

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

November 12, 2017 8 and 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; 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 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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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

9Introit *This Is the Day* James Rivers

Call to Worship

Leader Let us open our minds to God's teaching;
People and tune our ears to God's word.
Leader Let us listen to the stories of the faith of our ancestors;
People and share our stories with our children.
Leader We put our trust in God;
People we worship the one who give us life.

♦**Hymn 341** *Blessed Assurance*

9Children's Sermon

Prayer of Confession

Holy and gracious God, you are all light and wonder and glory. You are our strength and our delight; you give us all we need to live. Yet we are distracted by all that glitters, continually grasping for more. Rather than trust in your provision, we chase after our own happiness. Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you. Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with grace, for we know that you are the source of life, the fount of all that is good...(continue to pray in silence)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader Hear the good news: Nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
People We believe the good news: we are forgiven and reconciled 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*

9♦Hymn 2128 *Come and Find the Quiet Center*
(from *Sing the Faith* hymnal)

Act of Friendship & Updates

Moment for Ministry – Knifty Knitters Brandi Lowe

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Amazing Grace
Alexis Korbe, piano; Brandon Pauley, trumpet
#592 Doxology; Prayer of Dedication

Scripture *Psalms 78:1-7* (OT pg. 537)

9Anthem *Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round* M. Burkhardt

Scripture *Matthew 25:1-13* (NT pg. 28)

Message *Being Ready*
Eric Corbin

9Call to Prayer *O Thou Who Hearest Prayer* James Rivers

Prayers of the People *The Lord's Prayer*

♦**Hymn 15** *Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers*

♦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 *Grant Us Thy Peace* James Rivers

♦**Postlude** Richard Rossi

♦Please stand if able.

This Week

Sunday, November 12

- 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
- 10:10 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, November 13

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 11:30 AM Stephen Ministry Support Team/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
- 3:00 PM SAFE House Class/Westminster Hall
- 5:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 5:30 PM Compassion, Peace & Justice/Parlor
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 6:30 PM Epilepsy Support/Westminster Hall

Tuesday, November 14

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Mission Team/Westminster Hall
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Atkins Bldg.
- 12:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 5:45 PM Contemporary Worship Team/Parlor
- 7:00 PM Worship Team/Parlor

Wednesday, November 15

- 9:00 AM ESL Thanksgiving Party/Centennial Hall
- 12:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 6:30 PM Cuba Study/Bob & Claudia Kirby's home
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Thursday, November 16

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Hardees on South Neil
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 9:00 AM Women's Study/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 6:00 PM Young Lives/Centennial Hall
- 6:30 PM Session/Westminster Hall

Friday, November 17 Church Office Closes at 12 Noon

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 8:30 AM Smile Healthy/Room 105
- 12:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes

Saturday, November 18

- 3:00 PM Worship Prep/Centennial Hall
- 4:00 PM Citizen Application Assistance/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM Praise & Prayer Gathering/Centennial Hall

Worship

•Liturgists this morning are **Judi Geistlinger** at the 8 AM service and **Eric Stickels** 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.

•**Advent Devotionals** by Henri Nouwen are available in the kiosks and at the Welcome Center. Share in a more personal Advent coming – the presence of Christ in our hearts in the here-and-now of grace-filled moments through the meditations.

Connect

•Please **join us for a study** of *God is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The class starts November 26 for 4 weeks in Mae Chapin Parlor. Books are available for \$10 and available today. Facilitator is **Peter Yau**. You can contact Peter directly for questions (pmyau@illinois.edu).

•**Second Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration...** Sunday, November 19, 2017 3 PM at the I-Hotel, 1900 South First Street, Champaign. All are invited to celebrate our relationships with one another and the world in which we live. Attendees are encouraged to bring non-perishable foods to donate to the Eastern Illinois Foodbank, and strips of fabric, string or other weavable material to be used in our community art project.

•FPCC will continue the annual Christmas tradition of having an **Angel Tree**. Each ornament on the tree will represent an item on the wish list of a local agency. You may take as many ornaments as you wish! After you have purchased the item, please bring it to the church by Sunday, December 17. Cash or check donations are also a great choice. Monetary donations can be placed in offering plate during worship or sent to the office. Make check to the church with the agency's name in the memo line. The Angel Tree will be up the week after Thanksgiving, so you can get started with the joy of giving before December.

•The Men's Emergency Shelter is seeking volunteers and the following items: snack items, gloves, and hats. Contact **Kristi Corbin** (kristi@firstpres.church) if you would like to volunteer or make a donation.

•Reminder...There is a container in the Mission closet for **General Mills box tops** that are still being collected by our Presbyterian Women. Box tops help in providing supplies and equipment to Kemmerer Village.

**The church office will close at 12 noon
Friday, November 17, 2017.**