

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.

**May 7, 2017
8 and 9:30 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. We are happy to have you with us for this special music Sunday!

The Welcoming

Prelude – Richard Rossi

The Greeting and Announcements
Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell

Drawing Near to God

Introit *Cantate Domino* Vytautas Miškinis (b. 1954)

Call to Worship

Leader I sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth.

People Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Leader Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous work among all the peoples.

People For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.

All Worship the Lord in Holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth!

♦ **Hymn #264** *When In Our Music God is Glorified*

♦Prayer of Confession

We recognize our gratitude to you, Lord, as the one who makes us worthy by the sacrifice of your life on the cross. All of us have fallen short of your desire for how we ought to live and act. None of us is holier than another, but equal before you as those who live in the embrace of your grace. Forgive our refusal to extend open arms, to share, to serve, and to love as you have shown us in the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. So today move us by your Spirit's power and love that you might bend us in the direction of your will and purpose for living in ways that honor and please you...(silent prayer)

♦Assurance of Pardon

Leader Christ "bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness."

People For we were going astray like sheep, but now have returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls.

All Let us rejoice in the salvation that God in Christ through the Holy Spirit brings to us.
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*

Music of Prayer and Praise

Cantique de Jean Racine (Opus 11)

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Offertory

The Last Words of David

Randall Thompson (1899-1984)

Gloria (Missa Brevis in D)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Scripture Acts 2:40-47 (NT pg 120)

Sermon *Rediscovering Christ*

Pastor Chuck Carlson

The Prayers for Ourselves and Others

The Lord's Prayer

♦ **Hymn #119** *The Strife is O'er* (vs. 1, 2, and 4)

Credo (Missa Brevis in D)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Beati Quorum Via (from Three Motets, Opus 38)

Charles V. Stanford (1852-1929)

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal

arr. Alice Parker (b. 1925)

♦Benediction

Hallelujah, Amen (from Judas Maccabeus)

George Frederick Handel (1685-1759)

♦ **Postlude** – Richard Rossi

♦Please stand if able.

This Week

Sunday, May 7

- 8:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM C.S. Lewis Study/Centennial Hall
- 10:30 AM Genesis Study (French/Lingala)/Library
- 10:30 AM High School Sunday School/Room 205
- 12:00 PM Pastor Nominating Committee/Chapel
- 3:00 PM Jean René Concert/Sanctuary

Monday, May 8

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

Tuesday, May 9

- 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.
- 12:00 PM Mission Team/Westminster Hall
- 1:30 PM SAFE House Class/Westminster Hall
- 4:00 PM Pastor Nominating Committee/Chapel

Wednesday, May 10

- 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
- 10:00 AM Stephen Ministry Training/Parlor
- 3:30 PM Music Lesson/Room 105
- 5:30 PM Spiritual Formation/Library
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Contemporary Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir/Choir Room

Thursday, May 11

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Hardees on South Neil
- 7:30 AM Equippers/Parlor
- 9:00 AM ESL Class/Room 204 & 207
- 10:30 AM Membership Team/Parlor
- 11:30 AM Outreach/Parlor
- 4:30 PM Finance/Library
- 6:00 PM YoungLives/The Café

Friday, May 12

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel

Saturday, May 13

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

CHANGE IS COMING beginning June 4! The Gathering, our Contemporary Service, is moving back to 10:30 on Sunday mornings; we will continue to meet in Centennial Hall. We are also incorporating Family Friendly Worship into our contemporary service which will encourage children to be in worship as they are comfortable, while not disturbing other worshippers. This is the future of our church! We look forward to seeing you at our new 10:30 time in June.

Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Harry Bremer** at the 8 AM service and **Betty Hollister** at the 9:30 AM service.

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 in Centennial Hall. Come when you can as each week will be a chapter discussion. Books are available for \$10.

•The **Classic Book Group** started a new book study, *The Friendship of Women*, on Tuesday, May 2. The group meets Tuesday noon at the Atkins building. You are invited to join. Please contact **Ginny Waaler, Jeannie Snoeyink**, or the office if you are interested.

•**Looking for ALL Graduates...**If you know of a graduate connected to the church who is graduating this Spring, please let the Presbyterian Women know. We are hoping to honor all graduates—high school, college, trade school, and graduate degrees. Please contact **Karin Vermillion**.

Serve

•**The children are collecting 13 travel sized toiletry sets to be given as part of thank you gift bags for the staff of Restoration Urban Ministries.** Each set needs a bar of soap, one bottle of shampoo, conditioner, and hand lotion. Only new and unopened items please. No toothpaste or toothbrushes. They do so much for our most vulnerable in this community, let's show them how much we appreciate what they do! Donations needed by May 14.

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

•**DREAAM 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. A donation box is located in Westminster Hall or leave in the church office. Thanks in advance!

•**On Sunday, April 30, we celebrated the world in which we live.** We want to keep our outdoors the natural beauty that God made and not the man-made trashy one. One way that will help is to stop using plastic bags! Our Environmental Stewardship Committee is helping to do this by providing reusable canvass bags to use and reuse. Not only are they functional, but they share information about our church including the fact that we are a designated Earth Care Congregation celebrating 150 years of caring! The bags are available in Westminster Hall or the church office. Suggested donation is \$3 or 2 for \$5.