

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

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

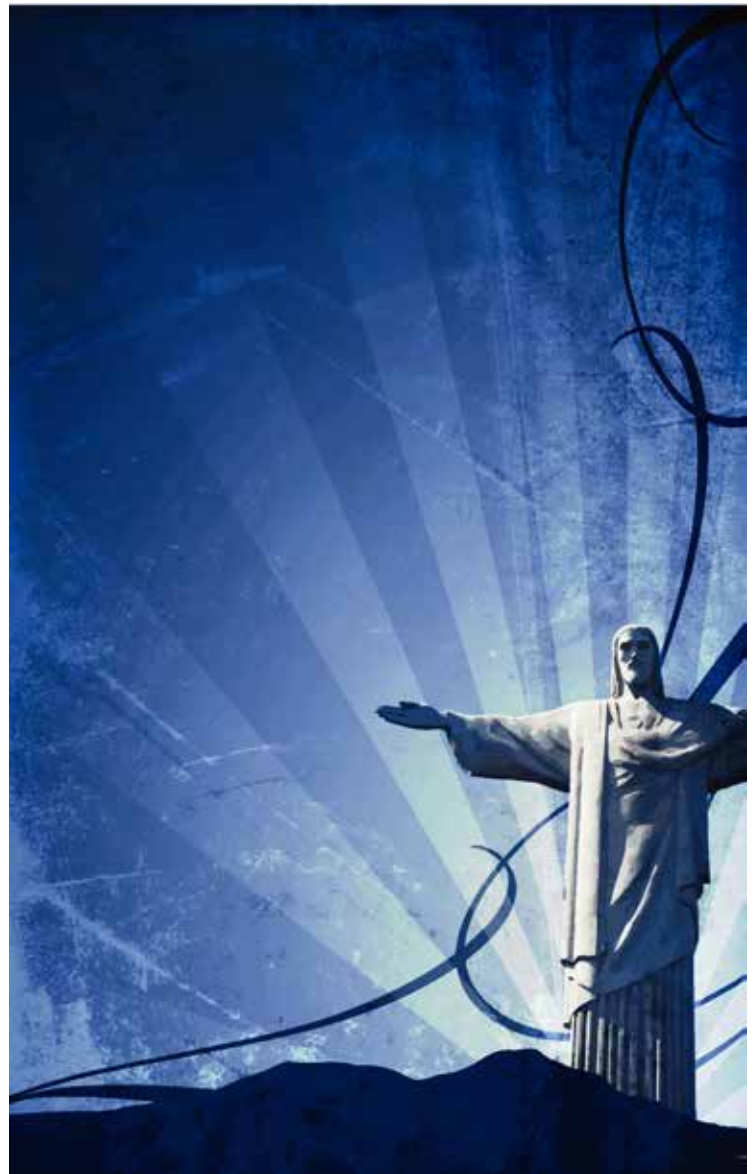
Please sign in your child in the Education Building. There you will receive a nametag for your child and a matching identification label to be used by the parent during pick up. Classes for Preschool-8th grade begin at 9 AM. High School Youth Sunday School begins at 10:30 AM after worship. All classes are held in the Christian Education Building. Children will be served a snack in their class. Our Nursery and Toddler Rooms (birth – 2 years) are open from 8:45 – 10:30 AM each Sunday.

Schedule

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| 8:50-9:00 | Students check-in |
| 9:00-10:00 | Sunday School for Preschool – 8 th Grade |
| 10:00 | Parents may pick up Preschool children |
| 10-10:30 | Children's Choir practice or Mission project option (K-8) |
| 10:30 | Parents pick up students in the Chapel or Café in the Christian Education Building. |
| 10:30-11:30 | High School and recent grad group in the Christian Education Building |

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.

February 26, 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 and Announcements

9Introit *O Come, Let Us Sing*

James Rivers

Call to Worship

Leader On glory's mountaintops of wonder and delight,
we wait:

**People For God's amazing grace to transform our
shadowed lives.**

Leader In the valleys of everyday life, where noise
overwhelms us, we wait;

**People Spending time simply being in God's
presence.**

Leader In the devouring fires of fear, in the mist of
misguided living, we wait,

**People For the One who comes in majesty, to led us
down the paths of humility.**

♦Hymn #73 *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory*

♦Prayer of Confession

God of mountaintops, the din of the world can harden
our hearts to your Word. We are engrossed by
entertainment and can share with ease our favorite
moments from movies and sports, yet have trouble
bearing witness to your presence in our lives. Our
faith is placed in those who fail us, our trust is given
to those who misplace it.

Forgive us, Revealer of Mystery. You offer mercy to
us, that we might hear your call to discipleship. You
whisper our names, that we might know how loved
we are. Caught by the surprise of your never-
ending love for us, how can we not follow our Lord
and Savior, Jesus Christ, onto the mountaintops of
worship and into the valleys of sacrifice and service...
(continue to pray in silence)

♦Assurance of Pardon

Leader On mountaintops and in the valleys, in our homes
and in our hearts, God knows us better than we
know ourselves, and God forgives us when we
cannot forgive ourselves.

