

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.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

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; audio can be found early the following week on the church website.

Children, Youth & Families

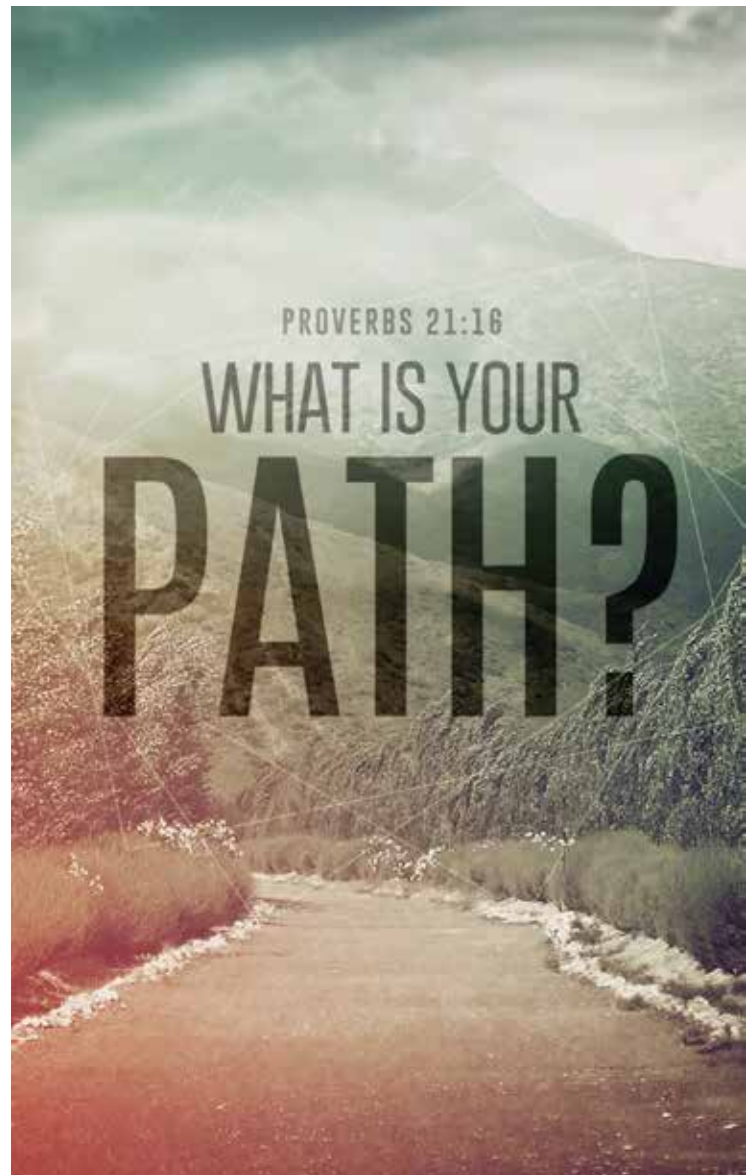
Please sign in your child in the Education Building. There you will receive a nametag for your child and a matching identification label to be used by the parent during pick up. Classes for Preschool-8th grade begin at 9 AM. High School Youth Sunday School begins at 10:30 AM after worship. All classes are held in the Christian Education Building. Children will be served a snack in their class. Our Nursery and Toddler Rooms (birth – 2 years) are open from 8:45 – 10:30 AM each Sunday.

Schedule

8:50-9:00	Students check-in
9:00-10:00	Sunday School for Preschool – 8 th Grade
10:00	Parents may pick up Preschool children
10-10:30	Children's Choir practice or Mission project option (K-8)
10:30	Parents pick up students in the Chapel or Café in the Christian Education Building.
10:30-11:30	High School and recent grad group in the Christian Education Building

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.

February 19, 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.

Prelude

Richard Rossi

Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell Greeting and Announcements

9Introit

Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

Richard Rossi

Call to Worship (Psalm 119:1-8, The Message)

Leader Those who stay on course, walking steadily on the road revealed by God, are blessed.

People **We are blessed by following God's instructions, doing our best to seek God with all our hearts.**

Leader God has prescribed the right way to live, the way that leads to happiness and health.

People **Help us, Lord, to keep to the course you set, walking with steady steps all the way.**

Leader Then we will not be looking back over our lives with regrets.

People **Instead, we will have the comfort and joy of God's companionship all our days.**

All **Let us worship the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

♦Hymn #482 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

♦Prayer of Confession

Leader Knowing that we fall short of the exceeding righteousness to which Jesus calls us, let us come before God to lay bare our guilt that we might be forgiven and made whole.

People **Holy and loving God, anger is often our weak spot. It fuels our resentments. It prevents us from letting go. It feeds our self-righteousness. We cling to anger as if it could save us, hoping it will protect us from pain and loss. But, it is all folly. Salvation is in trusting you to make all things right. Hope is found in keeping our eyes on you and what you have done for us, rather than on others and how they let us down. Forgive our short-sighted and self-inflicted foolishness, Lord. Restore us in love and grace to trust you in all things.**
(Silent confession.)

♦Assurance of Pardon

Leader The power of Christ's liberating forgiveness sets us free from the anger and sin that besets us.

People **We hear the good news and believe:**

Leader Jesus Christ cleanses us from all unrighteousness and makes us a new creation.

