personal expression of joy and thanksgiving and symbolically, as the thanksgiving prayer of all Israel for Christ's fulfillment of God's promise of redemption. Following Mary's song of praise the text of the Doxology spans the final two movements of the work.

This Week

Sunday, December 17

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Sunday School (K-5th in worship until 9:15)/CE Bldg
- 10:00 AM Children's Choir/Chapel
- 10:10 AM Confirmation Class/Room 206
- 10:10 AM High School Class/CE Bldg
- 10:10 AM Advent Study/Parlor
- 10:10 AM Adult Drop-In Class (French)/Room 204
- 11:00 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 12:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Chapel
- 2:00 PM French Marriage Class/Centennial Hall

Monday, December 18

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204 & 207
- 10:00 AM Prayer (French)/Centennial Hall
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 3:30 PM Environmental Stewardship/The Schoeffmann's
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM Prayer (French)/Chapel

Tuesday, December 19

- 9:00 AM ESL Christmas Party/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM Transition Team/Parlor
- 10:00 AM Prayer (French)/Chapel
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Atkins Bldg.
- 6:00 PM Prayer (French)/Centennial Hall

Wednesday, December 20

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204 & 207
- 10:00 AM Prayer (French)/Centennial Hall
- 1:15 PM Pakistan Study/Parlor
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 6:00 PM Prayer (French)/Centennial Hall
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Thursday, December 21

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Hardees
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204 & 207
- 10:00 AM Prayer (French)/Centennial Hall
- 6:30 PM Session/Westminster Hall
- 6:00 PM Prayer (French)/Centennial Hall

Friday, December 22

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 10:00 AM Prayer (French)/Centennial Hall
- 5:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM Prayer (French)/Centennial Hall
- 6:30 PM Christmas Pageant Rehearsal/Sanctuary

Saturday, December 23

- 3:00 PM Worship Prep/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM Christmas Pageant Rehearsal/Sanctuary
- 6:00 PM Praise & Prayer Gathering/Centennial Hall

Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Sandy Carr** at the 8 AM service and **Betty Hollister** at the 9 AM service.

•**Christmas poinsettias** will decorate our Sanctuary this coming holiday season. Poinsettias are \$13 per plant and can be given in honor or memory of someone. Include "poinsettia" on your check along with a note of who it is given for.

Connect

•Please **join us for a study** of *God is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The class began November 26 and will meet for 4 weeks at 10:10 AM in Mae Chapin Parlor. Books are available for \$10. Facilitator is **Peter Yau**.

•As part of the Reformed tradition and for the 500th anniversary following Martin Luther nailing his theses to a church door, we begin a 6-week study on Reformations. The study will be led by **Pat Metcalf**, and begins on January 7 at 10:10. Books available for \$5 between services. Sign up today!

Serve

•The **Advent Offering** through December 17 is themed "Food for the Hungry." Funds will be donated to Salt & Light. Please give generously to feed children and help empower others to lift themselves out of poverty. Mark your check or a pew envelope "Advent" and drop your contribution in this morning's offering plate.

•**Get your holiday treats today!** The youth will be selling Christmas cookies in Westminster Hall from 9-11 AM for \$10 a pound. You may pay by cash, check, or credit card. All proceeds will go towards the Go & Serve mission trip this summer.



Be our guest this Christmas!

Christmas Eve

- 9 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 4 PM Family Service/Sanctuary
- 8 PM Candlelight Service/Sanctuary

New Year's Eve

- 9 AM Worship/Sanctuary

No Sunday School December 24 and 31.