

# 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-8<sup>th</sup> 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

8:50-9:00	Students check-in
9:00-10:00	Sunday School for Preschool – 8 <sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mindy@firstpres.church)) for more information about children and youth education and family events.

## March 12, 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

# Service for the Lord's Day

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

**Prelude** New Orleans Jazz Machine  
**Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell**  
**Greeting and Announcements**

9**Introit** *Come Sing, O Church in Joy* John Darwall

## Call to Worship

Leader From where will our help come?

**People** Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Leader Who is our keeper?

**People** The Lord is our keeper, by day and by night.

Leader How long will God protect us?

**People** God will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.

♦**Hymn** *Give Me That Old Time Religion*

## ♦Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. In Christ's name we pray, adding our personal prayers of confession...(continue to pray in silence)

## ♦Assurance of Pardon

Leader Friends, God is for us and not against us! God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

**People** We will believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

## ♦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

*Come Sunday*

Duke Ellington

Andrea Pope, soloist; Jason Pope, string bass

9#592 **Doxology; Prayer of Dedication**

♦**Hymn** *Down By the Riverside*

**Scripture** *Psalms 121* (OT pg 571)

**Anthem** New Orleans Jazz Machine

**Scripture** *John 3:1-17* (NT pg 93)

**Message** *A Sign*

Pastor Eric Corbin

## Prayers for Ourselves and Others

*The Lord's Prayer*

♦**Extinguishing the Second Lenten Candle**

♦**Benediction**

♦**Hymn** *When the Saints Go Marching In*

♦**Postlude**

New Orleans Jazz Machine

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♦Please stand if able.

# This Week

## Sunday, March 12

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Sunday School (K-8<sup>th</sup>)/Chapel
- 9:00 AM 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Class/Youth Library
- 10:00 AM Youth Choir/Chapel
- 10:30 AM God's Abundant Table Study/Centennial Hall
- 10:30 AM Genesis Study (French/Lingala)/Parlor
- 10:30 AM High School Sunday School/Room 205
- 12:00 PM Pastor Nominating Committee/Chapel
- 2:00 PM Salsa Café/Centennial Hall
- 9:30 PM Men's Emergency Shelter/Centennial Hall

## Monday, March 13

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 11:00 AM GROW/Chapel
- 11:30 AM Stephen Ministry Support Team/Parlor
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Westminster Hall
- 1:00 PM Prayer Ministry Team/Library
- 4:00 PM Compassion, Peace & Justice/Westminster Hall
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 6:30 PM Epilepsy Support/Westminster Hall
- 9:30 PM Men's Emergency Shelter/Centennial Hall

## Tuesday, March 14

- 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/2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Atkins Bldg.
- 12:00 PM Mission Team/Westminster Hall
- 12:30 PM Hill Memorial Service/Chapel
- 1:30 PM SAFE House Class/Westminster Hall
- 5:30 PM Fear of the Other Study/Library
- 9:30 PM Men's Emergency Shelter/Centennial Hall

## Wednesday, March 15

- 8:00 AM SEA Group/Parlor
- 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
- 5:30 PM Spiritual Formation Study/Library
- 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 16

- 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
- 6:00 PM YoungLives/The Café
- 6:30 PM Session/Westminster Hall
- 9:30 PM Men's Emergency Shelter/Centennial Hall

## Friday, March 17

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 12:00 PM Office will close for afternoon

## Saturday, March 18

- 1:30 PM Hutton-Eberly Commitment Ceremony/Chapel
- 3:00 PM Worship Prep/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM Praise & Prayer/Centennial Hall

# Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Claudia Kirby** at the 8 AM service and **Jeannie Snoeyink** at the 9 AM service.

•**We welcome members of the New Orleans Jazz Machine to our worship this morning!**

Carl Johnson, clarinet/saxophone

Justin Dyar, trumpet

Erwin J. Hoffman, piano

Josh Houchin, bass

Bob Towner, drums

# Connect

•In this season of Lent, we invite you to visit the **Spirituality Center** located in the State Street entryway to the sanctuary. The center consists of five self-guided stations for contemplation, reflection, and prayer. You will find a prayer wall, a fountain, a crown of thorns, artwork, and a cross. Each station invites you to interact in a tangible way. For example, you may tie a fabric strip to the prayer wall to represent your prayer. Visit as often as you like.

•We extend an invitation to you to join one of our **adult education classes** as we learn and grow in Christ together. **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**.

•**Cuba Café: Salsa Dance Lessons and Dessert TODAY** 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-champaign-county> or read the January Newsletter.

•We are looking for a **part-time CYF Assistant Director**. A complete job description can be found on our website.

•We would like to **serve coffee at Easter** services this year but need two people for making coffee and two for clean-up. Please let the Spirit move you and contact **Nancy Brombaugh** (356-2817) or **Leland Andrews** (352-1023) soon! This year Easter services will be held at 8 and 9:30 AM.