

# 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 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-8<sup>th</sup> grade is during the 9 AM worship service. The education hour for Confirmands and High School students is from 10:10-11 AM.

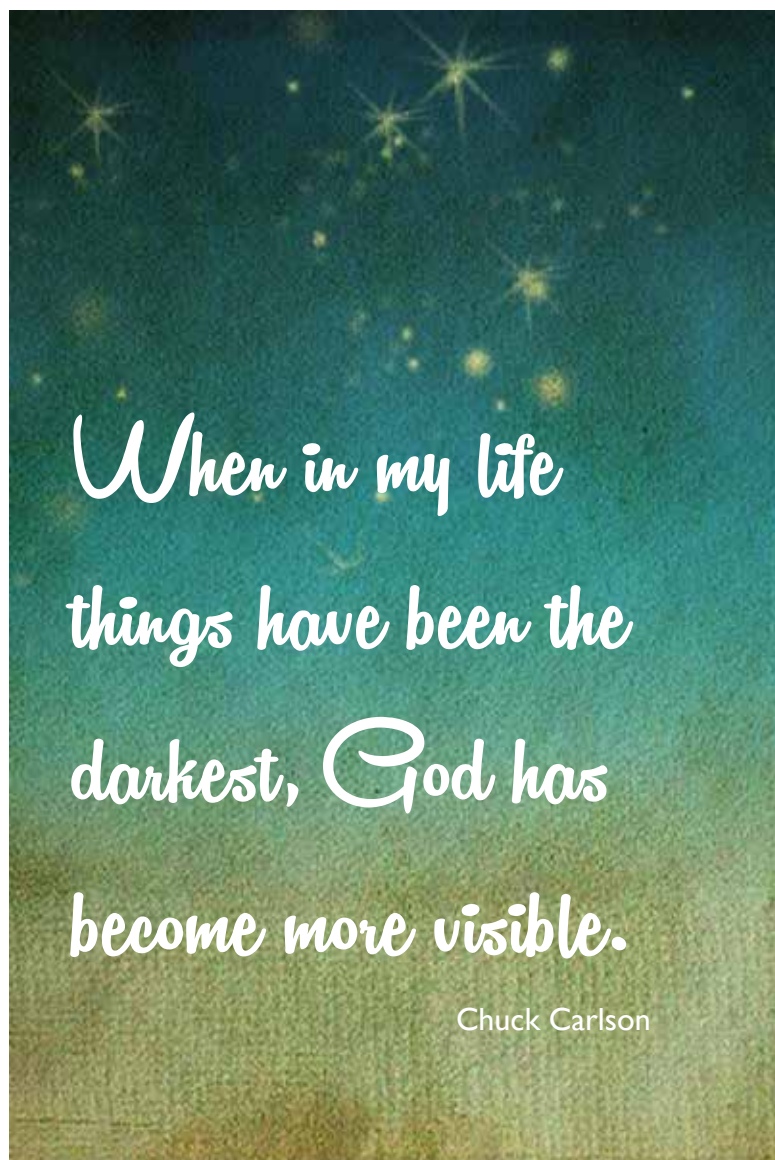
### Schedule

- 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](mailto:mindy@firstpres.church)) for more information about children and youth education and family events.

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## October 8, 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

9Introit *Cry Out With Joy to the Lord*

Richard Rossi

## Call to Worship

Leader Come, you scattered and torn;

**People Here find hope.**

Leader Come, you scared and lonely;

**People Here find love.**

Leader Come, you tired and tense;

**People Here find rest.**

Leader Come, you confused and searching;

**People Here find guidance.**

Leader Come, happy or sad;

**All Here join the song. Here let your lives be embraced by God's grace.**

♦Hymn 457 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

## 9Children's Sermon

## Prayer of Confession

Lord, it is not difficult to be candid and feel shame for what we have thought or done. Our pride obscures the vision of your love and grace. Proudly we pretend that we can get along without you or that you only know what we are doing from what we tell you. We greet you with formalities, but keep our emotional distance. Our pride of nation causes us to consider other nations mainly as markets or labeled as "enemy" or "ally." Our pride of race has stained the pages of our history with the horror of slavery and demeaning racial discrimination. Our personal pride often prevents us from seeking counsel when we really need it or from confiding in loved ones, because we are too proud to admit that we are human and vulnerable. Forgive us, Lord, and help us in our ongoing struggle with our pride; for the sake of our gracious Savior Jesus Christ...(silent confession)

## Assurance of Pardon

Leader Again and again, Jesus calls:

**People Hear the good news of the gospel.**

Leader Rise up from despair and brooding worry and fear.

