

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

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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; 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

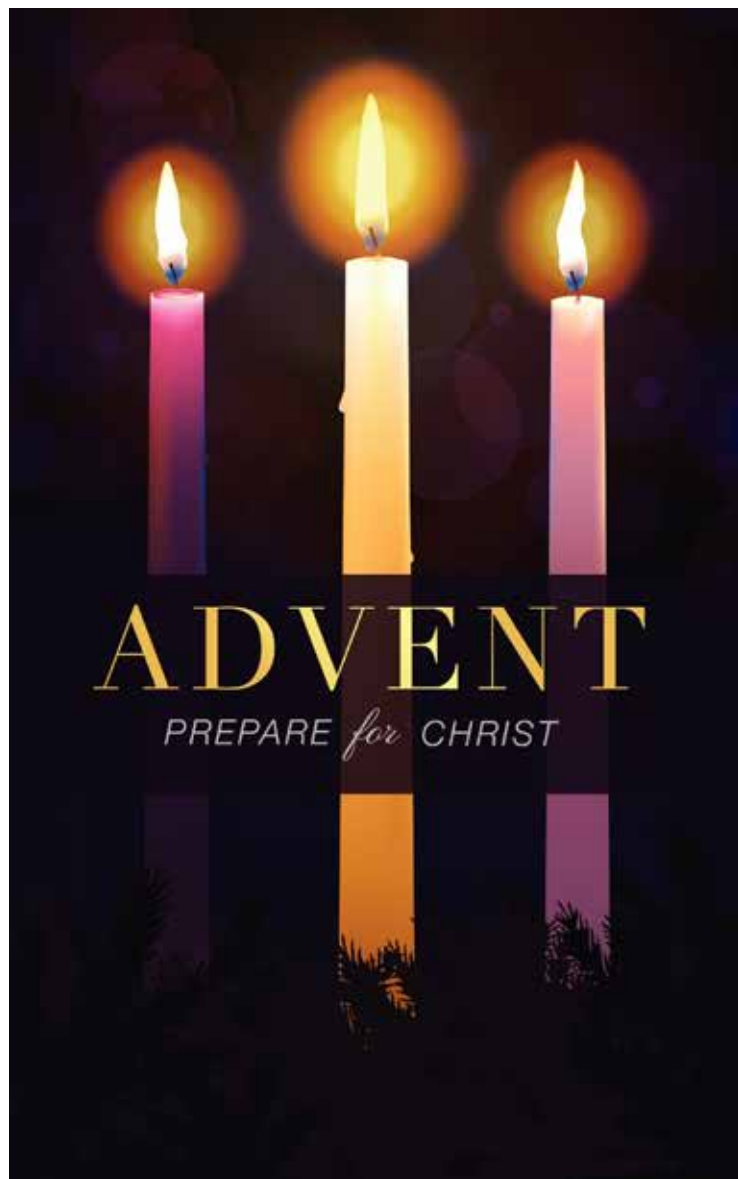
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| 8:45-9:00 | Children check-in and gather in the chapel |
| 9:00-9:15 | K-5 grades in worship, then class in the Education Building until 10 AM |
| 9:00-10:00 | Preschool and Middle School lessons in their classrooms |
| 10:00-10:30 | Children's Choir 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

December 10, 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

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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 *Savior of the Nations, Come* Erfurt

Call to Worship

Leader God is going to make all things work together!
People **All the valleys will be lifted up and the mountains will be made a plain.**
Leader People will work together; there will be hope and peace.
People **The Lord is healing the hearts of the people.**
Leader Wait! The Lord is coming with hope and peace.
People **Lord, make us ready and put us on the right path to you.**

♦**Hymn 9** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

8 Kathy Kinser
9 Andrew Leakey, Lisa Ainsworth, Fiona & Hazel Leakey

9Children's Sermon

Prayer of Confession

We are such an impatient people, O Lord. We want everything immediately. We want to skip over Advent because we really don't understand the power and importance of waiting for your great gift. We are eager for the parties and celebrations. It is easy for us to overlook the tasks you have set before us, to take care of those who are in need, to be a listening presence to those who are troubled, to reach out in kindness and compassion to all who hurt. Forgive us for our need to speed through this season of Advent. Slow us down and give us an appreciation for the Advent of your Son...(continue to pray in silence)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader The reign of God has come near; the repentant will be judged with righteousness.
People **We are forgiven. We will be filled with hope, believing in the power of the risen Christ to bring us to new life.**

