

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 infant or toddler in the Education Building. Our Nursery and Toddler Rooms (birth – 2 years) are open from 8:45 – 11:30 AM each Sunday. There you will receive a nametag for your child and a matching identification label to be used by the parent during pick up. **Sunday School classes for other ages are not being held on Sunday mornings for the month of July.** Children 3 yrs old to entering 6th grade are encouraged to attend Vacation Bible School Sunday afternoons from 1-3:30 PM. VBS will be held July 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. Registration is required.

Schedule

8:50-9:00	Children check-in
10:20-10:30	
9:00-10:00	Child care for infants and toddlers
10:30-11:30	
10:00	Parents pick up Infants and toddlers in the classroom in the Christian Education Building.
11:30	

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.

July 30, 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 Alexis Korbe
Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell
Greeting and Announcements

9**Introit** *Come, Let Us Praise the Lord* Byrd/arr. Hopson

Call to Worship

Leader Come, all you weary and hurting.
People Here, we will find rest for our souls.
Leader Here, enter into the grace of forgiveness.
People Here, we will taste the living water of renewal.
Leader Set aside any anxious worry from the busy week.
People Here, we will find stillness before God.
Leader Lift up songs of praise to God.
People We will offer prayers that ease the restlessness of our souls.
All Come and worship, for God is our Maker, our Defender and Guide.

♦**Hymn 293** *This Is My Father's World*

♦Prayer of Confession

Lord, you bless us with life in each new day; you fill our days with sunshine and joy. Yet we confess that we are more often inclined to notice the clouds and the disappointments. We allow the gray skies to move inside our souls and block out the rays of your grace. We let rain dampen our spirits and spoil the parade of your blessings. We give in to external circumstances and blot out the inner radiance of your love that constantly seeks to lift us into the hope of the gospel. Lord, open our eyes to see your beauty, possibilities and hope in everything. We open our hearts this morning to Christ's grace and acceptance. So now open our ears to hear your words of forgiveness as you call us by name. Deepen our trust in your will and way that we may be part of your ever expanding kingdom. Hear our silent prayers of confession...(silent confession)

♦Assurance of Pardon (adapted from Romans 8:31-39)

Leader What then are we to say about these things?
People If God is for us, who is against us?
Leader It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn?
People It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who intercedes for us.
All Nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

♦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

9♦**Hymn 404** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Come, You People, Rise and Sing Kenneth Dake

9#592 Doxology; Prayer of Dedication

Scripture *Psalms 119:129-136* (OT pg. 569)

9**Anthem** Jean René Balekita and Bomoyi

Scripture *Matthew 13:31-33, 44-53* (NT pg. 14)

Message *Small Beginnings* Pastor Chuck Carlson

9**Call to Prayer** *Bow Down Your Ear, O Lord* Fatyeff/arr. Hopson

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

♦**Hymn 386** *O For a World*

♦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** *Forth in the Name of Christ We Go*
Schutz/arr. Hopson

♦**Postlude** Alexis Korbe

♦Please stand if able.

This Week

Sunday, July 30

8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
10:30 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
10:30 AM Summer Drop-In Study/Parlor
12:00 PM Pastor Nominating Committee/Parlor
12:00 PM Multicultural Meeting/Centennial Hall
1:00 PM Vacation Bible School/CE Building

Monday, July 31

1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
1:30 PM SAFEHouse Class/Westminster Hall
5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, August 1

7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Centennial Hall
10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor

Wednesday, August 2

10:00 AM Stephen Ministry Training/Parlor
7:00 PM Contemporary Rehearsal/Centennial Hall

Thursday, August 3

7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Hardees on South Neil

Friday, August 4 Church Office closes at noon

8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel

Saturday, August 5

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

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

Worship

●Liturgist this morning is **Dick Coddington** at the 8 AM service and **Mark Schoeffmann** at the 9 AM service.

•We welcome **Alexis Korbe** as our church musician this morning while **Richard Rossi** is away.

●Please consider donating to the **Raindrop Project** which benefits Courage Connection. Courage Connection serves survivors of domestic violence. Either drop your donation into the plate or donate in Westminster Hall at the Raindrop Project table. Please mark “Raindrop Project” in the memo of your check.

Connect

•Join us this morning from 10:30-11:30 AM in the Parlor for the first of our **Summer Drop-In Classes**. Today's topic is *Powers and a Prevailing Love* led by **Pat Phillips**. No sign up is needed...materials provided each week.

•Dinners for 7,8 or 9 provide a great fellowship between our worshippers, neighbors and friends. Scheduled four times per year with participants and hosts rotating so you meet different people in a different home each time. Sign up forms and more information are available at the Welcome Center. Deadline for sign up is August 7.

•Sholem Fest...All are welcome Sunday, August 13, 2017 at 6:30 PM at Centennial Park Pavilion and Sholem Pool. Enjoy live music, fun and fellowship. Fried chicken, hot dogs and water provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Parents must accompany their children.

•**Gospel Jazz Fest**, supporting men's and women's SAFE houses, August 27 from 3-7 PM in Hessel Park. The event will be in memory of **Willie Summerville**.

●**Annual Reports for 2016** are available in the kiosk at the Welcome Center or online.

Serve

•**Nancy MacGregor** is in Hoopeston this morning while **George Miley** is in Clinton as part of our Amateur Preacher's program.

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Dale and Ginny Tutje

would like to invite you to join them

Saturday, August 19, 2017

*in Westminster Hall between 2 and 4 PM
to celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary and Dale's 90th birthday.*

RSVP to the church office 217.356.7238

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