All **Thanks be to God!**

♦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

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

O Christ, Surround Me

Colligan/arr. David Sims

9#592 Doxology; Prayer of Dedication

9♦Hymn #2190 *Bring Forth the Kingdom*

(from *Sing the Faith* hymnal)

9Call to Prayer *Come Then, Let Us Bow Down and Worship*

Richard Rossi

9Prayers for Ourselves and Others *The Lord's Prayer*

Scripture *Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-17* (OT pg 106)

9Anthem Jean René Balekita and Bomoyi

Scripture *Matthew 5:38-48* (NT pg 5)

Message *But I Say to You*
Pastor Chuck Carlson

8Prayers for Ourselves and Others *The Lord's Prayer*

♦Hymn #101 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

♦Benediction

8♦Benediction Response

May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever. Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor. Lift your eyes and see His face, and His grace forever. May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

9♦Choral Benediction *If Today You Hear His Voice* Richard Rossi

♦Postlude

Richard Rossi

♦Please stand if able.

This Week

Sunday, February 19

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM Sunday School (K-8th)/Chapel
- 10:00 AM Youth Choir/Chapel
- 10:30 AM High School Sunday School/Room 205
- 10:30 AM Belhar Confession Study/Centennial Hall
- 10:30 AM Genesis Study (French/Lingala)/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Pastor Nominating Committee/Chapel
- 4:00 PM Mission Possible Potluck/Westminster Hall
- 9:30 PM Men's Emergency Shelter/Centennial Hall

Monday, February 20

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 11:00 AM GROW/Chapel
- 1:00 PM PW Coordinating Team/Westminster Hall
- 3:30 PM Environmental Team/Parlor
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 5:30 PM 150 Celebration Committee/Westminster Hall
- 9:30 PM Men's Emergency Shelter/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, February 21

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/2nd Floor Atkins Bldg.
- 1:30 PM SAFE House Class/Westminster Hall
- 5:45 PM Contemporary Worship Team/Parlor
- 7:00 PM Worship Team/Parlor
- 9:30 PM Men's Emergency Shelter/Centennial Hall

Wednesday, February 22

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 10:00 AM Path to Peace/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Computer Class/Centennial Hall
- 12:00 PM Inclusion Ministry Team/Parlor
- 5:30 PM *Waking Up White* Book Study/Library
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Contemporary Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir/Choir Room
- 9:30 PM Men's Emergency Shelter/Centennial Hall

Thursday, February 23

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Hardees on South Neil
- 8:30 AM Circle of Joy/Baytowne
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor
- 1:00 PM Circle of Faith/Parlor
- 5:30 PM Cuba Steering Committee/Parlor
- 7:00 PM Circle of Peace/Westminster Hall
- 9:30 PM Men's Emergency Shelter/Centennial Hall

Friday, February 24

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 12:00 PM Conversations with Scripture/Parlor

Saturday, February 25

- 3:00 PM Worship Prep/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM Praise & Prayer/Centennial Hall

Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Kathy Havey** at the 8 AM service and **Miriam Chenault** at the 9 AM service.

Connect

•We extend an invitation to you to join one of our **adult education classes** as we learn and grow in Christ together. Sign up this morning in Westminster Hall.

Lenten Study: God's Abundant Table by Cynthia Campbell
10:30 AM Centennial Hall Sundays March 5- April 9 led by **Pastor Chuck Carlson** and **Judi Geistlinger**.

Fear of the Other by William H. Willimon 5:30 PM Parlor Tuesdays March 7- 28 led by **Judi Geistlinger**.

•Le livre de la Genèse en quatre leçons. Le dimanche de 10h30 à 11h30 débutant le 29 janvier dans le salon de Mae Chapin. Cette étude est offerte en français par Dieudonne Limbaya. Veuillez noter qu'il n'y a pas de garderie ou d'école du dimanche (avant le K-8e) à 10h30.

•A **pancake brunch** will be held Sunday, February 26 from 10:30-11:30 AM in Centennial Hall. This is a fundraiser for the **youth summer mission trip** to help with flood recovery efforts in Hammond, LA. The youth will be serving through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program May 29-June 3. Bring your appetite and a generous donation! Contact Mindy at mindy@firstpres.church if you would like to help donate supplies or volunteer to help the youth set up or clean up.

Serve

•We are hosting an **Emergency Men's Shelter**, Sundays through Thursdays, between 9:30 PM and 6:30 AM through March 30. The shelter is staffed by paid, experienced employees through Faith United Methodist Church. For more info visit <http://www.uwayhelps.org/news/emergency-winter-shelter-men-open-champaign-county> or read the January Newsletter.

•In December, **Pastor Chuck Carlson** sent a letter to the congregation discussing a **pledge shortfall** in meeting our goal for 2017. He detailed the significant actions that needed to be taken to deal with this situation and asked that we prayerfully reconsider our giving. You responded! Additional non-pledge donations in December and increased pledges for 2017 allowed Session to approve a revised budget that includes over \$50,000 in additional funding for three part-time positions. Funding for the ESL Coordinator, Assistant Director of CYF and Audio-Visual Technician positions is now included in the 2017 Budget. This staff will enable our church to continue to provide vital ministries to our community, our families and our entire congregation. The ESL position is already filled and the search is underway for the other two. Thank you for your generosity.

•We are looking for a **part-time CYF Assistant Director**. A complete job description can be found on our website.