

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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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 the following week; 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

**February 25, 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 8Richard Rossi
9Largo (from *Winter*) Vivaldi
Upper Room Ringers; Karin Vermillion, director

Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell Greeting

9**Introit** *The Lord Is In His Holy Temple* Ann Ker

Call to Worship

One What does this worship need?
Many Quiet where faith can grow, song that blossoms into hope, scripture that remembers love, honest words to untangle a small length of knotty existence, gifts offering service of the heart.
One May the peace of God rest upon our busy lives so that we may be quieted into prayer.
Many May the love of God flow through our worship words that they may be alive with opportunities for service.
One May the grace of God seek out our every need and may the restless gospel set our hearts on fire.
Many So be it, and so it is.
One Let us worship God;
Many The Lord's name be praised!

♦**Hymn 85** *What Wondrous Love Is This*

9Children's Sermon

Call to Confession (1 John 1:8-9)

One If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
Many If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
One In confidence of God's enduring love and forgiveness, let us confess our sins to God.

♦Prayer of Confession

Lord, it is easy to say "I love," but not to practice what it means. When we see your love and the extent to which such love is prepared to go, we know our love is paltry and self-seeking. When we consider your love, as evidenced in the cross, and when we consider your forgiveness, which overwhelms us and heals us, we know our love is often cheap, and our forgiveness is empty, judgmental, and graceless. Teach us to love you with heart, soul and mind, to love our neighbor and our enemy. Teach us to forgive as you have forgiven us in Jesus Christ.

♦Assurance of Pardon

One The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were yet sinners,
Many Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
One The old life is gone;
Many The new life has begun.
One Believe the Gospel and be at peace:
Many In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.
Alleluia!

♦Passing of the Peace

One The peace of Christ be with you.
Many And also with you.
One Please greet one another in the peace of Christ.
Response #576 *Gloria, Gloria*

9♦**Hymn 309** *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

Act of Friendship & Updates

Minute for Mission Brother Thomas Green, SAFE House

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Jean René Balekita and Bomoyi
9#592 **Doxology; Prayer of Dedication**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture *Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16* (OT pg. 13)

9**Anthem** *Take Up Your Cross* arr. Lloyd Larson

Scripture *Mark 8:31-38* (NT pg. 44)

Message *Another, Better Way (The Way of the Cross)*
Pastor Matt Matthews

9**Call to Prayer** *In the Beginning Was the Word* Ann Ker

Prayers for Ourselves and Others
The Lord's Prayer

♦**Hymn 308** *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem*

♦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** *Peace* Ann Ker

♦**Postlude** 8Largo (from *Winter*) Vivaldi
Upper Room Ringers; Karin Vermillion, director
9Richard Rossi

♦Please stand if able.

This Week

Sunday, February 25

- 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 Children's Choir/Chapel
- 10:10 AM Confirmation Class/Room 206
- 10:10 AM High School Class/The Café
- 10:10 AM Lent Study/Parlor
- 10:10 AM Feasting on the Word (French)/Room 204
- 11:00 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 12:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Chapel
- 4:00 PM SAFE House Benefit Concert/Ist United Methodist

Monday, February 26

- 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 AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, February 27

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207
- 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, February 28

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 1:15 PM Pakistan Study Group/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, March 1

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Library
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 12:00 PM Congregational Care Deacons/Westminster Hall
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 6:00 PM YoungLives/Centennial Hall
- 7:00 PM Meet the Matthews/Claudia & Bob Kirby's home

Friday, March 2

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 9:30 AM World Day of Prayer/St. Peter's UCC
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall

Saturday, March 3

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

Worship

- Liturgists this morning are **Mike Olson** at the 8 AM service and **Harry and Charlene Bremer** at the 9 AM service.
- The flowers in the Sanctuary this last couple of weeks are from the memorial service of **Donna Kuhlman** held on Saturday, February 17.
- This morning's sermon** is available online on Monday or printed copies can be found in the kiosks next Sunday.
- This morning's **Call to Worship** is from the Rev. Beverly Kelly, Mattoon Presbyterian Church. **The Prayer of Confession** is adapted from John D. Gruchy, *Cry Justice: Prayers, Meditations and Readings from South Africa*

Connect

- There are several opportunities over the next few weeks to **"Meet the Matthews."** You can sign up to attend at firstpres.church/meetthemathews or by contacting the church office.
- Presbyterian Women will celebrate **International Day of Women** by hosting a special gathering to welcome **Rachel Matthews** on Monday, March 5, at 7 PM in Westminster Hall. Light refreshments will be served while we greet Rachel and one another. Rachel will give a presentation as the featured speaker. Please join us! If you need a ride, please contact the church office.
- Lent is here!** Observation of the season is not merely about giving up chocolate. We are offering *Holy Solitude* by Heidi Haverkamp. There is an online forum with daily reflections and spiritual discipline of the day. Each Sunday during Lent at 10:10 in the Parlor there will be a drop-in session. Join us for one or both. Books available in the Welcome Center for \$12 or at your favorite online bookstore. Website: lentenholysolitude2018.blogspot.com where comments are encouraged.
- 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).
- Copies of the **2017 Annual Report** are available in the kiosks or on the church website.

Serve

- The 21st **Annual SAFE Houses Winter Concert** is TODAY, February 25, 2018, 4 PM, First United Methodist Church, 210 West Church Street, Champaign, IL 61820. See flyers in kiosks around church for more information.