

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

April 15, 2018
3rd Sunday of Easter
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.

We invite you to come to the Welcome Center in Westminster Hall (the room just below the Sanctuary) to learn more about First Presbyterian Church.

Prelude

Karen Dohme

Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell

Greeting

9Introit *O Be Joyful in the Lord*

Hal Hopson

Call to Worship

One Come and see the love God has given to us.

Many Come and see what it means to be children of God.

One Come with this hope, that Christ's presence is real.

Many With joy, we come to see the Lord!

♦Hymn 119 *The Strife is O'er*

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

Gracious God, you give to us your greatest gift, Your Son Jesus Christ, as we still don't understand what is going on. You call us to be people of courage and hope; and yet we run and hide, doubting and fearing. You challenge us to proclaim our faith; but we huddle in darkness whispering our words of discouragement. Shake us up, Lord! Forgive us when we seem to need prodding over and over again. Help us to see the presence of Jesus in our lives; and remind us of all that He taught us, to help us to live as disciples, serving you by serving others. Change us! Remold us! Make us truly the disciples you have called us to be...(continue to pray in silence)

♦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 359 *More Love to Thee, O Christ*

Act of Friendship & Updates

Minute for Mission – Cuba

8Peter Yau

9Bob Kirby

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

8Karen Dohme

9Teach Me, O Lord, the Way of Thy Statutes

Gordon Young

9#592 Doxology; Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture *Luke 24:36b-48* (NT pg. 90)

9Anthem Jean René Balekita and Bomoyi

Message *We Are Witnesses*

Pastor Eric Corbin

9Call to Prayer *May the Words of My Mouth*

Hal Hopson

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

The Lord's Prayer

♦Hymn 514 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

♦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*

Hal Hopson

♦Postlude

Karen Dohme

♦Please stand if able.

This Week

Sunday, April 15

- 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 Outreach Fair/Westminster Hall
- 10:00 AM Children's Choir/Chapel
- 10:10 AM High School Class/The Café
- 10:10 AM Feasting on the Word 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, April 16

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207
- 11:00 AM Presbytery Planning Team/Library
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 3:30 PM Environmental Team/Parlor
- 4:30 PM World Mission/Westminster Hall
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, April 17

- 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, April 18

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207
- 12:00 AM Organist Search Team/The Café
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 12:00 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, April 19

- 7:30 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
- 6:00 PM YoungLives/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM Session Education Time/Westminster Hall
- 6:30 PM Session/Westminster Hall

Friday, April 20

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 10:00 AM PW Nominating/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, April 21

- 1:30 PM Silent Auction Silver Sale/Westminster Hall
- 3:00 PM Worship Prep/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM Praise & Prayer Gathering/Centennial Hall

Worship

•Liturgists this morning are **Karin Vermillion** at the 8 AM service and **Jane Seiler** 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.

Connect

•**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.

•**Spring into action!** The Outreach Committee will be hosting a table in Westminster Hall today between services. Please take time to look at the many displays that will feature hospitality, fellowship, membership and community outreach. Come see what is planned so far for this year. If you would enjoy being part of one of the committees, please contact **Gary Peterson** at 398-8504 or amer_swede@yahoo.com

•**Feasting on the Word**, adult Spiritual Formation drop-in class, meets each Sunday at 10:10 in the Parlor. We study and reflect on the lectionary scriptures for that Sunday. No preparation needed and all are welcome. Bring your coffee and join us! More information? Contact **Judi Geistlinger** 217-493-5462 or judgeistlinger@outlook.com

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

•**Graduation Sunday** will be May 27 with a reception after the 9 AM service honoring graduate school, college, and high school graduates. Please contact the church office if you have a graduating student with their name, email address, recent photo and phone number. PWV will be making a bulletin board to recognize these students.

Serve

•Medical forms for participating in the **2018 Mission Possible** trip are due TODAY.

•**FPCC Cuba Partners** refers to the sister relationship between the congregations of First Presbyterian Church, Champaign and The Presbyterian Reformed Church of Cuba, Luyanó in Havana, Cuba. The purpose of the relationship is to create a partnership between our two churches embodying our Unity in Christ. Regular visits between members of our two congregations occur at least annually and we work to keep the concerns and priorities of each congregation before our memberships.

Silver Auction

Saturday, April 21, 2018 1:30-3 PM

Westminster Hall

The Presbyterian Women are hosting a silent auction on items no longer used from their silver closet. Mark your calendar for this event. RSVP to 607-1370.