

# 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

**February 4, 2018**  
**8 and 9 AM**

### 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 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-8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## The Welcoming

Prelude

Richard Rossi

Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell

The Greeting

## Drawing Near to God

9Introit *This Is the Day*

Harold Flammer

### Call to Worship

Leader This is the day that the Lord has made!

People **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Leader This is a day of new beginnings!

People **This is a time for growing into new disciples for Jesus.**

Leader Come, let us prepare ourselves for worship.

People **Let us be prepared for service to God.**

❖Hymn 361 *How Firm a Foundation*

### 9Children's Sermon

#### ❖Prayer of Confession

**God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures. We trust in our own power when you promise to be our strength. We exploit the poor and weak when you promise them salvation. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to rely on you alone and to give ourselves freely for others for the sake of your good news; through Jesus Christ our Lord...(continue to pray in silence.)**

#### ❖Assurance of Pardon

Leader No matter how many times it is said, it bears repeating: God loves us, God forgives us, God heals us, God restores us to new life.

People **God listens to our words, fills us with grace, and sends us forth to proclaim the gospel to others. 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 #579 *Glory Be To the Father*

### Act of Friendship and Updates

### Moment for Ministry

Judi Geistlinger

### Offering of Gifts and Tithes

8Richard Rossi

9*Jesus, Sun of Life, My Splendor*

Handel/Bunjes

Please complete Prayer Request Card

## Hearing God's Word

Scripture *Isaiah 43:18-21* (OT pg. 672); *Mark 1:32-39* (NT pg. 35)

Sermon *A New Thing*

Eric Corbin

### The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Responding to God's Word

### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

#### The Invitation to the Table

#### The Thanksgiving

Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

#### Prayers for Ourselves and Others

#### The Words of Institution

#### Distribution of the Elements

#### Communion

Richard Rossi

*The Lord's Prayer* (hymnal pg. 16, Traditional)

❖Hymn 472 *O Sing to the Lord*

#### ❖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 *A Gaelic Blessing*

John Rutter

#### ❖Postlude

Richard Rossi

❖Please stand if able

# This Week

## Sunday, February 4

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Sunday School (K-5<sup>th</sup> 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/CE Bldg
- 10:10 AM Reformations/Parlor
- 10:10 AM Feasting on the Word (French)/Room 204
- 11:00 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 12:00 PM African Leadership & Session/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Chapel

## Monday, February 5

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204 & 207
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM HR Team/Library
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

## Tuesday, February 6

- 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
- 12:00 PM PWV Staff Lunch/Westminster Hall
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes

## Wednesday, February 7

- 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, February 8

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/TBD
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204 & 207
- 10:30 AM Membership Team/Parlor
- 11:30 AM Outreach/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 4:30 PM Finance/Library
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes

## Friday, February 9

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 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, February 10

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

The **Annual Meeting of the church** will be held on Sunday, February 18, 2018, immediately following the 9 AM service.

# Worship

•Liturgists this morning are **Peter Yau** at the 8 AM service and **Destin Lembelembe** 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 locate in the hymnal a hymn the organist is playing if it is familiar to you. Read the words slowly. Allow yourself to picture the scene in the hymn and become thrilled with the message it communicates.

# Connect

•As part of the Reformed tradition and for the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary following Martin Luther nailing his theses to a church door, we are offering now through February 11 a **study on Reformations**. The study is led by **Pat Metcalf** and meets at 10:10 each Sunday in the Parlor. Books available for \$5.

•**Lent is coming!** Observation of the season is not merely about giving up chocolate. We are offering *Studying Holy Solitude* by Heidi Haverkamp. There will be an online forum with daily reflections and spiritual discipline of the day. On Sundays at 10:10 beginning February 18, 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](http://lentenholysolitude2018.blogspot.com) where comments are encouraged.

•The **Classic Book Study** is starting a new book, *In the Fullness of Time*, a historian looks at Christmas, Easter, and the Early Church, by Paul Maier. We would love you to join us in our discussion of this book at noon on Tuesdays. Please contact **Ginny Waaler** or **Jeannie Snoeyink** if interested.

•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](mailto:photos@firstpres.church) (or you can add it yourself through the church management software at [www.firstpres.info](http://www.firstpres.info)).

# Serve

•We are participating in the **Souper Bowl of Caring** collection this morning. 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. Donations will be split between Crisis Nursery and Salt & Light. Please be generous!

•The 21<sup>st</sup> **Annual SAFE Houses Winter Concert** is Sunday, 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.