

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

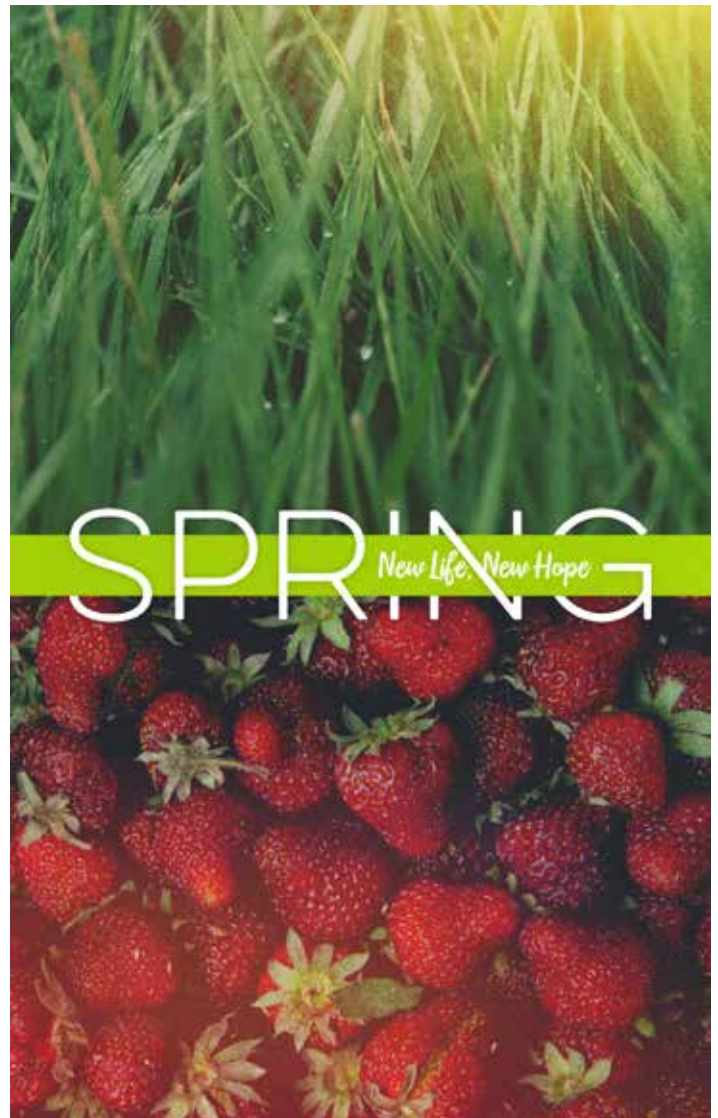
Please sign in your child in the Education Building. There you will receive a nametag for your child and a matching identification label to be used by the parent during pick up. Classes for Preschool-8th grade begin at 9 AM. High School Youth Sunday School begins at 10:30 AM after worship. All classes 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

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.

April 23, 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

Richard Rossi

Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell

Greeting and Announcements

9Introit *Sing a New Song to the Lord*

Hal Hopson

Call to Worship

Leader We come again to celebrate resurrection. God gives us new birth into a living hope.

People **Death has no power over us. Christ goes before us in the new life God offers.**

Leader Blessed be the God of our Savior Jesus Christ! Our faith, tested by fire, is renewed.

People **Our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice. God shows us the path of life.**

Leader Again, Jesus says to us: Peace be with you. Come to receive life in Christ's name.

People **We rejoice in God's amazing good news. In God's presence, we find fullness of joy.**

♦Hymn 118 *The Day of Resurrection!*

♦Prayer of Confession

O God, Your love is boundless and your grace exceeds our imaginations. You keep finding ways to be among us, even when our hearts are hidden, even when the doors of our souls are locked. You seek us out. We cannot hide, but we can confess that sin has us in its grip. It has led us from your ways, and corrupted our best intentions, making us believe that you don't notice that we have locked you out. Correct our vision. Cleanse our hearts. Create in us a place where we can welcome you and receive the fullness of what you have given us in Jesus Christ... (continue to pray in silence)

♦Assurance of Pardon

Leader God never abandons us, no matter how far we stray. God shows us the path of life and offers us fullness of joy.

People **The Living Christ is in our midst. We are granted new birth into a living hope.**

♦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

Empty Now

Joseph Martin

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

9♦Hymn 2171 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*
(from *Sing the Faith* hymnal)

9Call to Prayer *O God, Have Mercy Upon Us*

Hal Hopson

9Prayers for Ourselves and Others

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture *1 Peter 1:3-9* (NT pg 232)

Anthem Jean René Balekita and Bomoyi

Scripture *John 20:19-31* (NT pg 115)

Message *Gifts*

Pastor Eric Corbin

8Prayers for Ourselves and Others

The Lord's Prayer

♦Hymn 399 *We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight*

♦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 *The Lord Is Your Rock and Your Fortress*
Hal Hopson

♦Postlude

Richard Rossi

♦Please stand if able.

This Week

Sunday, April 23

- 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 C.S. Lewis Study/Parlor
- 10:30 AM Genesis Study (French/Lingala)/Library
- 10:30 AM High School Sunday School/Room 205
- 12:00 PM Pastor Nominating Committee/Chapel

Monday, April 24

- 9:00 AM ESL Class/Room 204 & 207
- 11:00 AM GROW/Chapel
- 1:00 PM PW Coordinating Team/Chapel
- 1:00 PM Thompson Memorial Service/Sanctuary
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, April 25

- 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
- 6:30 PM Community Mission Deacons/Westminster Hall

Wednesday, April 26

- 9:00 AM ESL Class/Room 204 & 207
- 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study/Library at Windsor Court
- 12:00 PM Inclusion Ministry Team/Parlor
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Contemporary Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir/Choir Room

Thursday, April 27

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Hardees on South Neil
- 9:00 AM Circle of Joy/Baytowne
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor
- 9:00 AM ESL Class/Room 204 & 207
- 1:00 PM Circle of Faith/Parlor
- 5:30 PM Cuba Steering Committee/Parlor
- 7:00 PM Circle of Peace/Westminster Hall

Friday, April 28

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel

Saturday, April 29

- 8:30 AM Environmental Stewardship Work Day/Church grounds
- 9:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary
- 3:00 PM Worship Prep/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM Praise & Prayer/Centennial Hall

Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Kathy Havey** at the 8 AM service and **Betty Hollister** 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.

Connect

•**Peter Yau** has chosen for his next book study *Pilgrims Regress* by C. S. Lewis. This class will meet Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM for 10 weeks beginning this morning in the Parlor. This first week will be an overview of the book and the first chapter. If you cannot make all of them please come when you can as each week will be a chapter discussion. Books are available for \$10 in Westminster Hall and also during class.

Serve

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

•**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.