

# 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

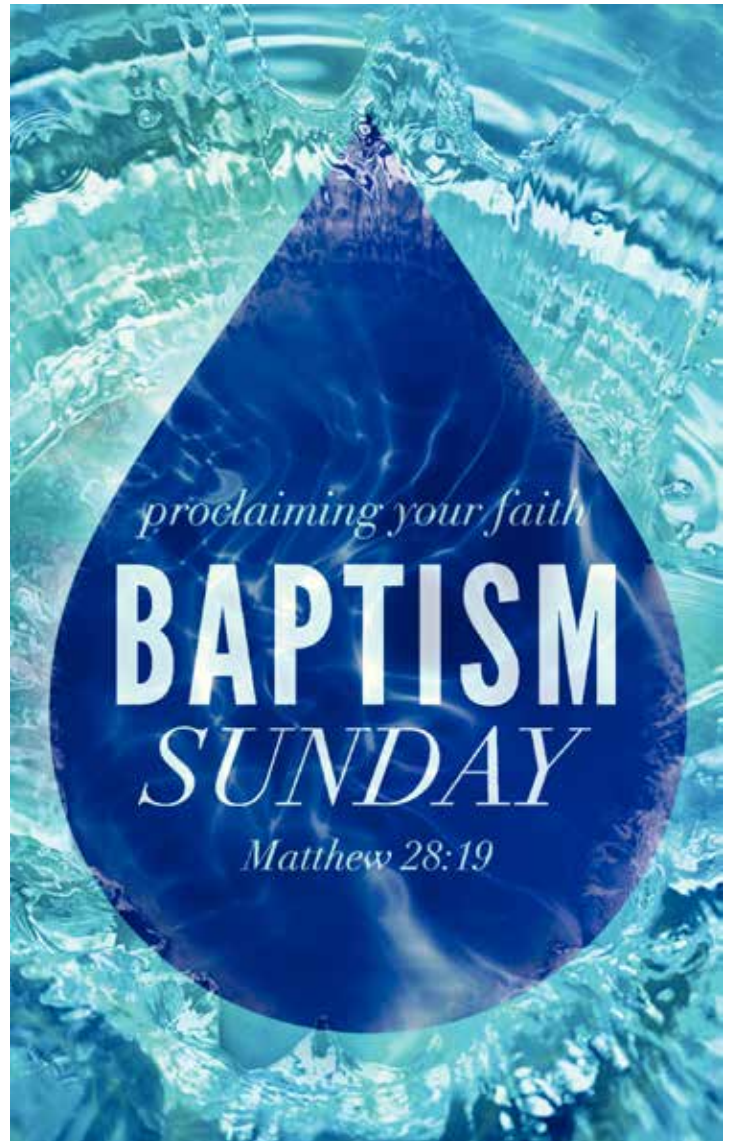
Please sign in your child in the Education Building. There you will receive a nametag for your child and a matching identification label to be used by the parent during pick up. Classes for Preschool-8<sup>th</sup> grade begin at 9 AM. High School Youth Sunday School begins at 10:30 AM after worship. 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 8, 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

9Introit     *Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart*     F. Atkinson

## Call to Worship

Leader     Baptized to begin lives of faith,

**People**     **We would witness to all you do  
in our communities, in our midst, in our  
world.**

Leader     Baptized to serve,

**People**     **We would speak up for the voiceless,  
we would bring justice to those who have  
none.**

Leader     Baptized to speak,

**People**     **We would heal, and not hurt;  
we would bless, and not curse.**

Leader     Baptized to do what is right,

**People**     **We would not play favorites,  
but treat each as your Beloved.**

✽**Hymn #70**     *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*

## ✽Prayer of Confession

**We try to stop Jesus from coming into our lives,  
patient God, for we know how disruptive he can  
be. He wants us to preach the gospel with our  
lives, but we instead complain how hard that is to  
do. He wants us to do what is right, yet often the  
wrong comes so easily for us. He would like us not  
to give up until justice is done, but we just don't  
seem to have the time.**

**We confess because we know we need to be  
forgiven by you, God of glory and grace. Bathe us  
in the life-giving waters of your mercy so we can  
come up from the water, ready to do good for  
others, to give you all the praise, to learn justice,  
grace, and hope from our Lord Jesus Christ...**

(continue to pray in silence)

## ✽Assurance of Pardon

Leader     You are God's Beloved. You delight God's heart.  
Believe this good news, my friends; we are  
forgiven!

