

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:

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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

There is NO Sunday School today. At other times, 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

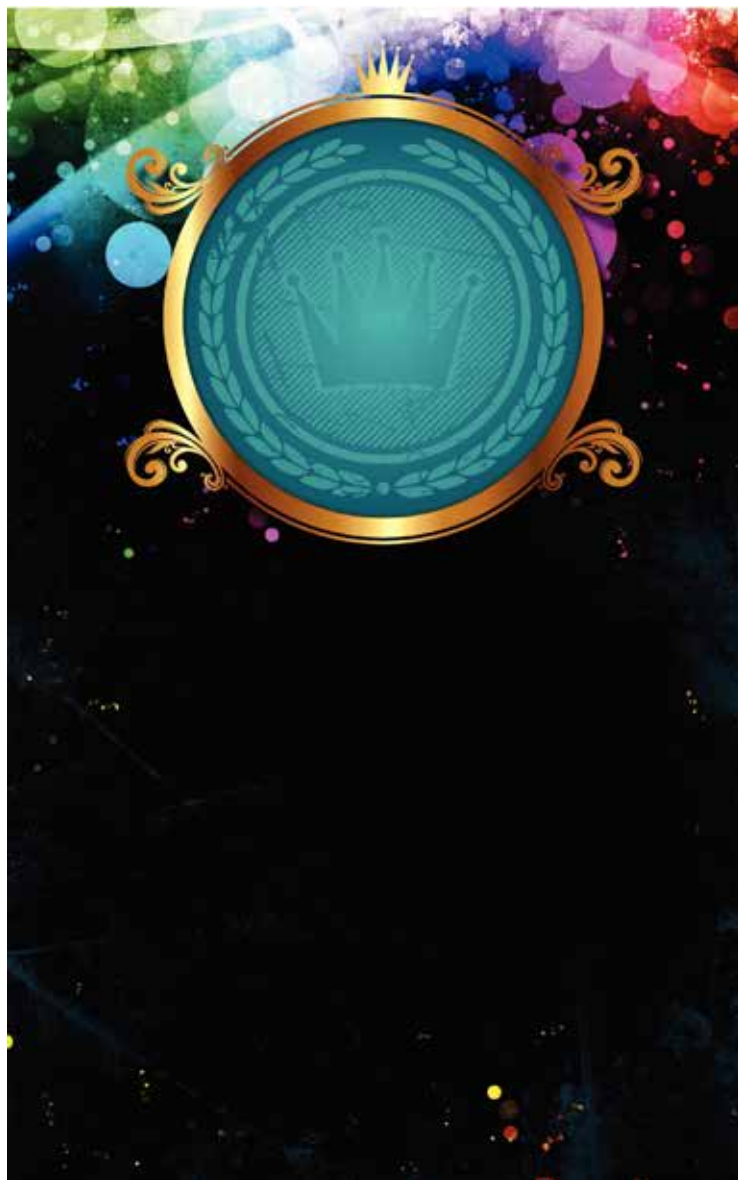
Contact our Director of Children, Youth, and Families, **Mindy Watts-Ellis** (mindy@firstpres.church) for more information about children and youth education and family events.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

December 31, 2017
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 Karen Dohme
Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell
Greeting

Call to Worship

Leader When Jesus is born to Mary and Joseph,
People God is there.
Leader When Jesus is presented at the temple,
People God is there.
Leader When Simeon holds Jesus in his arms,
People God is there.
Leader When Anna recognizes Jesus in the temple,
People God is there.
Leader This very morning,
People God is here.
Leader In the future we cannot see,
People God is there.
All Let us worship God!

♦Hymn 53 *What Child Is This?*

Prayer of Confession

Lord of Christmas Peace, we have done wrong. We have tarnished the gift you gave freely. We have buried you so deeply in our hearts, the world doesn't see you. We have not followed Christ, we have ignored your teachings, we have lived lives of apathy against your love, we have built fences and fortresses to push people away, and we have silenced the screams of those in need. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our sin, free us from our captivity, free us to a life lived in joy through Jesus Christ our Lord...(continue to pray in silence)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader Hear the good news. The time is now; the place is here: God has redeemed us from sin; God has claimed us as the children of hope.
People Praise God, all people, for life is given to us anew; eternity is our home. Thanks be to God. 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*

Hymn Sing

Act of Friendship & Updates

Scripture *Psalms 121* (OT pg. 571)
Romans 8 (NT pg. 157)

Message Jeannie Murray

Prayers for Ourselves and Others
The Lord's Prayer

♦Hymn 31 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Karen Dohme

#592 Doxology; Prayer of Dedication

♦Benediction

♦Postlude

Karen Dohme

♦Please stand if able.

This Week

Sunday, December 31

- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Chapel
- 9:00 PM New Americans New Year's Celebration/C. Hall

Monday, January 1 Church Office Closed

- 12:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, January 2

- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Atkins Bldg.

Wednesday, January 3

- 12:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Thursday, January 4

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Hardees
- 12:00 PM Congregational Care Deacons/Westminster Hall
- 12:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes

Friday, January 5

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 12:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall

Saturday, January 6

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

Worship

•Liturgists this morning from our High School Group are **Lizz Pippin** and **Destin Lembelembe**. We welcome **Jeannie Murray** one of our Amateur Preacher's to the pulpit this morning.

Connect

•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

•Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior. By giving to the **Christmas Joy Offering**, you honor this gift by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

There will be a **Congregational Meeting** on Sunday, January 21, 2018, immediately following the 9 AM service.

The purpose of the meeting is to take a formal vote on the recent recommendation by Session to approve the sale of approximately 10-11 acres of farmland to Copper Creek Church under the terms as described in a mailing to the congregation dated December 28, 2017.