

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.

Pastors:

Eric Corbin

eric@firstpres.church

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 Confirmants 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 |
| 10:00-10:30 | Children's Choir in the Chapel |
| 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 | Parents 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.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

November 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

Office: 302 West Church, Champaign, IL 61820 217.356.7238
info@firstpres.church www.firstpres.church
Facebook: [fb.com/firstpreschampaign](https://www.facebook.com/firstpreschampaign)

Service for the Lord's Day

A special welcome to those at our church for the first time.

Prelude Karen Dohme
Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell
Greeting

9Introit *Hymn to the Trinity* Paul Sjolund

Call to Worship

Leader We have been blessed by God.

People We are called to serve others in God's Name.

Leader Open our hearts today, Lord, to hear your voice!

People Help us feel your presence and seek your direction!

Leader Come, let us worship the God of abundant love!

People Let us celebrate God's presence in our lives.

♦**Hymn 464** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

9Children's Sermon

Prayer of Confession

Patient Lord, you wait while we moan that we do not have enough of anything – enough time, enough talents, enough resources, enough energy – to do the work that you have called us to do. How can we be so blind? We are so busy complaining about what we don't have that we have neglected to look at all the gifts and talents we do have. Shake us up, Lord! Move us from whining about not enough, into cooperative service using the multitude of gifts we have been given. Peace and justice can prevail if we are willing to use our gifts and our lives in your service. Be with us. Forgive us and heal our foolish spirits. Cause us to work for you in this world that you have loaned to us...(continue to pray in silence)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader You have been called and blessed. Go to serve God, knowing that healing and restoration has been poured upon you. Be at peace!

People We are forgiven and reconciled to God and will live that way! 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*

9♦**Hymn 527** *Near to the Heart of God*

Act of Friendship & Updates

Moment for Ministry – Spiritual Formation Peter Yau

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Jean René Balekita and Bomoyi

#592 Doxology; Prayer of Dedication

Scripture *Psalms 123* (OT pg. 572)

9Anthem *Lift Thine Eyes* Felix Mendelssohn

Scripture *Matthew 25:14-30* (NT pg. 28)

Message *Risking Ourselves*
Eric Corbin

9Call to Prayer *Your Will Be Done* Paul Sjolund

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

♦**Hymn 391** *Take My Life*

♦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** *Jesus, Our Only Joy* Paul Sjolund

♦**Postlude** Karen Dohme

♦Please stand if able.

This Week

Sunday, November 19

- 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
- 10:00 AM Children's Choir/Chapel
- 10:10 AM High School Class/CE Bldg
- 10:10 AM Confirmation Retreat/Gym & Room 205
- 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
- 3:00 PM Interfaith Thanksgiving Service/I Hotel

Monday, November 20

- 12:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 3:30 PM Environmental Team/Parlor
- 5:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 5:30 PM World Mission/Westminster Hall

Tuesday, November 21

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Centennial Hall
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Atkins Bldg.
- 12:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes

Wednesday, November 22

- 12:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 4:00 PM French Thanksgiving Celebration/Centennial Hall
- 5:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes

Thursday, November 23 Church Office Closed/Thanksgiving

- 12:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes

Friday, November 24 Church Office Closed/Thanksgiving

- 12:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall

Saturday, November 25

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

Worship

•Liturgists this morning are **Dave McNattin** at the 8 AM service and **Mark Schoeffmann** 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...** this afternoon at 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. 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.

•The Human Resource Committee is looking for volunteers. We meet the first Monday of each month at 5 PM. We are an active committee and at times can involve a few hours per week. We deal with staff issues, pastoral issues and act as an ombudsman when needed. Contact **Bill Marble** 217.621.7881 or **Ann Stout** 217.359.7487.

**The church office will be closed
November 23 and 24
in observance of Thanksgiving.
Have a blessed holiday!**

ONE service only
Sunday, November 26 9 AM
followed by Congregational Meeting
to vote on the PNC's candidate
for Senior Pastor

There will NO Sunday School that morning.
The Advent Study – God is in the Manger will start at
11 AM immediately after the Congregational meeting.