

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 28, 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

Moment for Ministry – PNC Update

9Introit *O Come, Let Us Sing*

James Rivers

Call to Worship (from Psalm 47)

Leader Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.

People **For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.**

Leader God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

People **Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praise to our King, sing praises.**

Leader For God is the king of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm.

People **God is king over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.**

♦Hymn 155 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

♦Prayer of Confession

Too often, Lord God, we are hesitant in our proclamation; seeking safe and suitable opportunities to speak of our faith. Too often, Lord God, we are half-hearted in our service; reluctant to stand out from the crowd or to attract criticism. Too often, Lord God, we live as if dependent wholly on our own resources; relying on our perceived skills and modest insights. Too often, Lord God, we look to the clouds for our inspiration, in the vain hope of finding you there. Forgive the poverty of our efforts and the frailty of our faith and open wide our hearts and minds to the immanent presence of our Risen, Living and Ascended Lord Jesus Christ...
(continue to pray in silence)

♦Assurance of Pardon

Leader Sisters and brothers, as Christ is our witness,
God's power to pardon is immeasurable.
Therefore proclaim this good news to the ends of
the earth.

People **Through the mercy of Christ, our sins are
forgiven.**

♦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 *Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing* Gordon Young

Act of Friendship

Pentecost Offering Video

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Richard Rossi

9#592 *Doxology; Prayer of Dedication*

9♦Hymn 306 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

9Call to Prayer *O Thou Who Hearest Prayer*

James Rivers

9Prayers for Ourselves and Others
The Lord's Prayer

Scripture *Acts 1:1-11* (NT pg 118)

9Anthem *Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing* Gordon Young

Scripture *Luke 24:44-53* (NT pg 91)

Message *Why Look at an Empty Sky*
Pastor Eric Corbin

8Prayers for Ourselves and Others
The Lord's Prayer

9Commissioning of 2017 Go & Serve Team

♦Hymn 343 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

♦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 *May the Grace of Our Lord Be Upon You*
James Rivers

♦Postlude

Richard Rossi

♦Please stand if able.

This Week

Sunday, May 28

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 10:00 AM Sunday School Showcase/Westminster Hall
- 10:30 AM C.S. Lewis Study/Centennial Hall
- 10:30 AM High School Sunday School/Room 205
- 12:00 PM Pastor Nominating Committee/Chapel

Monday, May 29 Church Office closed for Memorial Day

- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, May 30

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study/Centennial Hall
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Courageous Conversation Workshop & Lunch/
Westminster Hall
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/2nd Floor Atkins Bldg.
- 1:00 PM Go & Serve Meeting/Room 204
- 3:00 PM Prorok Memorial Service/Chapel
- 6:30 PM Courageous Conversation/Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 31

- 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, June 1

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Hardees on South Neil
- 12:00 PM Congregational Care Deacons/Westminster Hall

Friday, June 2 Church Office closes at noon

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel

Saturday, June 3

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

The church office will close at noon on Fridays throughout the summer.

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 **Pat Metcalf** at the 9 AM service.

•The **flowers** in the Sanctuary this morning are given in loving memory of Anna Prorok from the **Bill Ackermann family**. A Memorial Service for Mrs. Prorok will be held Tuesday, May 30, at 3 PM in the Chapel.

•We commission this morning our 2017 Go & Serve Team. The group will travel to Hammond, LA June 4-10 to volunteer in flood recovery efforts. Participants include: **Dann Musasa, Destin Lembelembe, Rick Loma, Jonathan Mnyampara, Elizabeth Pippin** and **Mark Schoeffmann**.

Connect

•**Peter Yau's** study of *Pilgrims Regress* by C. S. Lewis continues 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.

•**We recognize our graduates this morning.** Please join us for cake following the 9 AM service in Westminster Hall and check out the special display honoring our graduates.

•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 luncheon with salads and desserts.

Serve

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

•**DREAM House** needs morning and afternoon snacks for 50 boys for their summer programs June 12 – July 12. Volunteer opportunities are also available at Booker T Washington School for the Summer Program. Contact **Tracy Dace** at tracy@dream-house.org.