

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

- 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 (birth-2 yr.)

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.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

March 25, 2018
8 and 9 AM



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church
Bienvenue à La Première Église 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.

Prelude Richard Rossi
Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell
Greeting

Introit *O Gates Lift Up Your Heads* Richard Rossi

Call to Worship

One Humble and riding on a donkey,
Many We greet you.
One Acclaimed by crowds and caroled by children
Many We cheer you.
One Moving from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power,
Many We salute you, Christ our Lord.
One You are giving the beasts of burden a new dignity; you are giving majesty a new face; you are giving those who long for redemption a new song to sing.
Many With them, with heart and voice, we shout HOSANNA!

♦**Hymn 88** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

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

One Have mercy upon us, Holy God;
Many Save us, Lord.
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Many Save us, Lord.
Women O Christ, out of your fullness we have all received grace upon grace. You are our eternal hope; you are patient and full of mercy; you are generous to all who call upon you. Have mercy upon us, Holy God;
Many Save us, Lord.
Men O Christ, fountain of life and holiness, you have taken away our sins. On the cross you were wounded for our transgressions and you were bruised for our sins. Have mercy upon us, Holy God;
Many Save us, Lord.
One O Christ, obedient unto death, source of all comfort, our live and our resurrection, our peace and reconciliation: have mercy upon us, Holy God.
Many Save us, Lord.
One O Christ, Savior of all who trust you, have mercy upon us, Holy God;
Many Save us, Lord.
One O Christ, hope of all who follow you, have mercy upon us, Holy God;
Many Save us, Lord.

One O Christ, peace to all who seek you, have mercy upon us, Holy God;
Many Save us, Lord.
One Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy upon us, Holy God;
Many Save us, Lord.
One Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy upon us, Holy God;
Many Save us, Lord.
One Jesus, redeemer of the world have mercy upon us, Holy God;
Many Save us, Lord. And, by your grace, grant us peace.

♦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 2138** *Sunday's Palms are Wednesday's Ashes*
(from *Sing the Faith* hymnal)

Act of Friendship & Updates

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty arr. Robert Benson
#592 Doxology; Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture *Mark 11:1-11* (NT pg. 34)

Anthem *O Tree of Beauty* Linda Shute

Message *March Madness* Pastor Matt Matthews

Affirmation of Faith from a *Brief Statement of Faith*
(see screens for text to be read in unison)

Call to Prayer *Let Us Call Upon the God of Jacob* Richard Rossi

Prayers for Ourselves and Others
The Lord's Prayer

♦**Hymn 93** *Ah, Holy Jesus*

♦Benediction

♦**Choral Benediction** *Go Forth Into the World* Richard Rossi

♦**Postlude** Richard Rossi

♦Please stand if able.

This Week

Sunday, March 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 High School Class/The Café
- 10:10 AM Confirmation Class/Room 206
- 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 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, March 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, March 28

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 1:15 PM Pakistan Study Group/Parlor
- 4:00 PM Building Use Policy Review/Library
- 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 29

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Library
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service/Sanctuary

Friday, March 28

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 12:00 PM Joint Worship/First Methodist Church
- 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 31

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

Holy Week Services

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 nor childcare on Easter Sunday.

Worship

•Liturgists this morning are **Pat Mitchell** at the 8 AM service and **Kathy Kinser** at the 9 AM service.

•The **Call to Worship**, *Humble and Riding on a Donkey*, is from Stages on the Way:Worship Resources for Lent, Holy Week & Easter by Wild Goose Worship Group.

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

•**Spring flowers** will adorn our worship on Easter Sunday. It's not too late to order! Costs for the plants will be \$13 each. We will not be using Easter lilies this season, as **Pastor Matt Matthews** is highly allergic to these plants. If you would like to donate a plant in honor or memory of someone, please make out your check to the church and mark "Spring flowers" in the memo section. Include a note who the plant is given for.

•**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.

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

•The **Installation Service** for Pastor Matt will be held Sunday, April 8, at 4 PM in the Sanctuary. If you would like to provide some finger dessert for the reception after the Installation, please write "D4M" in the Friendship Pad or contact **Sabrina Hwu** at sabrinahwu@yahoo.com. The dessert can be dropped off at the Mae Chapin Dining room prior to the service at 4 PM.

Serve

•In the pews this morning, you will find offering envelopes from PCUSA for **One Great Hour of Sharing**. A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

•Parents of youth are reminded to return their **OGHS fish banks** as soon as possible.