

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is
in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive
us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us
not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For
thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Meal

(We hold the bread and eat together; we drink the juice as soon as
we receive it.)

Closing Prayer

❖ **Hymn 205** *I Was There to Hear Your Morning Cry*
(from *Sing the Faith* hymnal)

❖ **Benediction**

❖ **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.**

❖ **Choral Benediction** *Go In Peace* Richard Rossi

❖ **Postlude** *8 Peace Bells* arr. Jane Kristenson
Upper Room Ringers; Karin Vermillion, Director
9 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-8th grade is during the 9 AM worship service. The education hour for Confirmants and High School students is from 10:10-11 AM.

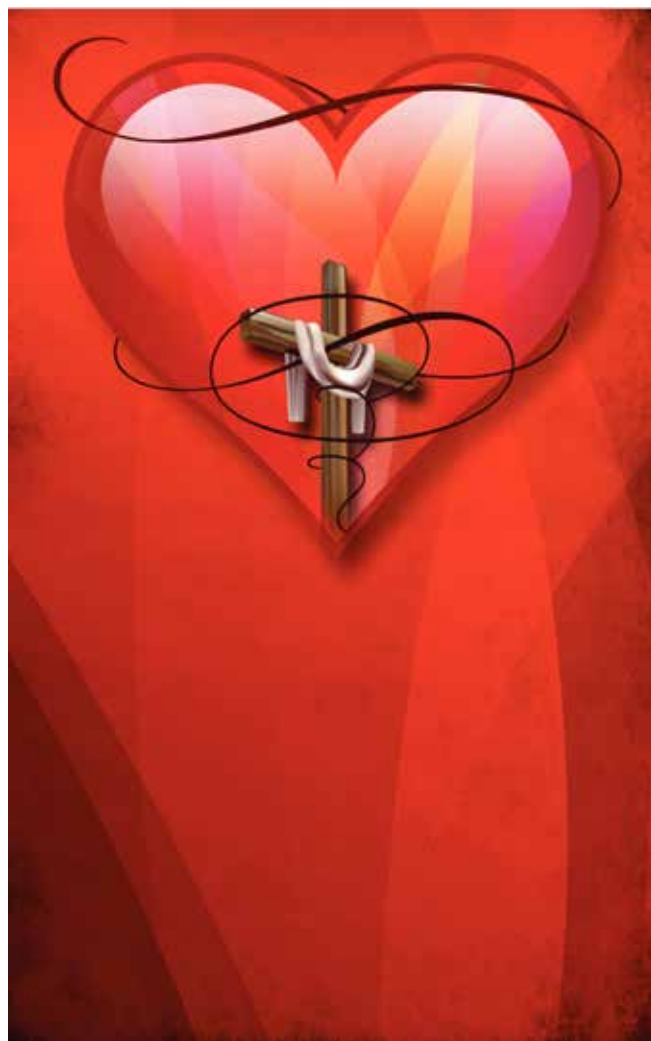
Contact our Director of Children, Youth, and Families, **Mindy Watts-Ellis** (mindy@firstpres.church) for more information about children and youth education and family events.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

April 29, 2018
5th Sunday of Easter
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 8Richard Rossi
9 *Peace Bells* arr. Jane Kristenson
Upper Room Ringers; Karin Vermillion, Director

Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell
The Greeting

Drawing Near to God

9**Introit** *Sing Out With Joy!* Richard Rossi

Call to Worship

One In the wilderness, water brings life.
Many Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.
One In the Word of God, the good news gives light.
Many Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.
One In the bread and the wine, the body of our Savior nourishes everyone.
Many Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.
One Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity. Come and praise the vine that gives all goodness.

❖**Hymn 104** *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

9Children's Choir

Amen, So Be It Natalie Sleeth
Joe Grant, director

9Presentation of 3rd Grade Bibles

❖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

God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

❖Assurance of Pardon

One We have already been cleansed by the word that God has spoken to us.
Many In baptism God claimed us and joined us to Christ, as branches to a vine.
One Believe the promise given to you:
Many In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

❖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

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

8Richard Rossi
90 *God Beyond All Praising* arr. Dan Forrest
Please complete Prayer Request Card

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination *As a Child Rests in its Mother's Arms*

Response #474 from the *Glory to God* hymnal

As a child rests in its mother's arms, so will I rest in you.

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Scripture 1 John 4:7-21 (NT pg. 241)

Sermon *I Am Baptized!*

Matt Matthews

Affirmation of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen

Responding to God's Word

Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

(sung to "All Through the Night" Ar Hyd Y Nos)

For the fruit of all creation, Thanks be to God.

For the gifts to every nation, Thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us, For the truths that still confound us.

Most of all that love has found us, Thanks be to God...

This Week

Sunday, April 29

- 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 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
- 2:00 PM Youth Fellowship/Skateland

Monday, April 30

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, May 1

- 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/John Deere Bldg Conference Rm
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 5:30 PM Outreach/The Café

Wednesday, May 2

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207
- 9:00 AM Trip to Kemmerer Village
- 12:00 AM Organist Search Team/The Café
- 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, May 3

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast/Library
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 12:00 PM Congregational Care Deacons/Westminster Hall
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 6:00 PM Young Lives/Centennial Hall

Friday, May 4

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 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, May 5

- 10:00 AM Music Sunday Dress Rehearsal/Sanctuary
- 3:00 PM Worship Prep/Centennial Hall
- 4:00 PM Go & Serve/Parlor
- 6:00 PM Praise & Prayer Gathering/Centennial Hall

Worship

•Liturgists this morning are **Dick Coddington** at the 8 AM service and **Larry Walther** at the 9 AM service.

•**Last week's** call to worship was a traditional African Canticle; the prayer of confession was from *Forgive Us*, adapted from Willard L. Sperry. For **this week**, both the call to worship and the prayer of confession are drawn from *Feasting on the Word* liturgy resources.

•**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

•**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.

•**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. When we look at the intersection of today's headlines and God's concern we see topics like racism, #metoo, immigration, and violence. In each of these discussions, the common thread is power. It's the same when we look at the topics of spirited discussion in our churches, like the budget, mission, stewardship, and recruitment of leaders. And yet power is something we rarely talk about, analyze, or organize around, even though we're dealing with it, using it, or finding ourselves without it, all the time. **Better Angels** invites you to enter the discussion of power where you find it most relevant, by choosing one of several areas of concentration including gender and power in church settings, race, and toxic charity. For more info: <http://www.montreat.org/better-angels/>