

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.

May 14, 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

9Minute for Mission – Habitat for Humanity

9Commissioning of Mission Possible

9Introit *Let the Peoples Praise You, O God*

Richard Rossi

Call to Worship

Leader We are God's household, crafted by the Architect of creation:

People **Our hearts a shelter for the outcast; our hands open to the stranger.**

Leader We are God's people, created in the divine image:

People **To tell others of God's love, to offer mercy as freely as we have received it.**

Leader We are God's children, called to give of ourselves:

People **Chosen to serve the lost and lonely, gifted to minister to a hurting world.**

♦Hymn 461 *God Is Here!*

♦Prayer of Confession

Hear the brokenness of our lives, Precious God. We cover our ears so we cannot hear the cries of those in need, or you urging us to respond. We rush together to defend every issue that matters to us, but quickly disperse when you would call us to be your holy people. We shout as loud as we can cheer on our sports teams, but can manage only whispers when it comes to sharing the good news. Forgive us, our Eternal Guide, and do not hold our sins against us. We lay the garments of our foolishness at your feet, so you might clothe us in grace and hope. We would feed on the spiritual food which flows from your heart so we might be strong enough to follow Jesus as he leads us in the Way, the Truth, and the Life...(continue to pray in silence)

♦Assurance of Pardon

Leader You are no longer alone – you are God's Beloved. You are not of this world, but residents of God's Kingdom. You, who once had no hope, have been filled with forgiveness.

People **Each one of us, all of us, have received God's mercy in Christ. Forgiven, redeemed, made whole – we are a people made one in faith. Thanks be to God. 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

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Richard Rossi

9#592 Doxology; Prayer of Dedication

9♦Hymn 2189 *A Mother Lined a Basket*

(from *Sing the Faith* hymnal)

9Prayers for Ourselves and Others

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture *Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16* (OT pg 505)

Anthem *I Believe This Is Jesus*

Kasey Stewart, soprano

Undine Moore

Scripture *1 Peter 2:2-10* (NT pg 233)

Message *Newborns and Stones and Priests*

Pastor Eric Corbin

9Call to Prayer *O God, Be Gentle and Bless Us*

Richard Rossi

8Prayers for Ourselves and Others

The Lord's Prayer

8Minute for Mission – Habitat for Humanity

♦Hymn 416 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

♦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 Earth Has Yielded Its Harvest*

Richard Rossi

♦Postlude

Richard Rossi

♦Please stand if able.

This Week

Sunday, May 14

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 10:00 AM Children's Choir/Chapel
- 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

Monday, May 15

- 9:00 AM ESL Class/Room 204 & 207
- 11:00 AM GROW/Chapel
- 3:30 PM Environmental Team/Parlor
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 5:30 PM World Mission/Westminster Hall

Tuesday, May 16

- 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.
- 5:00 PM Building & Grounds/Library
- 7:00 PM Worship Team/Parlor

Wednesday, May 17

- 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
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Contemporary Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir/Choir Room

Thursday, May 18

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Hardees on South Neil
- 9:00 AM ESL Class/Room 204 & 207
- 6:00 PM YoungLives/The Café
- 6:30 PM Session/Westminster Hall

Friday, May 19

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel

Saturday, May 20

- 10:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary
- 3:00 PM Worship Prep/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 **Sandy Carr** at the 8 AM service and **the Marc Miller family (Marc, Nicole, Julia, Laura and Richard)** at the 9 AM service.

•We commission this morning members of this year's **Mission Possible Team** who will travel to Camp Carew this week to get the camp ready for the summer campers. Members of the team include: **Dave & Mary Lou Bauer, Harry & Charlene Bremer, Chuck Carlson, Tanya Deckert, Bill Gamble, Steve Gritten, Paul Huang, "Itch" Jones, Byron Kemper, Dave McNattin, Carol Miles, Gene Morgan, Gloria Reed, and Dale Tutje.**

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.

•**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.**

•**Outreach Fair** is coming Sunday May 21 in Westminster Hall. Please plan to take time to look at the many displays that will be featured. The display tables will include Hospitality, Fellowship, Membership and Community Outreach. We will have information at the tables for each one of these committees and the opportunities to sign up to be an important part of the Outreach of our church.

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 TODAY.

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