

# 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](http://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-8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mindy@firstpres.church)) for more information about children and youth education and family events.

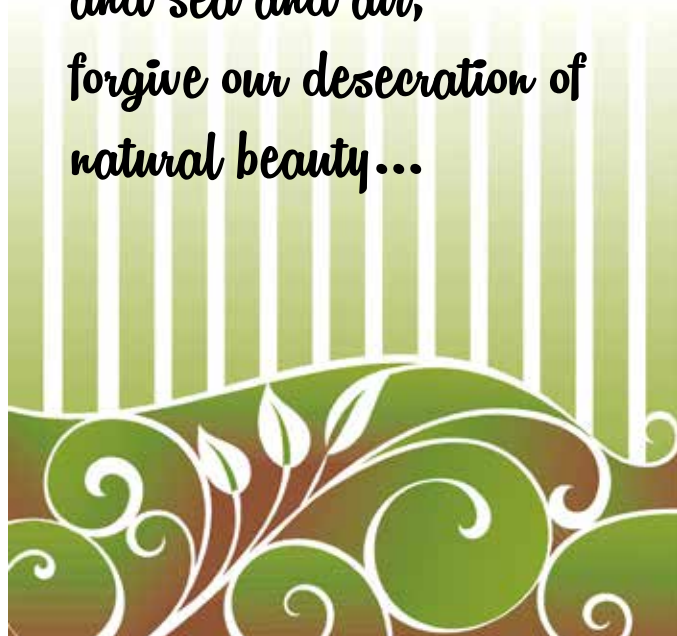


## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

**April 22, 2018**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**8 & 9 AM**



○ God,  
*forgive our wanton waste  
of the wealth of the soil  
and sea and air;  
forgive our desecration of  
natural beauty...*



**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.**

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

Richard Rossi

## Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell

## Greeting

**9Introit** *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Geistliche Kirchengesang

## Call to Worship

One All you big things, bless the Lord.

**Many Mount Kilimanjaro and Lake Victoria,**

One The Rift Valley and the Serengeti Plain,

**Many Fat baobabs and shady mango trees,**

One All eucalyptus and tamarind trees,

**Many Bless the Lord.**

One Praise and extol God forever and ever.

All you tiny things, bless the Lord.

**Many Busy black ants and hopping fleas,**

One Wriggling tadpoles and mosquito larvae,

**Many Flying locusts and water drops,**

One Pollen dust and tsetse flies,

**Many Millet seeds and dried dagaa,**

One Bless the Lord.

**Many Praise and extol God forever and ever.**

**♦Hymn 475** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

## 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** (Forgive Us, adapted from Willard L. Sperry)

**O God, forgive our wanton waste of the wealth of the soil and sea and air; forgive our desecration of natural beauty; forgive our heedlessness of those who shall come after us; forgive our undue love of money; forgive our contempt for small things and our worship of what is big; forgive our neglect of struggling peoples. For such wrongs to our natural and human heritage, and for many things left undone, forgive us, O God.**

**♦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 469** *Morning Has Broken*

## Act of Friendship & Updates

**Minute for Mission – Environmental**

Tanya Deckert

## Offering of Gifts and Tithes

8Richard Rossi

*9For the Beauty of the Earth*

John Rutter

**#592 Doxology; Prayer of Dedication**

## Prayer for Illumination

**Scripture** *John 10:11-18* (NT pg. 103)

**9Anthem** *Santo* (from Caribbean Mass)

Glenn McClure

**Message** *Our Stewardship of God's Precious Gifts*  
Pastor Matt Matthews

**Affirmation of Faith** (English translation on screens)

El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta.

<sup>2</sup>En verdes praderas me hace descansar, junto a aguas tranquilas me lleva.

<sup>3</sup>El Señor me reconforta, me conduce por caminos rectos haciendo honor a su nombre.

<sup>4</sup>Aunque camine por valles sombríos no temeré mal alguno, porque tú estás conmigo, tu vara y tu cayado me sosiegan.

<sup>5</sup>Ante mí preparas una mesa delante de mis enemigos, unges mi cabeza con aceite y mi copa rebosa.

<sup>6</sup>El bien y la bondad estarán conmigo todos los días de mi vida, y habitaré en la casa del Señor durante días sin fin.

**9Call to Prayer** *Bow Down Your Ear, O Lord*

Hal Hopson

## Prayers for Ourselves and Others

*The Lord's Prayer*

**9Commissioning Members and Friends for Service**

**Our Cuba delegation:**

**Eric Corbin**

**Beth Geistlinger**

**Judi Geistlinger**

**Bob Kirby**

**Claudia Kirby**

**Pat Metcalf**

**Jean Murray**

**Mindy Watts-Ellis**

**♦Hymn 377** *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

**♦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** *God's Hand Shall Lead You* Hal Hopson

**♦Postlude**

Richard Rossi

**♦Please stand if able.**

# This Week

## Sunday, April 22

- 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 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
- 4:00 PM Cuba Fundraiser/Westminster & Centennial Hall

## Monday, April 23

- 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, April 24

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207
- 9:00 AM PW Coordinating Team/Sabrina Hwu's
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 11:30 AM Know Your Rights Training/Room 204
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/John Deere Bldg Conference Rm
- 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, April 25

- 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
- 4:00 PM Building Use Review Team/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, April 26

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast/Library
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207
- 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, April 27

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 8:30 AM Smile Healthy/Room 104
- 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 28

- 1:30 PM Brandon Pauley Recital/Sanctuary
- 3:00 PM Worship Prep/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM Praise & Prayer Gathering/Centennial Hall

# Worship

- Liturgists this morning are **Marc** and **Nicole Miller** and their children **Laura** and **Richard**.
- This morning's pastoral prayer was written by **Rev. Daniel Izquierdo**, Pastor, Iglesia Presbiteriana-Reformada en Luyanó, our partner congregation in Havana, Cuba.
- This morning's sermon** is available online on Monday or printed copies can be found in the kiosks next Sunday.
- Spring Music Sunday** will sound forth on May 6 at the 8 and 9 AM services. All of the musical presentations will be accompanied by strings, woodwinds and organ. Make sure to invite your friends and family to attend this worship service of stirring music!

# 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.
- Feasting on the Word**, adult Spiritual Formation drop-in class, meets each Sunday at 10:10 in the Parlor. Bring your coffee and join us! More information? Contact **Judi Geistlinger** 217-493-5462 or judigeistlinger@outlook.com
- There are still opportunities over the next few weeks to **"Meet the Matthews."** You can sign up at [firstpres.church/meetthematthews](http://firstpres.church/meetthematthews) or by contacting the church office.
- A trip to **Kemmerer Village** is planned for May 2 using the church van. Members will leave the church at 9 AM and return around 5 PM. If you would like to go, please contact the church office. (More information on Kemmerer can be found in the April issue of *Heart of Missions*.)
- 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. PW will be making a bulletin board to recognize these students.
- Matt and Rachel Matthews** invite you to attend with them *The Better Angels Conference/Using the Power of Community to Change the World*, October 8-11, at the Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, NC. For more info: <http://www.montreat.org/better-angels/>

# Serve

- 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.