

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.

Pastors:

Eric Corbin

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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; video is available at www.firstpres.live

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 Confirmants and High School students is from 10:10-11 AM.

Schedule

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| 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 |
| 10:00-10:30 | Children's Choir in the Chapel |
| 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 | Parents 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.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

January 21, 2018
8 & 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

9Introit *O Come, Let Us Sing* James Rivers

Call to Worship

Leader Jesus calls to us today to follow him.
People **But we are not worthy.**
Leader He asks us to have a willing heart and spirit.
People **We don't know where he will lead us.**
Leader Do not fear. Place your trust in him.
People **Lord, help us be confident and unafraid to answer your call to discipleship.**

♦**Hymn 420** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

9Children's Sermon

Prayer of Confession

God of procrastinating prophets, we can spend so much time waiting for the perfect moment that we might miss the chance to help another. We may worry so much about saying the right thing that we say nothing to encourage a person who needs us. We may be so wrapped up in dealing with the stresses of life that we have no time to deal with your hopes and dreams for us. Forgive us, God of second chances. By your grace, we can hear your words of compassion and forgiveness; by your mercy, we can place our feet back on the path of discipleship; by your love, we are welcomed as your children by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ...
(continue to pray in silence)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader If it can happen in Nineveh, repentance and forgiveness can happen in us; if God can call a stubborn person like Jonah, God can call us to lives of faithful discipleship.
People **We will lay aside all our fears and doubts, all our worries and resistance, so we can follow Jesus, trusting always in the One who forgives us, in this moment, and all the moments to come. 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*

♦**Hymn 345** *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

Act of Friendship & Updates

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Pilgrim's Hymn Stephen Paulus
#592 Doxology; Prayer of Dedication

Scripture *Jonah 3* (OT pg. 863)
1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (NT pg. 170)

9Anthem Jean René Balekita and Bomoyi

Scripture *Mark 1:14-20* (NT pg. 35)

Message *Now Is the Time*
Pastor Eric Corbin

9Call to Prayer *Hear Us Now, We Pray* James Rivers

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

♦**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 *Grant Us Thy Peace* James Rivers

♦**Postlude** Richard Rossi

♦Please stand if able.

This Week

Sunday, January 21

- 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
- 10:00 AM Congregational Meeting/Sanctuary
- 10:10 AM Confirmation Class/Room 206
- 10:10 AM High School Class/CE Bldg
- 10:10 AM Feasting on the Word (French)/Room 204
- 11:00 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Room 204
- 3:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall

Monday, January 22

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204 & 207
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 5:30 PM World Missions/Westminster Hall
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 7:00 PM Reformations/Metcalf Home

Tuesday, January 23

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204 & 207
- 9:00 AM PWV Coordinating Team/Westminster Hall
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Atkins Bldg.
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 6:30 PM Community Mission Deacons/Westminster Hall

Wednesday, January 24

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204 & 207
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 1:15 PM Pakistan Study/Parlor
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Thursday, January 25

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Hardees
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204 & 207
- 9:00 AM Circle of Joy/Baytowne
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 1:00 PM Circle of Faith/Parlor
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 5:30 PM Cuba Steering Committee/Parlor
- 7:00 PM Circle of Peace/Westminster Hall

Friday, January 26

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 3:00 PM SAFE House Class/Westminster Hall
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall

Saturday, January 20

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

Worship

•Liturgists this morning are **Judi Geistlinger** at the 8 AM service and **Bob Kirby** at the 9 AM service.

•**Making the most of our time...****Chuck Swindoll** suggests that we make the most of our time and during the offering when most people daydream or fidget, that we use these "golden moments." This morning turn to the scripture that will be used in the sermon. Read it over slowly. Think only about that passage throughout the offering time. Ask God to speak to you as though you were all alone in the worship service.

Connect

•The **Protestant Reformations Class** will not meet today because of the Congregational Meeting. It will gather on Monday, January 22, at 7 PM with the lesson focusing on Calvin and the Reformed tradition. We will meet in the home of **Bill and Pat Metcalf**, 411 Trefoil in Savoy (217-355-5738).

•Copies of the **Small Group and Adult Education Opportunities** for Winter 2018 are now available in the kiosks and at the Welcome Center as well as firstpres.church/studies. Check out what is being offered and join a small group!

•To help our new Senior Pastor (and others!), we would love to have a **photo of each member/active participant** in the church database. If you have a photo that you would like to use, email it to photos@firstpres.church (or you can add it yourself through the church management software at www.firstpres.info). No photo, no problem. Stop by Westminster Hall this morning between services and we will take one for you.

Serve

•We will participate in the **Souper Bowl of Caring** collection on February 4. Our confirmation class will be standing at the doors after the 9 AM and before the 11 AM worship to receive your donations. Souper Bowl of Caring utilizes the energy around our nation's biggest sport day to mobilize and inspire youth to fight hunger and poverty in their community. 100% of donations will go to a local charity that the confirmation class will choose after learning of our church's local mission efforts and partner organizations. Please be generous!

There will be a **Congregational Meeting** this morning immediately following the 9 AM service.

The purpose of the meeting is to take a formal vote on the recent recommendation by Session to approve the sale of approximately 10-11 acres of farmland to Copper Creek Church under the terms as described in a mailing to the congregation dated December 28, 2017.