

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!

September 17, 2017
8 and 9 AM

- 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

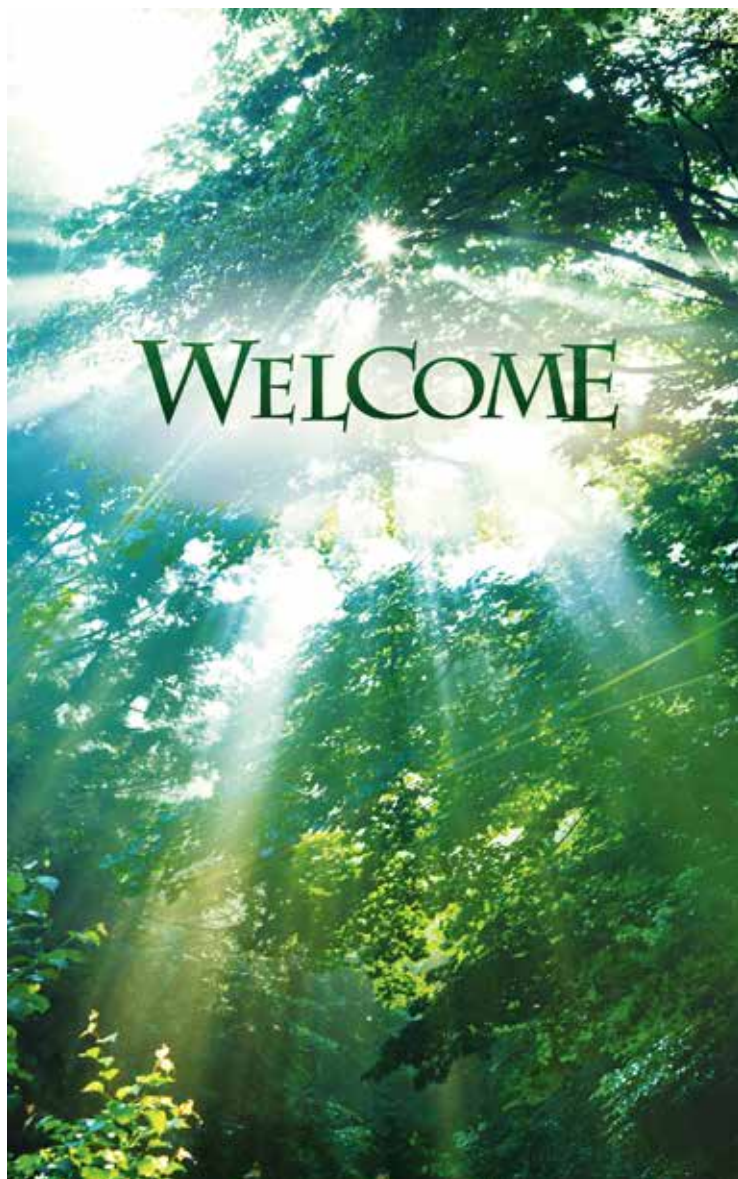
Please sign in your child in the education building. There you will receive a name tag for your child/ren and a matching identification label to be used by the parent or guardian during pick up. Our nursery and toddler rooms (birth - 2yr) are open from 8:45 AM-12 PM each Sunday. The Sunday School education hour for K-8th grade is during the 9 AM worship service. The education hour for Confirmands and High School students is from 10:10-11 AM.

Schedule

- 8:45-9:00 Children check-in and gather in the chapel
- 9:00-9:15 K-5 grades in worship, then class in the Education Building until 10 AM
- 9:00-10:00 Preschool and Middle School lessons in their classrooms
- 10:00 Parents pick up children in the family library on the first floor of the Education Building
- 10:10-11:00 High School Class, Confirmation Class (runs October 1-May 20)
- 11:00 Parent pick up of youth at Education Building entrance
- 11:00-12:00 Nursery and toddler rooms still available for child care

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.

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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

9 **Introit** *Praise to the Lord* arr. Paul Sjolund

Call to Worship

Leader Great and rich is the legacy we bring.
People Many are the gifts we offer to God and to each other.
Leader We are a rainbow of colors:
People A mosaic of cultures.
Leader Jointly we are a reflection of our Creator God.
People We are created in the image of one eternal God.

