

# 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-8<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mindy@firstpres.church)) for more information about children and youth education and family events.

## May 21, 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

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# 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**

9**Introit** *For the Beauty of the Earth* Conrad Kocher

## Call to Worship

**Leader** God remembers us and visits and restores us to the community of God.

**People** In our pain, suffering, and loss, we know the assurance of God's presence.

**Leader** When we have opposition and hopeless situations, God bears us up on eagles' wings.

**People** In the loneliness of our firm idealism, God grants healing and transformation.

**Leader** Whatever we need as we gather to worship, a merciful and loving God meets us here.

**People** We assemble with high expectations that God has much good in store for us.

**Leader** The good gifts God bestows on us here are for our use in reaching out to others.

**People** We want to use our talents in the service of Jesus Christ. Amen.

♦**Hymn 150** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

## ♦Prayer of Confession

Lord, we witness the sacrament of baptism, symbol of your cleansing grace and of our reception into the worldwide church of your Son. As we reflect upon this sacrament we are painfully conscious of the distance between your holiness and our humanity. We try but fall short of your glory every time. Like Paul, we do the things that we do not want to do and do not do the things we desire to do. Forgive us for not loving those closest to us and others consistently and constructively. Forgive our indifference and false sympathy toward the least of these.

As we observe and participate in this baptism, a sacrament of acceptance and welcome, move our hearts by your Spirit to follow Jesus in a lifestyle of acceptance and hospitality. We pray in the name of him whose invitation to the waters of baptism and to the renewal granted by the descending dove includes all of your children...(continue to pray in silence)

## ♦Assurance of Pardon

**Leader** "Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death,

**People** So that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,

**Leader** So we too might walk in newness of life.

**People** For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his."  
*(Romans 6:4-5)*

**All** Let us receive the gift of God's forgiveness and grace through Jesus Christ made known in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. 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*

**Anthem** *Brother James's Air (Psalm 23)* Arr. Gordon Jacob  
Children's Choir; Allegra Martin, Director

## Act of Friendship

## Offering of Gifts and Tithes

*I Believe This Is Jesus* arr. Undine Smith  
Kasey Stewart, soloist

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

9♦**Hymn 407** *When a Poor One*

9**Call to Prayer** *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord* Edwin Fissinger

9**Prayers for Ourselves and Others**  
*The Lord's Prayer*

**Scripture** *Psalm 66:1-12* (OT pg 528)

**Anthem** Jean René Balekita and Bomoyi

**Scripture** *Acts 17:22-31* (NT pg 137)

**Message** *The Sovereign Hand of God*  
Pastor Chuck Carlson

9**The Sacrament of Baptism – Carly Soohyun Evensen**,  
daughter of Eunseong Kim and David Evensen

## Welcome

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Carly as a part of Christ's church; we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage and support you and to share the good news of Jesus Christ with you that you may know and follow Jesus. Amen.

8**Prayers for Ourselves and Others**  
*The Lord's Prayer*

♦**Hymn 298** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

## ♦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** *Seven-Fold Amen* Peter Lutkin

♦**Postlude** Richard Rossi

♦Please stand if able.

# This Week

## Sunday, May 21

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 10:00 AM Children's Farewell to Ms. Martin/The Café
- 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

## Monday, May 22

- 9:00 AM ESL Class/Room 204 & 207
- 11:00 AM GROW/Chapel
- 1:00 PM PW Coordinating Team/Westminster Hall
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor
- 3:30 PM Environmental Team/Parlor
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

## Tuesday, May 23

- 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/2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Atkins Bldg.
- 6:30 PM Community Mission Deacons/Westminster Hall

## Wednesday, May 24

- 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 25

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

## Friday, May 26

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel

## Saturday, May 27

- 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 **Miriam Chenault** at the 8 AM service and **Jeannie Snoeyink** at the 9 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.

•**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** TODAY 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.

•Join us for our next **Courageous Conversation** on Tuesday, May 30. Guest speaker will be **M. Daniel Carroll R., PhD.** A workshop, *Discovering God's Heart for Migrants in the Bible*, will be held from noon-2 PM with a light lunch served. RSVP for lunch to Claudia Kirby (claudia.a.kirby@gmail.com). That evening a lecture and discussion, *Can the Bible Help Us With Immigration*, will be held in the Sanctuary from 6:30-8 PM. No reservation needed.

•**Isak Griffiths**, Executive Director of Courage Connection will be the guest speaker at the Sunday, June 11, PW Gathering. Join the ladies that day at 1 PM for a potluck lunch.

# Serve

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

•**DREAA 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!