

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

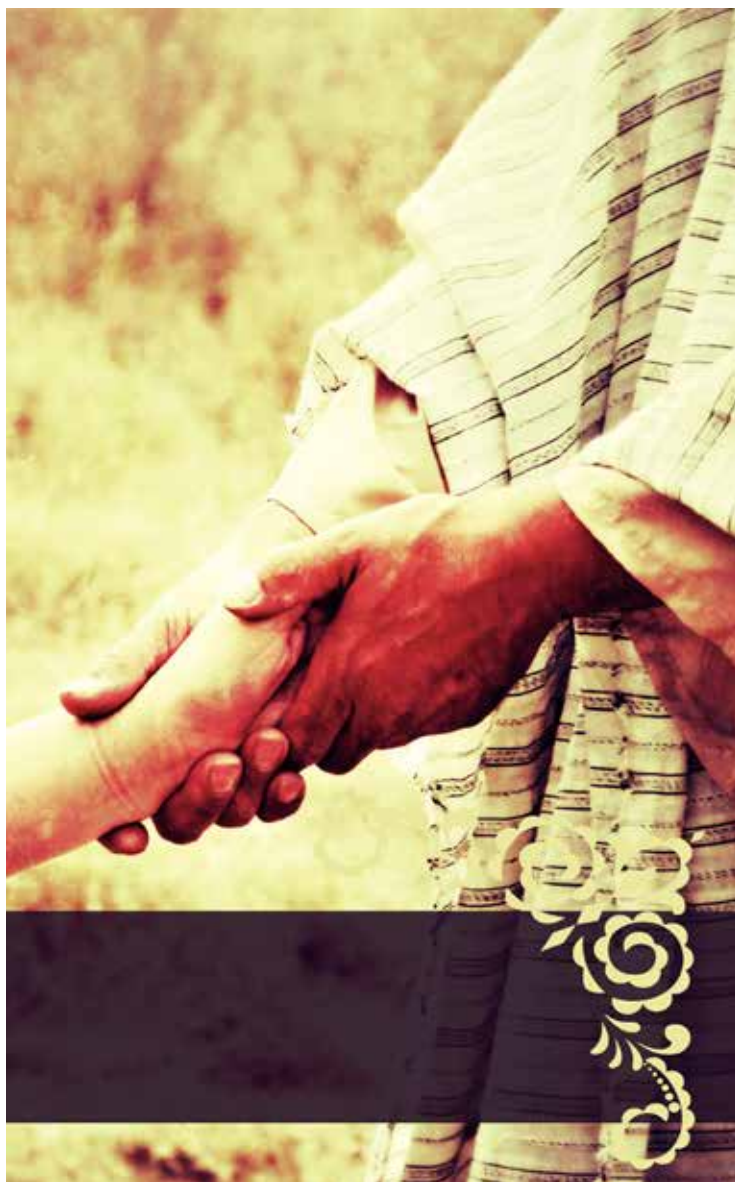
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| 8:45-9:00 | Children check-in and gather in the chapel |
| 9:00-9:15 | K-5 grades in worship, then class in the Education Building until 10 AM |
| 9:00-10:00 | Preschool and Middle School lessons in their classrooms |
| 10:00-10:30 | Children's Choir 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

March 18, 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 *Worship the Lord, Rejoice and Sing* Leisring/Hopson

Call to Worship

One Jesus said, "When I am lifted up, I will draw all people to myself."

Many **Blessed be the God of our salvation who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

♦Hymn 476 *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*

9Children's Sermon

Call to Confession (from 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

Redeeming God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, and have not loved our neighbors as we ought; we have strayed from your commandments. Do not remember our sins, but forgive our sins, that we may fix our eyes on you and sin no more, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

♦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 306 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Act of Friendship & Updates

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

8Jean René Balekita and Bomoyi

9Agnus Dei

Thomas Morley

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture *Jeremiah 31:31-34* (OT pg. 735)

9Anthem Jean René Balekita and Bomoyi

Scripture *John 12:20-33* (NT pg. 106)

Message *We Want to See Jesus*
Pastor Matt Matthews

9Call to Prayer *Lord in Your Mercy, Hear Our Prayer*
Farrant/Hopson

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

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

♦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 *Go In Peace and Joy* Franck/Hopson

♦Postlude Richard Rossi

♦Please stand if able.

This Week

Sunday, March 18

- 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 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

Monday, March 19

- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 3:30 PM Environmental Team/Parlor
- 4:30 PM World Mission Team/Westminster Hall
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, March 20

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM PW 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

Wednesday, March 21

- 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 22

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Library
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor
- 9:00 AM Circle of Joy/Baytowne
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 1:00 PM Circle of Faith/Parlor
- 4:00 PM Cuba Steering Committee/Parlor
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 7:00 PM Circle of Peace/Parlor

Friday, March 23

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 10:00 AM PW Nominating Committee/Library
- 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 24

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

•While there are Sunday School classes this morning, there is **NO Confirmation Class**.

Worship

•Liturgists this morning are **Claudia Kirby** at the 8 AM service and **Miriam Chenault** at the 9 AM service.

•This morning's sermon is available online on Monday or printed copies can be found in the kiosks next Sunday.

•We are glad you're here! If you want to learn more about becoming a member of First Pres, contact **Pastor Matt** or **Pastor Eric** or **Linda Peterson** from the Membership Team (membership@firstpres.church) or call the church office.

Connect

•The **nametag boards** have been reorganized which should make it easier to find your nametag alphabetically. We encourage people to wear their nametag to help Matt put names with faces. If your nametag is missing, please contact the church office and we will make you a new one.

•There are several opportunities over the next few weeks to **"Meet the Matthews."** You can sign up at firstpres.church/meetthematthews or by contacting the church office.

•During Lent we are offering *Holy Solitude* by Heidi Havercamp. 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.

•Presbyterian Women cordially invite all women to join us for our monthly circle meeting on Thursday, March 22 during one of the following three choices of time: 9 AM at Baytowne Club House (contact **Sandy Carr** or **Kathy Schoeffmann**), 1 PM in Mae Chapin Parlor (contact **Julie Shult**), or 7 PM in Mae Chapin Parlor (contact **Carol Penka**). We will be studying Lesson 7: *In Community with the Hope of the Future*.

•Medical forms for participating in the **2018 Mission Possible** trip need to be returned by April 15, 2018.

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, March 25

- 8 & 9 AM Traditional Worship
- 11 AM Contemporary Worship

Maundy Thursday, March 29

- 7 PM Communion

Good Friday, March 30

- 12 noon Joint Worship/First Methodist Church

Easter Sunday, April 1

- 8 & 9:30 AM Traditional Worship
- 11 AM Contemporary Worship

There is NO Sunday School on Easter Sunday.