♦ **Hymn 423** *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

9 Children's Sermon

Prayer of Confession

For the times we fail to offer hospitality to those in our world who suffer injustice, oppression, and poverty, we pray: God, have mercy on us.
For the times we lack courage to address the causes of injustice, oppression, and poverty, we pray: God, have mercy on us.
For the times we give in to despair and resignation when confronted with the injustice of our world, we pray: God, have mercy on us.
For the times we allow our fears to triumph over the call to solidarity, we pray: God, have mercy on us.
Merciful God, receive our petitions. Heal the brokenness in our hearts and in our world caused by injustice, indifference, selfishness and fear. Open our hearts to hear the cries of your suffering people.
Support us as we seek to respond in solidarity and with hospitality...(continue to pray in silence)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader The wideness of God's mercy, the range of God's forgiveness, the infinite love of God, the Heart of hope which is never empty: all these gifts are ours, as God restores us to the fullness of life meant for us.
People Grounded in love, rooted in discipleship, we offer ourselves in service to others, recognizing the limitless grace which is ours to share in Christ. 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*

9 ♦ **Hymn 426** *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*

Act of Friendship & Updates

Moment for Ministry – Cuba Partners Lizz Pippen

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Richard Rossi

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

9 Stephen Ministry Commissioning

Scripture *Deuteronomy 10:17-19* (OT pg. 167)

9 **Anthem** *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus* arr. John Jost

Scripture *Matthew 22:34-40* (NT pg. 25)

Message *Howdy, Stranger!*
Pastor Eric Corbin

9 **Call to Prayer** *Your Will Be Done* Paul Sjolund

Prayers of the People *The Lord's Prayer*

♦ **Hymn 289** *O God of Every Nation*

♦ 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** *Jesus, Our Only Joy* Paul Sjolund

♦ **Postlude** Richard Rossi

♦ Please stand if able.

A celebration of appreciation for
Chuck and Betty Carlson
will be held Sunday, October 15, at City View
(top floor of the Illinois Terminal Amtrak and Bus station)

All are invited to a catered lunch at noon
following ONE church service at 10 AM.

If you would like to donate toward a retirement gift for the Carlsons, please make your check out to the church with a memo for retirement.

Call office (217.356.7238) to reserve your seat!

This Week

Sunday, September 17

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Sunday School (K-5th in Worship until 9:15)/CE Bldg
- 10:10 AM High School Class/CE Bldg
- 10:10 AM Adult Drop-In Class/Parlor
- 10:10 AM Adult Drop-In Class (French)/Room 204
- 11:00 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 12:00 PM Pastor Nominating Committee/Chapel
- 12:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Chapel

Monday, September 18

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 12:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 3:30 PM Environmental Team/Parlor
- 5:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 5:30 PM World Mission/Westminster Hall

Tuesday, September 19

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes

Wednesday, September 20

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 12:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Waking Up White Book Study/Westminster Hall
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Thursday, September 21

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Hardees on South Neil
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 9:00 AM Women's Study/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 6:00 PM Young Lives/The Café
- 6:30 PM Session/Westminster Hall

Friday, September 22

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 12:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall

Saturday, September 23

- 9:30 AM Cuba Forum/Centennial Hall
- 3:00 PM Worship Prep/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM Praise & Prayer Gathering/Centennial Hall

Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Tom Ulen** at the 8 AM service and **Jane Seiler** at the 9 AM service.

•At this morning's 9 AM service, we commission new Stephen Ministers...**Sandi Carr, Charlene Bremer, Kathy Kinzer and Liz Miley.**

Connect

•**First Presbyterian youth** (Middle School and High School age) are cordially invited to attend a youth event on September 24, 2017 at our church in The Café. Youth from Urbana Presbyterian and McKinley Presbyterian Church are joining us. We will gather from 6 to 7:30 PM. Games, fellowship and snacks will give the young people a chance to socialize.

•The Presbyterian Church USA has a membership of 1.5 M members while the country of South Korea boasts a membership of over 7 M. The **Korean Presbyterian Church** started in 1884 and one of the first missionaries was Rev. Horace Underwood. On October 1, 2017 we will have the opportunity to hear **Rev. Dick Underwood**, the grandson of Horace Underwood, speak at our church. Rev. Underwood will give a presentation, "What is a Korean? Past, Present and (Maybe) Future." A light lunch will be served at 12:30 with Rev. Underwood's presentation and a Q and A to follow. Please RSVP by writing "**Korean lunch**" on the friendship pad or calling the church office.

•Copies of the **Small Group & Adult Education Opportunities** for Fall are now available in the kiosks around the church.

•The **Classic Book Study** began Tuesday, September 12, at the Atkins building, 2nd floor conference room. They continue the book discussion of *Friendship of Women*.

•**Sanctuary Choir** is back in session and we need you to join us! Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7-8 PM and we always need fresh faces and voices. If you have questions, speak with **Joe Grant** or email him at joegrant@illinois.edu.

Serve

•This year, **Presbyterian Women (PW)** will support the DREAM house STEM project as their mission. This will keep the funds with a local mission that educates young boys. Your donations toward this project will help young minds create and improve in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). You will find PW volunteers in Westminster and Centennial Halls today. If making a donation by check, make the check payable to: Presbyterian Women with STEM project noted in the memo.