

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

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9 AM

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 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 Confirmands and High School students is from 10:10-11 AM.

Schedule

- 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 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 Parent 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.

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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

Introit *Praise Ye the Lord, O My Soul* Richard Rossi

Call to Worship (Psalm 84)

Leader How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

People **Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.**

Leader Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

People **Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.**

Leader For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness. For the Lord God is a sun and shield, bestowing favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you!

All **Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.**

♦**Hymn 430** *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

Children's Sermon

Prayer of Confession

Leader O Lord our God, you are wise;

People **You know our thoughts before we reveal them to you.**

Leader O Lord our God, you are compassionate;

People **You know our fears and joys before we name them to you.**

Leader O Lord our God, you are just;

People **You offer us mercy while we cringe at the expectation of judgement and punishment.**

Leader O Lord our God, you welcome every one of us;

People **In spite of our weaknesses, our failures, our doubts, you invite each one of us into your presence.**

All **We praise you and humble ourselves before you, O Lord our God...**(silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader "For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died.

People **And he died for all, so that those who might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.**

Leader So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" (2 Corinthians 5:14-17)

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*

Hymn *Love the Lord Your God* Lincoln Brewster
The Gathering Worship Band

Act of Friendship & Updates

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Jean René Balekita and Bomoyi

#592 Doxology; Prayer of Dedication

Scripture *Isaiah 58:9-11* (OT pg. 688)

Anthem *With a Voice of Singing* Kenneth Jennings

Scripture *2 Corinthians 5:17-21* (NT pg. 181)

Message *Faithful in Parched Places*
Rev. Dr. Jo Ella Holman

Statement of Faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, to work with others for justice, freedom and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus." With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Call to Prayer *The Lord Opens the Eyes of the Blind*

Richard Rossi

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

♦**Hymn 377** *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

♦Benediction

Choral Benediction *The Lord Shall Reign For Ever*

Richard Rossi

♦**Postlude** Richard Rossi

♦Please stand if able.

This Week

Sunday, September 24

- 9:00 AM ONE Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Sunday School (K-5th in Worship until 9:15)/CE Bldg
- 10:10 AM High School Class/CE Bldg
- 10:10 AM Adult Drop-In Class/Parlor
- 10:10 AM Adult Drop-In Class (French)/Room 204
- 12:00 PM Pastor Nominating Committee/Chapel
- 12:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Chapel
- 6:00 PM Presbyterian Youth/The Café

Monday, September 25

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 12:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 5:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, September 26

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 9:00 AM PW Coordinating Team/Westminster Hall
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 5:45 PM Contemporary Worship Team/Parlor
- 6:30 PM Community Mission Deacons/Westminster Hall

Wednesday, September 27

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 12:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 2:00 PM 150 Celebration Committee/Parlor
- 5:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Waking Up White Book Study/Westminster Hall
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Thursday, September 28

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Hardees on South Neil
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 9:00 AM Women's Study/Parlor
- 9:00 AM Circle of Joy/Baytowne
- 12:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 1:00 PM Circle of Faith/Parlor
- 5:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 5:30 PM Cuba Steering Committee/Parlor
- 7:00 PM Circle of Peace/Parlor

Friday, September 29

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 12:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 1:00 PM SAFE House Class/Westminster Hall
- 5:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall

Saturday, September 30

- 9:30 AM Cuba Forum/Centennial Hall
- 3:00 PM Worship Prep/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM Praise & Prayer Gathering/Centennial Hall

Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Peter Yau**.

•This morning we welcome the **Rev. Dr. Jo Ella Holman**, to our pulpit. Rev. Holman is the PC(USA)'s regional liaison to the Caribbean.

Connect

•**First Presbyterian youth** (Middle School and High School age) are cordially invited to attend a youth event this evening at our church in The Café. Youth from Urbana Presbyterian and McKinley Presbyterian Church are joining us. We will gather from 6 to 7:30 PM. Games, fellowship and snacks will give the young people a chance to socialize.

•The Presbyterian Church USA has a membership of 1.5 M members while the country of South Korea boasts a membership of over 7 M. The **Korean Presbyterian Church** started in 1884 and one of the first missionaries was Rev. Horace Underwood. On October 1, 2017 we will have the opportunity to hear **Rev. Dick Underwood**, the grandson of Horace Underwood, speak at our church. Rev. Underwood will give a presentation, "What is a Korean? Past, Present and (Maybe) Future." A light lunch will be served at 12:30 with Rev. Underwood's presentation and a Q and A to follow. Please RSVP by writing "**Korean lunch**" on the friendship pad or calling the church office.

•Copies of the **Small Group & Adult Education Opportunities** for Fall are now available in the kiosks around the church.

•The **Classic Book Study** began Tuesday, September 12, at the Atkins building, 2nd floor conference room. They continue the book discussion of *Friendship of Women*.

•**Sanctuary Choir** is back in session and we need you to join us! Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7-8 PM and we always need fresh faces and voices. If you have questions, speak with **Joe Grant** or email him at joegrant@illinois.edu.

A celebration of appreciation for
Chuck and Betty Carlson
will be held Sunday, October 15, at City View
(top floor of the Illinois Terminal Amtrak and Bus station)

All are invited to a catered lunch at noon
following ONE church service at 10 AM.
If you would like to donate toward a retirement gift for the
Carlsons, please make your check out to the church with a
memo for retirement.

Call office (217.356.7238) to reserve your seat!