

❖ **Hymn 101** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

❖ **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** *The Earth Has Yielded Its Harvest*

Richard Rossi

❖ **Postlude**

Richard Rossi

❖ Please stand if able

## 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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## 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.

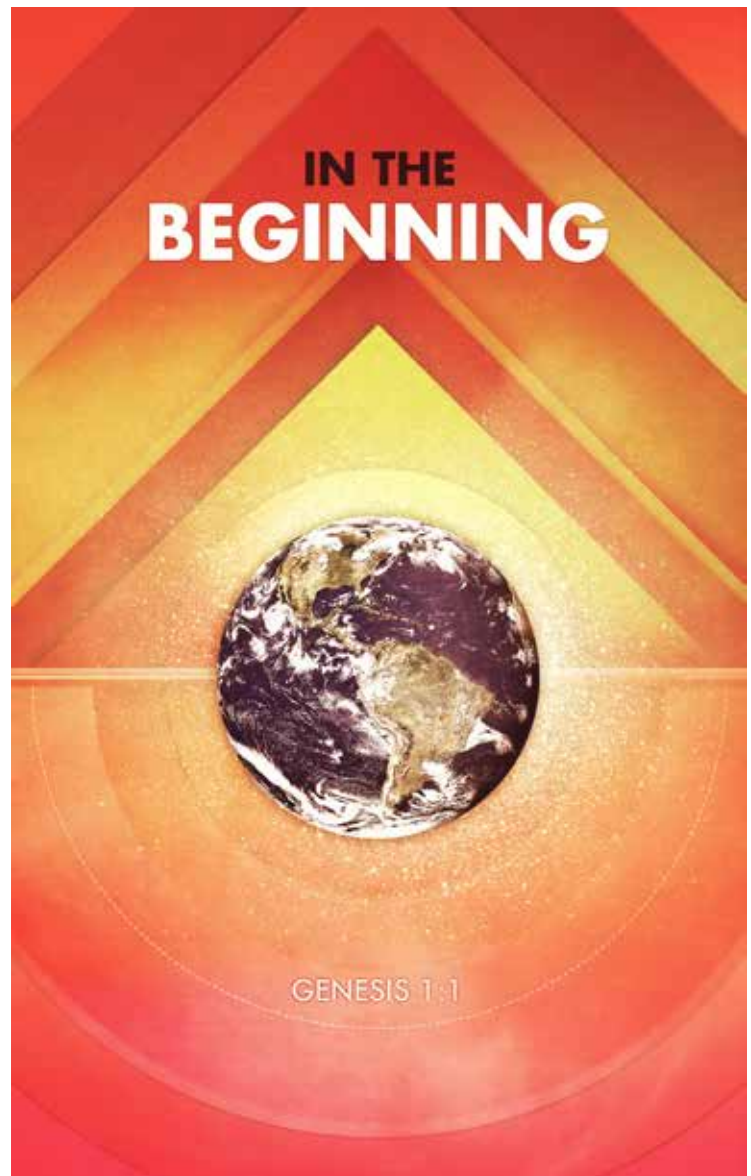
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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

## March 4, 2018

### 8 and 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

# 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 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

Ithamar Conkey

### Call to Worship

One In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began,

**Many God was.**

One Here and now among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth for the purpose of heaven,

**Many God is.**

One In the future, when we have turned to dust and all we know has found its fulfillment,

**Many God will be.**

One Not denying the world, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but redeeming it, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

**Many God is, God was, God will be. Thanks be to God.**

❖Hymn 482 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

### 9Children's Choir and Sermon

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* arr. Austin Lovelace  
Joe Grant, director

❖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

One Before you, Jesus Christ, we admit how and where we have underestimated our influence, letting our words or silences hurt, abusing trust, betraying confidences.

**Many Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.**

One We admit how and where we have made a show of our religion, attracting more attention to us, and less to you.

**Many Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.**

One We admit to where in our lives a vague interest has become a dangerous passion, and we are not sure what to do or whether we are still in control.

**Many Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.**

One Lord Jesus Christ, if we have looked or longed for an easier gospel, a lighter cross, a less demanding saviour, then turn our eyes and avert our longing from what we want to choose to the one who has chosen us. Forgive our unfaithfulness, and, for our better living, give us not the remedy we desire tomorrow, but the grace you offer today. We ask this for your love's sake. 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

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

Minute for Mission – Mission Possible

Dave McNattin

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

8Richard Rossi

9Return to God

John Helgen

Please complete Prayer Request Card

## Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture *Psalms 51:10-12* (OT pg. 520); *John 2:13-22* (NT pg. 107)

Sermon *Clean Heart*

Matt Matthews

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

Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We Are Invited

We Give Thanks

One The Lord be with you.

**Many And also with you.**

One Lift up your hearts.

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

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

The Meal Is Set

The Meal Is Shared

Richard Rossi

We Close In Prayer

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

# This Week

## Sunday, March 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/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 African Leadership & Session/Centennial Hall
- 12:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Chapel

## Monday, March 5

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 4:00 PM HR Team/Library
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 7:00 PM PW Reception Rachel Matthews/Westminster Hall

## Tuesday, March 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
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes

## Wednesday, March 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
- 5:30 PM Spiritual Formation Team/Library
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

## Thursday, March 8

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Library
- 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 Team/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 4:30 PM Finance/Library
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes

## Friday, March 9

- 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 10

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

# Worship

•Liturgists this morning are **Don Kuhlman** at the 8 AM service and **Jim Dey** 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.

•This week's **Prayer of Confession** is from *Stages on the Way: Worship Resources for Lent, Holy Week and Easter* from the Wild Goose Worship Group, Iona, Scotland.

# Connect

•There are several opportunities over the next few weeks to **"Meet the Matthews."** You can sign up to attend at [firstpres.church/meetthemathews](http://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](http://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](mailto:photos@firstpres.church) (or you can add it yourself through the church management software at [www.firstpres.info](http://www.firstpres.info)).

•Copies of the **2017 Annual Report** are available in the kiosks or on the church website.

# Serve

•There will be an informational potluck for **Mission Possible 2018** on Sunday, March 11, 2018 from 4-6 PM in Centennial Hall. Bring a dish to share; meat will be provided.