**People**     **The Spirit of God rests upon us, anointing  
us with mercy and peace. 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

## #592 Doxology; Prayer of Dedication

9Call to Prayer     *Come Holy Spirit*

John Dykes

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

**Scripture**     *Isaiah 42:1-9* (OT pg 670)

**Anthem**     *Praise Ye the Lord*

arr. Hugo Distler

**Scripture**     *Matthew 3:13-17* (NT pg 3)

**Message**     *Remember Who You Are*  
Pastor Eric Corbin

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

## Pouring of the Waters of Baptism

## Renewal of Our Baptismal Vows

Leader     Trusting in the grace and mercy of God, do you  
turn from sin and renounce evil and its power  
in the world?

**People**     **I do.**

Leader     Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as  
your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and  
love?

**People**     **I do.**

Leader     Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his  
Word and showing his love?

**People**     **I will, with God's help**

## Receiving the Sign of the Cross

Leader     You are a child of God, loved and chosen.

**People**     **Thanks be to God.**

✽**Hymn #492**     *Baptized in Water*

## ✽Benediction

## ✽8Benediction 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.**

✽9Choral Benediction     *God Be With You*     R. Vaughan Williams

## ✽Postlude

Richard Rossi

✽Please stand if able.

# This Week

## Sunday, January 8

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM Sunday School (K-8<sup>th</sup>)/Chapel
- 10:00 AM Congregational Meeting/Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM High School Sunday School/The Café
- 9:30 PM Men's Emergency Shelter/Centennial Hall

## Monday, January 9

- 11:00 AM GROW/Chapel
- 11:30 AM Stephen Ministry Support/Parlor
- 1:00 PM Prayer Ministry/Library
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Westminster Hall
- 4:30 PM Compassion, Peace & Justice/Westminster Hall
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 6:30 PM Epilepsy Support/Westminster Hall
- 9:30 PM Men's Emergency Shelter/Centennial Hall

## Tuesday, January 10

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study/Centennial Hall
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Atkins Bldg.
- 12:30 AM Mission Team/Parlor
- 9:30 PM Men's Emergency Shelter/Centennial Hall

## Wednesday, January 11

- 7:00 AM SEA/Parlor
- 10:00 AM Path to Peace/Parlor
- 5:00 PM SEA/Parlor
- 5:30 PM Spiritual Formation Ministry Team/Library
- 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 12

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Hardees on South Neil
- 7:30 AM Equippers/Parlor
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor
- 11:00 AM Membership Team/Parlor
- 4:30 PM Finance Team/Library
- 6:30 PM Officer Training/Westminster Hall
- 9:30 PM Men's Emergency Shelter/Centennial Hall

## Friday, January 13

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

## Saturday, January 14

- 10:00 AM Peace & Justice Seminar/Westminster Hall
- 3:00 PM Worship Prep/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM Praise & Prayer/Centennial Hall

# Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Tanya Deckert** at the 8 AM service and **Ginny Waaler** at the 9 AM service.

•There will be a **Congregational Meeting** THIS MORNING at 10 AM in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the officers to serve beginning in 2017 (see insert.)

•Plan to join us Sunday, January 15, 2017, for a **combined worship experience** at the 9 AM service. A *Worship of Hope* will celebrate our diversity. The **Rev. Alonzo Johnson** will be our guest preacher. See below for more information on Rev. Johnson. Rev. Johnson will also preach at the 8 AM service that morning.

# Connect

•**Conversations with Scripture** resumes 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.

•**Peace and Justice Seminar**, "Diversity: A Gift and Obligation" Saturday, January 14, 2017, 10 AM – 12:30 PM Westminster Hall. Facilitator: **Rev. Alonzo 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).

•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

•Volunteers are needed for **empty tomb food deliveries** in 2017. An informational letter along with a card to indicate your availability are at the Welcome Center in Westminster Hall.

•**Amateur Preachers** are starting off the year with **Gary Peterson** serving in Ashmore this morning.

•We will be hosting an **Emergency Men's Shelter**, Sundays through Thursdays, between 9:30 PM and 6:30 AM, beginning tonight. We will host 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.