**People By God's mercy, we are forgiven. By God's
mercy, we are made whole. By God's mercy,
we are equipped to serve others. 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*

Act of Friendship

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

I God a Home in-a That Rock arr. Moses Hogan

Kasey Stewart, soprano soloist

9#592 Doxology; Prayer of Dedication

9♦Hymn #281 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

9Call to Prayer *Hear Us Now*

James Rivers

9Prayers for Ourselves and Others *The Lord's Prayer*

Scripture *Psalms 99* (OT pg 552)

9Anthem *Prayer for Transfiguration Day*

John Weaver

Scripture *Matthew 17:1-9* (NT pg 18)

Message *Bringing the Extraordinary into the Ordinary*
Pastor Eric Corbin

8Prayers for Ourselves and Others *The Lord's Prayer*

♦Hymn #426 *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*

♦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, February 26

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM Sunday School (K-8th)/Chapel
- 10:00 AM Youth Choir/Chapel
- 10:30 AM Pancake Brunch/Centennial Hall
- 10:30 AM Belhar Confession Study/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Pastor Nominating Committee/Chapel
- 4:00 PM SAFE House Benefit Concert/Methodist Church
- 9:30 PM Men's Emergency Shelter/Centennial Hall

Monday, February 27

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 11:00 AM GROW/Chapel
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Westminster Hall
- 3:30 PM Environmental Team/Parlor
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 7:00 PM Outreach Mtg/Peterson's
- 9:30 PM Men's Emergency Shelter/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, February 28

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/2nd Floor Atkins Bldg.
- 1:30 PM SAFE House Class/Westminster Hall
- 6:30 PM Community Mission Deacons/Westminster Hall
- 9:30 PM Men's Emergency Shelter/Centennial Hall

Wednesday, March 1

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study/Library at Windsor Court
- 10:00 AM Path to Peace/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Computer Class/Centennial Hall
- 5:00 PM Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes/Chapel
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Contemporary Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir/Choir Room
- 9:30 PM Men's Emergency Shelter/Centennial Hall

Thursday, March 2

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Hardees on South Neil
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Congregational Care Deacons/Westminster Hall
- 6:00 PM YoungLives/The Café
- 9:30 PM Men's Emergency Shelter/Centennial Hall

Friday, March 3

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 12:00 PM Conversations with Scripture/Parlor
- 5:00 PM High School Winter Retreat/Hwu's

Saturday, March 4

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

Worship

- Liturgist this morning is **Pat Metcalf** at the 8 AM service and **Scott Hendren** at the 9 AM service.
- Ash Wednesday**, March 1, marks the beginning of Lent. You are invited to come that evening to the Chapel any time between 5-7 PM for the imposition of ashes and a contemplative experience.

Connect

- We extend an invitation to you to join one of our **adult education classes** as we learn and grow in Christ together. Sign up this morning in Westminster Hall.
- Lenten Study: God's Abundant Table** by Cynthia Campbell 10:30 AM Centennial Hall Sundays March 5- April 9 led by **Pastor Chuck Carlson** and **Judi Geistlinger**.
- Fear of the Other** by William H. Willimon 5:30 PM Parlor Tuesdays March 7- 28 led by **Judi Geistlinger**.
- All High School youth and young adults** are invited to attend a winter retreat March 3-4 at **Sabrina Hwu's** house. The retreat will begin at 5 PM with dinner and last through March 4 until 5 PM. Food, fun fellowship, Bible study, prayer, and time for serving in our community will all be part of the experience. Let Sabrina know if you plan to attend at sabrinahwu@yahoo.com.
- A pancake brunch** will be held TODAY, February 26 from 10:30-11:30 AM in Centennial Hall. This is a fundraiser for the **youth summer mission trip** to help with flood recovery efforts in Hammond, LA. The youth will be serving through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program May 29-June 3. Bring your appetite and a generous donation!
- Cuba Café: Salsa Dance Lessons and Dessert** Sunday, March 12 at 2 PM. Tickets are available in Westminster Hall or from any Cuba Partner. Proceeds will support the programs of our sister church in Cuba. Donations welcome from those unable to attend.

Serve

- We are hosting an **Emergency Men's Shelter**, Sundays through Thursdays, between 9:30 PM and 6:30 AM through March 30. The shelter is staffed by paid, experienced employees through Faith United Methodist Church. For more info visit <http://www.uwayhelps.org/news/emergency-winter-shelter-men-open-campaign-county> or read the January Newsletter.
- In December, **Pastor Chuck Carlson** sent a letter to the congregation discussing a **pledge shortfall** in meeting our goal for 2017. You responded! Additional non-pledge donations in December and increased pledges for 2017 allowed Session to approve a revised budget that includes over \$50,000 in additional funding for three part-time positions. Thank you for your generosity.
- We are looking for a **part-time CYF Assistant Director**. A complete job description can be found on our website.