

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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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.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

April 9, 2017 8 and 9 AM



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church
Bienvenue à La Première Église 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 Gathering

Prelude Richard Rossi

Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell

The Greeting and Announcements

Minute for Mission – One Great Hour of Sharing

9 Commissioning of Cuba Team

9 Introit *O Gates, Lift Up Your Heads* Richard Rossi

Call to Worship

Leader People of God, look! The Messiah comes!

People **The Holy One comes on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey!**

Leader Raise your hands and raise your palm branches!

People **Let us lay our cloaks before him.**

Leader People of God, join the parade! Celebrate! Shout for joy!

People **“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God!”**

✠ **Hymn #88** *All Glory, Laud and Honor*
(with children's processional)

✠ Unison Prayer of Confession

**O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you:
we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's,
our faith is often more show than substance,
our hearts are in need of cleansing.
Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives.
Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are,
trusting you to forgive what is sinful,
to heal what is broken,
to welcome our praises
and to receive us as your own.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader Hosanna to David's Son! Blessed is the One who comes in God's name, not to judge us, but to save us.

Leader **We humble ourselves in gratitude to God, and in service to others, even as Christ did. Hosanna in the highest. 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

9 Anthem *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* arr. Michael Bedford
Congregation join on verse 3, from Hymn #89)
Sanctuary Choir
Children's Choir; Allegra Martin, director

9 Call to Prayer *Let Us Call Upon the God of Jacob*
Richard Rossi

9 Prayers for Ourselves and Others
The Lord's Prayer

Scripture *Psalm 118:1-2, 18-29* (OT pg. 565)

Hymn #145 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

Scripture *Matthew 21:1-11* (NT pg. 23)

Message *Marching* Pastor Eric Corbin

8 Prayers for Ourselves and Others
The Lord's Prayer

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

O Come and Mourn With Me Michael Larkin

✠ **Hymn #98** *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

✠ **Extinguishing the Sixth 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** *Go Forth Into the World* Richard Rossi

✠ **Postlude** Richard Rossi

✠ Please stand if able.

This Week

Sunday, April 9

- 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

Monday, April 10

- 9:00 AM ESL Class/Room 204 & 207
- 11:00 AM GROW/Chapel
- 11:30 AM Stephen Ministry Support/Parlor
- 1:00 PM Prayer Ministry/Library
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Westminster Hall
- 4:00 PM Compassion, Peace & Justice/Westminster Hall
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 6:30 PM Epilepsy Support/Westminster Hall

Tuesday, April 11

- 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 Mission Team/Westminster Hall
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/2nd Floor Atkins Bldg.
- 1:30 PM SAFE House Class/Westminster Hall
- 5:30 PM World Mission/Westminster Hall

Wednesday, April 12

- 8:00 AM SEA Group/Parlor
- 9:00 AM ESL Class/Room 204 & 207
- 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study/Library at Windsor Court
- 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

Thursday, April 13

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Hardees on South Neil
- 7:30 AM Equippers/Parlor
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor
- 9:00 AM ESL Class/Room 204 & 207
- 10:30 AM Membership Team/Parlor
- 11:30 PM Outreach/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Finance Team/Library
- 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Communion/Sanctuary

Friday, April 14

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 12:00 PM Good Friday Service/Sanctuary

Saturday, April 15

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

Maundy Thursday, April 13

- 7 PM Communion Service/Sanctuary

Good Friday, April 14

- 12 Noon Worship/Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 16

- 8 AM Worship
- 9:30 AM Worship

The Easter services will feature the Sanctuary Choir, organ and brass quartet. There is no childcare or Sunday School on Easter.

Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Sandy Carr** at the 8 AM service and **Kristi Carlson** at the 9 AM service.

•**Spring Music Sunday** will be May 7, at both the 8 and 9:30 services (note time change). *Songs of Prayer and Praise* will feature a selection of sacred music from a wide variety of periods and styles. Included will be works by Handel, Fauré, and two movements from Mozart's *Missa Brevis* in D. The Sanctuary Choir will be accompanied by a string ensemble.

•**Easter lilies** are \$13/plant again this year. If you would like to donate a lily in honor or memory of someone, please drop your check in the offering plate or mail to the church office. Be sure to include a note for whom the lily is given.

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.

Serve

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

•This the LAST Sunday 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).

•**DREAM House** needs snacks for the after-school programs currently operating Monday-Friday at Booker T. Washington STEM Academy and Franklin Middle School. Individually packaged snacks are preferred or gift cards to purchase fruit on a weekly basis. Any amount will help provide nutrition for a bunch of high-energy boys. A donation box is located in Westminster Hall or leave in the church office. Thanks in advance!

•**Stephen Ministers** want to be of service. They train for over 50 hours in basic counseling and ministry as well as actively participate in their own Christian growth and effective sharing with others. If you would like to meet with a Stephen Minister, call Linda Sandquist or Chuck Carlson at 356-7238. If you are interested in training to be a Stephen Minister, we have a training class beginning May 3 to be held successive Wednesdays from 10-12 through September of 2017.

•Promote Justice, Build Stronger Communities, Seek Economic Equity...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.