

# 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.wattsellis@firstchurchchampaign.org](mailto:mindy.wattsellis@firstchurchchampaign.org)) for more information about children and youth education and family events.

# January 15, 2017 8 and 9 AM

Seek justice,  
share power, and  
live together in love  
and equality...



**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**  
**9Moment for Mission – DREAM** Tracy Dace

## Call to Worship

Leader We gather to worship God  
**People Who creates us and loves us;**  
Leader Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;  
**People Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;**  
Leader Who inspires children, youth, young adults and people of all ages,  
**People To seek justice, share power, and live together in love and equality;**  
Leader Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all,  
**People And whose presence, grace and love sustains us in our living.**  
Leader We gather to worship God.  
**People To God be all glory, honor and praise!**

## Act of Friendship

**Time With the Children** Mindy Watts-Ellis

✽**Hymn #563** *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

## ✽Prayer of Confession

Most holy and merciful God, we acknowledge and confess our slowness to do good, our blindness to injustice, and our complicity in deferring the dreams and hopes of the oppressed. We have often failed to heed your call to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you, our God. We condemn racial injustice in our pronouncements, yet we cling to the privileges derived from inequity.

Help us to name our sin, to claim responsibility for our actions, and to change our behavior. In accordance with the commands of Jesus Christ our Savior, shake us from our sleep with your imperative to do justice; move us to action with the compassion of your grace; and give us courage to pay the price, that your justice may be done on earth as in heaven...(continue to pray in silence)

## ✽Assurance of Pardon

Leader Sisters and brothers, God is at work in us and with us! God has promised us reconciliation and peace.

**People Thank you, God for delighting in us even now, for forgiving us our slow action, our silence and our weariness, for empowering our work and inviting us once again to create with you the Beloved Community you long for.**

## ✽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*

**Video** *I Have a Dream*

**Scripture** *Psalms 82:1-5 (OT pg 542)*

**Anthem** *Saints Bound for Heaven*  
arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

**Scripture** *Matthew 9:35-10:4 (NT pg 9)*

**Message** *Standing Small*  
The Rev. Alonzo Johnson

## Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Richard Rossi  
**#592 Doxology; Prayer of Dedication**

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

✽**Hymn #432** *Song of Hope*

## ✽Benediction

## ✽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.**

✽**Postlude** Richard Rossi

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✽Please stand if able.

# This Week

## Sunday, January 15

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Blended Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Sunday School (K-8<sup>th</sup>)/Chapel
- 10:00 AM Youth Choir/Chapel
- 10:30 AM High School Sunday School/The Café
- 4:00 PM Pastor Nominating Committee/Chapel
- 9:30 PM Men's Emergency Shelter/Centennial Hall

## Monday, January 16 Church Office Closed

- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 9:30 PM Men's Emergency Shelter/Centennial Hall

## Tuesday, January 17

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Atkins Bldg.
- 1:30 PM SAFE House Class/Westminster Hall
- 5:45 PM Contemporary Worship Team/Parlor
- 7:00 PM Worship Team/Parlor
- 9:30 PM Men's Emergency Shelter/Centennial Hall

## Wednesday, January 18

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 10:00 AM Path to Peace/Parlor
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Contemporary Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir/Choir Room
- 9:30 PM Men's Emergency Shelter/Centennial Hall

## Thursday, January 19

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Hardees on South Neil
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor
- 11:15 AM Learn to Sew/Room 207
- 6:00 PM YoungLives/The Café
- 6:30 PM Session/Westminster Hall
- 9:30 PM Men's Emergency Shelter/Centennial Hall

## Friday, January 20

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 12:00 PM Conversations with Scripture/Parlor

## Saturday, January 21

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

# Worship

- Liturgist this morning is **Sandy Carr** at the 8 AM service.
- We welcome the **Rev. Alonzo Johnson** as our guest preacher this morning. Rev. Johnson is coordinator for the Self-Development of People in the Compassion, Peace, Justice Ministry and convener of the Educate a Child, Transform a World national initiative of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Join us following this morning's coffee time for a special orientation by the Rev. Alonzo Johnson in Centennial Hall leading up to upcoming class on the *Behlar Confession* (see below for more information.)

# Connect

- Conversations with Scripture** resumed Friday, January 13, in Mae Chapin from 12-1 PM. We will begin with the *Book of Revelation*, one of the most engaging and disputed books in the Bible. Join us as we explore its controversies and meaning. We will take a look at some historical perspectives and the biblical texts over a 6-week study. Bring your interpretive skills.
- The Tuesday **Classic Book Study** begins a new book on January 17 *A New Church for a New World* by the Rev. John Buchanan. Contact **Jeannie Snoeyink** or **Ginny Waaler** if you wish to join us. The group meets in the Atkins building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at the SE corner of St. Mary's and Oak on Tuesdays at noon.
- Sunday, January 22, **Harry Bremer** will speak about **Marion Medical Mission and his most recent trip to Zambia** at 10:30 AM in Centennial Hall.
- Pastor Chuck** will lead a study of our newest confession, the **Belhar Confession**, written in the context of the struggle with apartheid in South Africa. Belhar addresses the themes of unity, reconciliation, and justice. Join us for a 30 day journey through the confession. We will meet four Sundays starting January 29. at 10:30 in Centennial. On Sunday January 15, we are hoping to have a special orientation by the Rev. Alonzo Johnson in Centennial at our Adult Education hour at 10:30 AM.

# Serve

- Amateur Preachers** are starting off the year with **Peter Yau** serving in Arcola this morning.
- We will be hosting an **Emergency Men's Shelter**, Sundays through Thursdays, between 9:30 PM and 6:30 AM through March 30. The shelter is staffed by paid, experienced employees through Faith United Methodist Church. For more info visit <http://www.uwayhelps.org/news/emergency-winter-shelter-men-open-champaign-county> or watch for the January Newsletter.
- The **Sunday School students** are collecting unopened travel size shampoos, conditioners, body wash, lotions, tissue packs, deodorant, hand sanitizers and toothpaste as gifts to place in **Valentine gift bags** to be distributed to seniors in the community by Faith in Action. We hope to make 20 bags, so the more donations the better! We are accepting donations from now until February 5 in the CYF office.