

# 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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## 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

**There is no Sunday School this morning. Children are encouraged to attend the worship celebration for Chuck and Betty Carlson with their parents. Sunday School will resume at its regular time next week.**



**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

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# 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** Betty Hollister, Bill Stout, Joys Ditu

**Opening Praise Song** *Yesu Azali Awa*  
Combined Groups

**Call to Worship** (Respond in your preferred language. Répondez dans votre langue préférée. Français sera sur les écrans.)

**Leader** Let us worship a God of surprises! Too often, we are told that winning is everything.

**People** Here we glimpse God's reality that we must lose our lives in order to gain them.

**Leader** Too often, we believe that freedom means autonomy, that we are in charge of our lives and not accountable to God.

**People** Here we are reminded again that true freedom comes from God. We are free when we are obedient to Christ's commands and heed his voice to, "Follow me."

**Leader** In God's kingdom, earthly wealth and power do not rule.

**People** Here we are reminded that "The stone that was rejected has become the chief cornerstone."

**All** Let us worship our God who in the face of Jesus Christ surprises us with grace, not judgment, hope, not despair, and a solid faith grounded upon his life, death, and resurrection.

♦**Hymn 260** *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*  
(verses alternate English/French)

## Children's Sermon

**Prayer of Confession** (Respond in your preferred language. Répondez dans votre langue préférée. Français sera sur les écrans.)

**Leader** As people who have been made new in Christ and reconciled to God, let us trust in God's 'Yes' to us in Christ as we make our confession.

**People** Forgive us when our speech is neither edifying to you or others. May what we say be inspired by the graciousness of the Holy Spirit.

**Response** *Sing Alleluia to the Lord...*

**People** Forgive us when we close our minds to your Word. Give us the mind of Christ to apprehend your truth and promises.

**Response** *Lift up your hearts unto the Lord...*

**People** You know the distractions occupying our minds, the busyness that bruises those nearest, a fearfulness that breeds prejudice, distrust, and cynicism.

**Response** *In Christ the world has been redeemed...*

**People** You know our longing for a more centered life. Forgive us for hurried time with friends and family, not carving time for

rest, exercise and prayer, and ignoring the nudges of the Holy Spirit to deepen faith and witness.

**Response** *His resurrection sets us free...*

**People** Enable us to let go of that which pulls us from your path. Heal the wounds we carry, forgive the errors we commit, and lead us to live life guided by the Holy Spirit.

**Response** *Sing Alleluia to the Lord...*

**Assurance of Pardon** (Adapted from *Romans 14:7-9*)

(Respond in your preferred language. Répondez dans votre langue préférée. Français sera sur les écrans.)

**Leader** "We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves.

**People** If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord;

**Leader** So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

**People** For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living."

**All** Let us enfold our lives into the salvation life of our risen Lord who loves and has forgiven us. Amen!

## 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

### Offering of Gifts and Tithes

*Nearer My God to Thee*

Jean René Balekita and Bomoyi

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Scripture** *Jeremiah 9:23-24* (OT pg. 711)

**Anthem** *Alleluia, Amen*  
Combined Groups

**Scripture** *1 Corinthians 1:18-25, 2:1-5* (NT pg. 166)

**Message** *The Foolishness of the Gospel*  
Chuck Carlson

**Prayers of the People**  
*The Lord's Prayer*

♦**Hymn 339** *Be Thou My Vision*

♦**Benediction**

♦**Benediction Hymn 438** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

♦**Postlude** Richard Rossi

♦Please stand if able.

# This Week

## Sunday, October 15

- 10:00 AM ONEWorship/Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Carlson Celebration Lunch/CityView
- 12:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Room 204
- 2:30 PM Pastor Nominating Committee/Chapel

## Monday, October 16

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 12:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 3:40 PM Brain Health Aerobics/Chapel
- 5:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 5:30 PM World Mission/Westminster Hall
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 6:30 PM Rempe Small Group/Parlor

## Tuesday, October 17

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 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

## Wednesday, October 18

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 12:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 3:40 PM Brain Health Aerobics/Chapel
- 5:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 6:30 PM Cuba Study/Kirby Home
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

## Thursday, October 19

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Hardees on South Neil
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 9:00 AM Women's Study/Parlor
- 11:30 AM PW Fall Gathering/Westminster Hall
- 12:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 6:00 PM YoungLives Trunk or Treat/Centennial H/Parking Lot
- 6:30 PM Session/Westminster Hall

## Friday, October 20

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 12:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 1:00 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 21

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

# Worship

•Liturgists this morning are **Marc Miller** and **Cesar Mnyampara**.

# Connect

•An **aerobics exercise class targeting brain health** began 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.

•Join us for the **Fall Presbyterian Women's Gathering** on Thursday, October 19, beginning at 11:30 AM in Westminster Hall. Discussion will be "In a divisive world, can our racial awareness make a difference?" facilitated by **Judi Geistlinger** and **Betty Hollister**. A light lunch will be provided.

•**Trunk-or-treat October 29** at 5-6 PM in the church parking lot followed by a soup supper from 6-7 PM in Centennial Hall. Be sure to sign up to decorate your car trunk and hand out candy or help with the soup supper. Sign up sheets will be located in Westminster Hall this Sunday to volunteer. Those bringing cars to decorate should plan to be parked by 4:30 PM in the east side of the church lot and begin to set up. Those donating candy for the event should bring large bags of individually wrapped candies to the church office no later than October 27. Those bringing soup should make enough to feed 30 people and bring it in a crock pot to keep it hot to Centennial Hall by 5:30 PM on October 29. If you don't own a crock pot, the church has a couple in the kitchen that you could borrow. Be sure to sign your name and the type of soup you plan to bring.

•An **evening of music** will be held Friday, November 3 at 7 PM in the Sanctuary. Organist **Richard Rossi** and the **Downstate Strings** will present a concert showcasing our new organ. The program will include solo organ works by Bach and Pachelbel, the Handel *Organ Concerto Opus 4, No. 4*, two pieces for violin and organ by Joseph Rheinberger, *Rhosymedre* by Ralph Vaughan Williams, and *Mvt. II* from the *Haydn String Quartet Opus 76, No. 3* (the "Kaiser"). The concert is free and open to the public. A reception will follow. Please invite your friends and family to this upcoming concert in our church.