

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

April 2, 2017
8 and 9 AM

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.

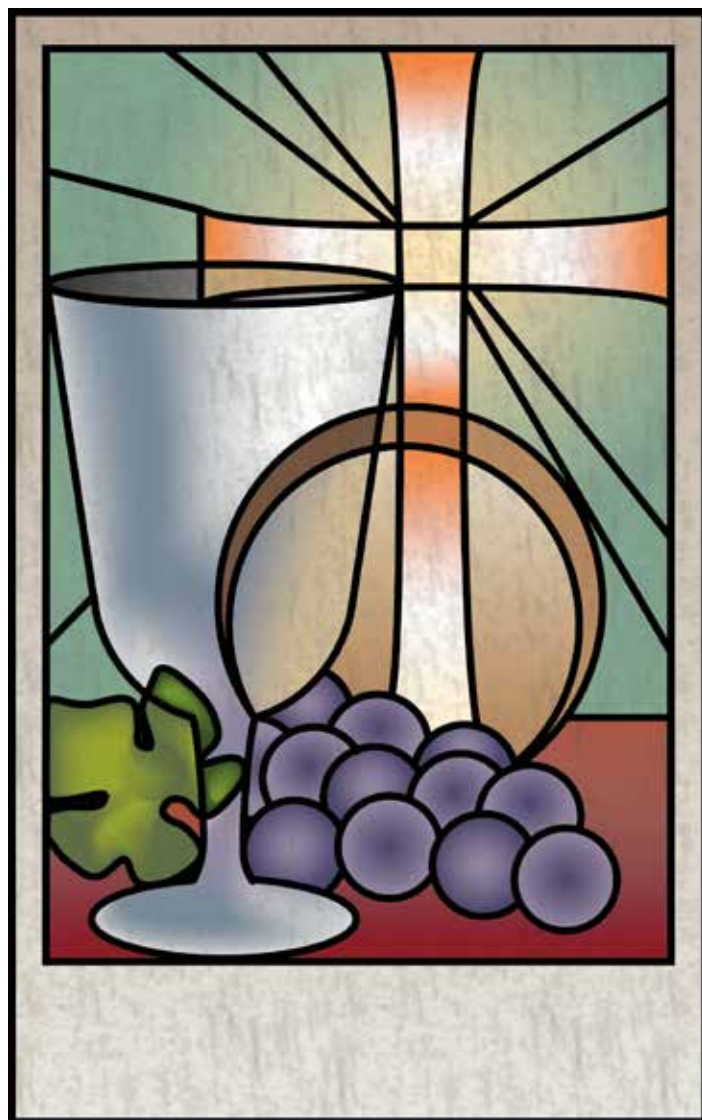
Children, Youth & Families

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.



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.

The Welcoming

Prelude

Richard Rossi

Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell

The Greeting and Announcements

Drawing Near to God

9Introit *Praise Ye the Lord*

Ken Barker

Call to Worship

Leader A shaft of light on a dismal day,

People **A whisper in an early morning fog.**

Leader A surge of hope in the face of despair.

People **The words of a song that float in when our minds are anxious, the sacrifice of Christ that challenges us, the love of Christ that encourages us.**

Leader Call it mystery; name it grace.

People **For God is present in all of life,**

Leader And often in simple and surprising ways.

All **Let us offer praise and worship to God!**

❖Hymn #315 *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

❖Prayer of Confession

Lord, as we walk with Jesus through this season of Lent, speak to us, we pray, the solemn truth of Christ's passion. In our forgetfulness, remind us that there is no life without death, no communion without separation, no glory without suffering. We confess that our courage and faith falter. We have difficulty aligning our hearts and lives with your heart and life. We desire to follow you in choosing to lose our lives so that we may gain them; to endure the pain of separation that we might enjoy the fellowship of all your saints; to enter Christ's suffering by entering into the suffering of your faithful followers in this world, that one day we may share in your eternal glory. For the sake of Christ, we pray... (silent confession)

❖Assurance of Pardon (Adapted from Psalm 130)

Leader "Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Hear my voice."

People **"If you mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?"**

Leader "But there is forgiveness with you."

People **"For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem."**

All **"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." (Romans 8:1)**

❖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 #579 *Glory Be To the Father*

Act of Friendship

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

Franklin Ashdown

Please complete Prayer Request Card

9❖Hymn #2051 *I Was There to Hear Your Morning Cry*
(from *Sing the Faith* hymnal)

Hearing God's Word

Scripture *Psalm 130* (OT pg. 573)

John 11:1-6, 11-28, 32-46 (NT pg. 104)

Sermon *God Is On the Side of Life*

Pastor Chuck Carlson

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Responding to God's Word

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation to the Table

The Thanksgiving

Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

The Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Richard Rossi

The Lord's Prayer (hymnal pg. 16, Traditional)

❖Hymn #81 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

❖Extinguishing the Fifth Lenten Candle

❖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 *Peace I Leave With You*

John Purifoy

❖Postlude

Richard Rossi

❖Please stand if able

This Week

Sunday, April 2

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Sunday School (K-8th)/Chapel
- 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 Memorial Service for Bill Widenor/Sanctuary

Monday, April 3

- 9:00 AM ESL Class/Room 204 & 207
- 11:00 AM GROW/Chapel
- 5:00 PM HR Committee/Library
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, April 4

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Class/Room 204 & 207
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/2nd Floor Atkins Bldg.
- 1:30 PM SAFE House Class/Westminster Hall

Wednesday, April 5

- 9:00 AM ESL Class/Room 204 & 207
- 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study/Library at Windsor Court
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Contemporary Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir/Choir Room

Thursday, April 6

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Hardees on South Neil
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor
- 9:00 AM ESL Class/Room 204 & 207
- 12:00 PM Congregational Care Deacons/Westminster Hall
- 6:00 PM YoungLives/The Café

Friday, April 7

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel

Saturday, April 8

- 1:30 PM Memorial Service for Adlon Rector/Sanctuary
- 3:00 PM Worship Prep/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM Praise & Prayer/Centennial Hall

Worship

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

•**Easter lilies and flowers** will adorn our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 16. Plants, \$13 each, may be given in memory or honor of someone. Either mail your check to the church office or drop in the offering plate on Sunday mornings. Be sure to include a note for who the plant is in memory or honor of.

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.

•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**.

Serve

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

•We are collecting **school supplies** during Lent **for our sister Cuban church's Sunday School program**. Suggested donations are: 1 pair of blunt scissors removed from the package (rounded tip, only); 3 70-count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper); 1 30-centimeter / 12" ruler; 1 hand-held pencil sharpener removed from the package; 1 large eraser (no pencil cap erasers); 6 new, unsharpened pencils with erasers removed from the package; 1 box of 24 crayons (only 24).

•Promote Justice, Build Stronger Communities, Seek Economic Equity...Today is **Justice Sunday** for Presbyterians when we pray for our Self Development of People Ministry. You can support this ministry, as well as the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, through our denomination's **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)**. OGHS will be received on Easter Sunday.