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*

♦**9Hymn 8** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

Act of Friendship & Updates

Moment for Ministry – Advent Offering
Nathan Montgomery

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings (Messiah) G. Handel
Alexis Korbe, soloist
#592 Doxology; Prayer of Dedication

Scripture *Isaiah 11:1-10* (OT pg. 640)

9Anthem *O Radiant Dawn* James MacMillan

Scripture *Mark 1:1-8* (NT pg. 34)

Message *A New Day* Pastor Eric Corbin

Call to Prayer *Be Still* Ann Kerr

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

Moment for Ministry – Random Acts of Kindness
Betty Hollister

♦**Hymn 14** *Savior of the Nations, Come*

♦Benediction

♦8Benediction 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.

♦**9Choral Benediction** *God Be With You* R. Vaughan-Williams

♦**Postlude** Richard Rossi

♦Please stand if able.

This Week

Sunday, December 10

- 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 Confirmation Class/Room 206
- 10:10 AM High School Class/CE Bldg
- 10:10 AM Advent Study/Parlor
- 10:10 AM Adult Drop-In Class (French)/Room 204
- 11:00 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 12:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Chapel

Monday, December 11

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204 & 207
- 10:30 AM ESL Informational Mtg/The Café
- 11:00 AM Prayer (French)/Chapel
- 11:30 AM Stephen Ministry Support/Parlor
- 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
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 5:30 AM Compassion, Peace & Justice/Parlor
- 6:00 PM Prayer (French)/Chapel
- 6:30 PM Epilepsy Support/Westminster Hall

Tuesday, December 12

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204 & 207
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 11:00 AM Prayer (French)/Chapel
- 12:00 PM Mission Team/Westminster Hall
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Atkins Bldg.
- 5:45 PM Contemporary Worship Team/Parlor
- 6:00 PM Prayer (French)/Chapel

Wednesday, December 13

- 8:30 AM SEA Group/Parlor
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204 & 207
- 11:00 AM Prayer (French)/Chapel
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 6:00 PM Prayer (French)/Chapel
- 6:30 PM Cuba Study/Bob & Claudia Kirby's home
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Thursday, December 14

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Hardees
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204 & 207
- 10:30 AM Membership/Parlor
- 11:00 AM Prayer (French)/Chapel
- 11:30 AM Outreach/Parlor
- 4:30 PM Finance/Library
- 6:00 PM Young Lives/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM Prayer (French)/Chapel

Friday, December 15

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 11:00 AM Prayer (French)/Chapel
- 5:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM Prayer (French)/Chapel
- 6:30 PM Christmas Pageant Rehearsal/Sanctuary

Saturday, December 16

- 10:00 AM Music Sunday Rehearsal/Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM CYF Cookie Baking/Centennial Hall
- 3:00 PM Worship Prep/Centennial Hall
- 3:30 PM Christmas Pageant Rehearsal/Sanctuary
- 6:00 PM Praise & Prayer Gathering/Centennial Hall

Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Kathy Kinser** at the 8 AM service and **Bill Marble** at the 9 AM service.

•On Sunday, December 17 at both the 8 and 9 AM services we will have our annual **Christmas Music Sunday**. This year we will feature the Pergolesi *Magnificat*. The text is Mary's personal expression of joy and thanksgiving to God for his fulfillment of the promise of redemption through the birth of Christ. The Sanctuary Choir, strings, organ and soloists will be featured. Make plans to attend and bring a friend or 10!

•**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.

Connect

•Please **join us for a study** of *God is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The class began November 26 and will meet for 4 weeks at 10:10 AM in Mae Chapin Parlor. Books are available for \$10. Facilitator is **Peter Yau**.

•As part of the Reformed tradition and for the 500th anniversary following Martin Luther nailing his theses to a church door, we will soon begin a 6-week study on Reformations. The study will be led by **Pat Metcalf**, and begins on January 7 at 10:10. Explore the backgrounds to the Reformations and then each of the four Reformation traditions. Finally, look at the Reformations today regarding their influences and legacies, as well as the Reformation in today's churches. Books available for \$5, beginning December 10 between services. Sign up today!

Serve

•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 **Advent Offering** through December 17 is themed "Food for the Hungry." Funds will be donated to Salt & Light. Please give generously to feed children and help empower others to lift themselves out of poverty. Mark your check or a pew envelope "Advent" and drop your contribution in this morning's offering plate.