

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

May 6, 2018
6th Sunday of Easter
Music Sunday
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

Richard Rossi

Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell

Greeting and Announcements

Introit *O Be Joyful* (from *A New Creation*) René Clausen

Call to Worship

(Adapted from Rev. Dwight Andrews, director, Atlanta Jazz Chorus)

One Most merciful and ever-loving God, you have given your people the gift of creative expression to respond to your grace.

Many **We pray that you might teach us to appreciate the diversity of ways to praise your holy name.**

One You have given us moans and arias, the 'field hollers' and shouts, the hymns, the songs, and the anthems.

Many **You have given us the spirituals and the blues, gospel, and jazz.**

One You have given us the world of improvisation that we might be able to create in the moment of inspiration and discover our own individual voices.

Many **We thank you for the special voices who heard your call through jazz: Duke and Coltrane, Cannonball and Pharaoh Sanders, Mary Lou Williams and Dave Brubeck.**

One You spoke through Mahalia and Thomas Dorsey, through Aretha and Sam Cooke, through James Cleveland and James Taylor, John Rutter, Beethoven, Bach, and countless others.

Many **And you are speaking to us still, sometimes through song, sometimes through melody, sometimes through quiet stillness.**

One Speak to us this day, Holy God.

Many **And hear our voices united in praise and thanksgiving! Alleluia!**

One Let us worship God.

Many **The Lord's name be praised.**

♦Hymn 264 *When In Our Music God Is Glorified*

♦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

You have given us a song to sing, Holy God. Forgive us for not lifting our voices and making a joyful noise. Forgive us for those times when justice demands we speak out and we, instead, hold our

tongues. Forgive us when the congregation sings your praises and we, instead, remain silent. Forgive us when love requires a word and we stand mute. For those times when we need to be quiet and listen, O Lord, help us. Help us to use both our ears. And for those times when even the stones are rejoicing, help us, likewise, join the chorus. We ask this in Christ's Holy Name. 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

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*

Act of Friendship

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

The Lord Is My Shepherd (from *Requiem*) John Rutter

#592 *Doxology; Prayer of Dedication*

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

(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 *Psalms 98:1-9* (OT pg. 551)

Anthem *Domine Ad Adjuvandum Me Festina* G.B. Martini
(Lord My God, Assist Me Now)

Message *Rise*
Pastor Matt Matthews

Commissioning Friends and Members for Service

Rev. Dr. Rick and Mary Ann Snyder as they move to Maryland

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

The Lord's Prayer

Let Thy Hand Be Strengthened (Coronation Anthem No. 4)

G.F. Handel

♦Benediction

♦Postlude

Richard Rossi

♦Please stand if able.

This Week

Sunday, May 6

- 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 New Americans & Session/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Chapel

Monday, May 7

- 8:30 AM Presbytery Planning Team/Library
- 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 Sunday Schedule Team/Parlor
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, May 8

- 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 Mission Team/Westminster Hall
- 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 Contemporary Worship Team/Parlor
- 7:00 PM Worship Team/Parlor

Wednesday, May 9

- 8:30 AM SEA Group/Parlor
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207
- 10:00 AM CYF Team/Chapel
- 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
- 5:30 PM Spiritual Formation/Library
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Thursday, May 10

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast/Library
- 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, May 11

- 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 12

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

Worship

*O loving God,
to turn away from you is to fall,
to turn toward you is to rise,
and to stand before you is to abide forever.
Grant us, dear God,
in all our duties your help;
in all our uncertainties your guidance;
in all our dangers your protection;
and in all our sorrows your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Augustine 354-430)*

•Liturgists this morning are **Linda Peterson** at the 8 AM service and **Wen-me Hwu** 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.

•**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 & 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. See the following link for more info <http://www.montreat.org/better-angels/>