**People Christ calls us to walk toward hope and away from the shadow of grief.**

Leader Breathe in the life-giving Spirit of God's forgiveness and grace in Jesus Christ.

**People We will live a resurrection life in the One who is alive now and forevermore.**

**All Let us sing a joyful song. God's love and forgiveness in Christ is transforming our lives!**

## 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*

9♦Hymn 2137 *Would I Have Answered When You Called?*  
(from *Sing the Faith* hymnal)

## Act of Friendship & Updates

## Offering of Gifts and Tithes

8Richard Rossi

9Adagio

Georg Telemann

Upper Room Ringers; Karin Vermillion, director

**#592 Doxology; Prayer of Dedication**

Scripture *Psalms 119* (OT pg. 498)

9Anthem *Take My Life, That I May Be*

Scott Perkins

Scripture *Philippians 3:4b-14* (NT pg. 198)

Message *Do We Ever Arrive?*

Chuck Carlson

9Call to Prayer *We Bow Before the Lord*

Richard Rossi

## Prayers of the People

*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 *Blessed Be God*

Richard Rossi

♦Postlude 8Adagio

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♦Please stand if able.

# This Week

## Sunday, October 8

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Sunday School (K-5<sup>th</sup> in Worship until 9:15)/CE Bldg
- 10:10 AM High School Class/CE Bldg
- 10:10 AM Confirmation Class/Room 206
- 10:10 AM Adult Drop-In Class/Parlor
- 10:10 AM Adult Drop-In Class (French)/Room 204
- 11:00 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 12:00 PM Pastor Nominating Committee/Chapel
- 12:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Chapel

## Monday, October 9

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 11:30 AM Stephen Ministry Support/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Westminster Hall
- 1:00 PM Prayer Team/Library
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 3:40 PM Brain Health Aerobics/Chapel
- 5:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 5:30 PM Compassionate, Peace, Justice/Parlor
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 6:30 PM Epilepsy Support/Westminster Hall

## Tuesday, October 10

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 9:00 AM Transition Mtg/Parlor
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 12:00 PM Mission Team/Westminster Hall
- 1:00 PM ESL Interview/Library
- 5:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 5:45 PM Contemporary Worship Team/Parlor
- 7:00 PM Worship Team/Parlor

## Wednesday, October 11

- 8:30 AM SEA Group/Parlor
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 12:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 1:00 PM Stewardship Mtg/Library
- 3:40 PM Brain Health Aerobics/Chapel
- 5:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 5:30 PM Spiritual Formation/Library
- 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, October 12

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Hardees on South Neil
- 7:30 AM Equippers/Parlor
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 9:00 AM Women's Study/Parlor
- 10:30 AM Membership/Parlor
- 11:30 AM Outreach/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 4:30 PM Finance/Library
- 5:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes

## Friday, October 13

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 12:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 1:30 PM SAFE House Class/Westminster Hall
- 3:40 PM Brain Health Aerobics/Chapel
- 5:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall

## Saturday, October 14

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

# Worship

•Liturgists this morning are **Lori Schaap** at the 8 AM service and **Bill Metcalf** at the 9 AM service.

# Connect

•An **aerobics exercise class targeting brain health** will begin Monday, October 9. The class will be held MWF from 3:40-4:40 PM in the Chapel and will be led by **Celeste Kim**. Celeste is a certified instructor of the HHIM Brain Institute in South Korea. It is open to the public and all ages are welcome. Please contact Mindy Watts-Ellis (mindy@firstpres.church) or Celeste Kim (217.494.5994) for further information.

•**Learn about our Cuban neighbors and our sister congregation in Havana.** The Cuba Study will be offered for eight consecutive weeks from 6:30 to 8 PM beginning Wednesday, October 18 at the home of **Bob and Claudia Kirby**. Our trips to Cuba are limited to those who have completed the study and are members of a Presbyterian Church. To enroll in the study contact Bob or Claudia at [rwk3213@gmail.com](mailto:rwk3213@gmail.com) or phone 217-356-5915.

# Fall PW Gathering

**Thursday, October 19 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM**  
**Westminster Hall**  
**Presentation 12 noon**  
**Light lunch provided**

Discussion...

*In a divisive world, can our racial awareness  
make a difference?*

Facilitated by **Judi Geistlinger** and **Betty Hollister**

ONE service next Sunday, October 15

10 AM

Join us to bid farewell to Chuck and Betty Carlson  
as they retire to Montana.

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.