

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

Child care is provided for infants, toddlers, and preschool children in the Christian Education building directly across the alley during worship. Please check your children in with the attendants. There will be no Sunday School for Elementary, Middle School, or High School students concurrent with worship this summer. Children of these ages are encouraged to worship with their families. Activity boxes and books are provided for children who attend the service at the back of the sanctuary on the white shelves. Please return these items to the shelves when finished. For those needing to step out for a moment to console children and meet their needs, Westminster Hall, located directly below the Sanctuary, has a children's corner and a monitor showing the worship service. Restrooms with changing tables are located in the west hallway by Westminster Hall.

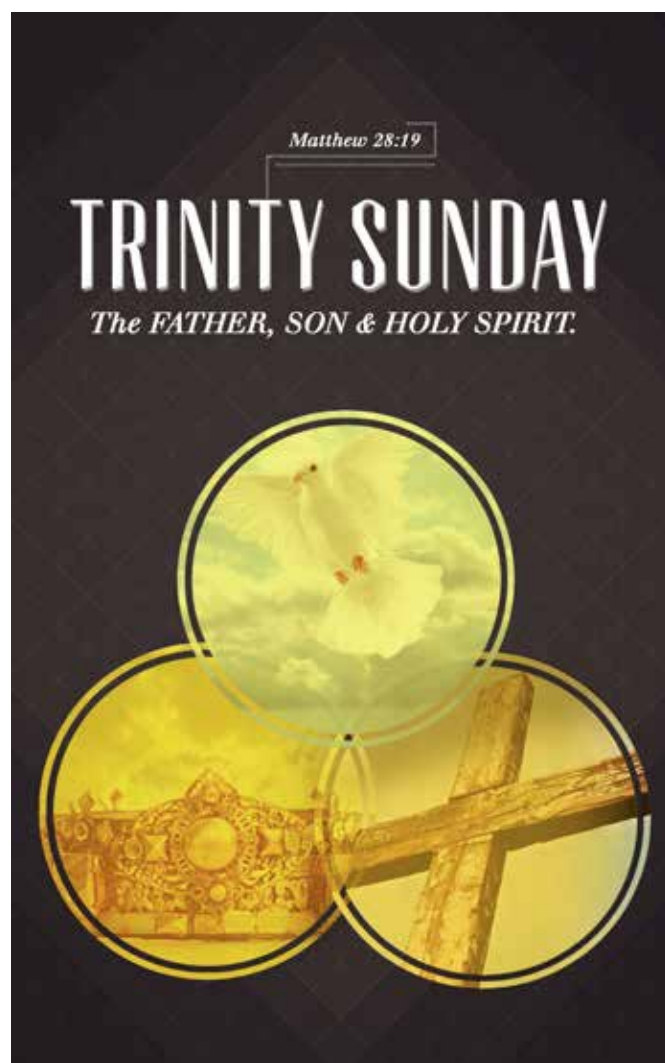
Vacation Bible School "Hero Central" will be offered July 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 1:30-4:30 PM in conjunction with the First United Methodist Church. Registration will begin June 3. A suggested donation of \$10 per child will help support the program. If you wish to sponsor a child for VBS, a donation can be made to our church with VBS written in the memo line.

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 27, 2018
Trinity 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

Karen Dohme

Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell

Greeting & Announcements

9Introit *Come, Let Us Praise the Lord*

Byrd/Hopson

♦Call to Worship

One God, who flung the stars into the night sky,
rejoices over all creation.

Many Come to us, Rejoicing God, and gladden our hearts with your goodness and grace.

One Christ, the Word of joy and life, fills all creation with hope.

Many Come to us, Brother and Savior, and reclaim our hearts as your own.

One The Spirit, who breathes life into emptiness, gives all creation the gift of peace.

Many Come to us, Spirit of Gentleness, and refresh us with the dew of delight!

♦Hymn 132 *Come, Great God of All the Ages*

♦Call to Confession

One Called to be God's people, we know how often we act as spoiled and grumpy children. Yet, like a loving parent, God looks past our mistakes to see our hearts. God lifts us to our feet to put us back on the path to life. Let us bring our prayers to the One who listens, and then forgives us with unceasing grace...

♦Prayer of Confession

In the mystery of creation, Imaginative God, you shaped beauty and goodness, yet we damage it by our selfishness and anger. In the mystery of life, Child of Hope, you became one of us, yet all too often we turn our back on you. In the mystery of peace, Breath of Life, you would gentle our natures, yet we cling tenaciously to our bitterness and hurt.

In the mystery of grace, Holy God, you forgive us our sins, that we might embrace others. In the mystery of mercy, you touch our lips, that we might speak gently to others. In the mystery of hope, you claim us as family, sisters and brothers of the One who brought new life for all, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior...(continue to pray in silence.)

♦Assurance of Pardon

One Here, in this moment and in this place, the Spirit of gentleness moves in our midst. Mercy, hope and joy are the gifts of God to each one of us.

Many No longer lost, we have found our way home, surrounded by God's peace, by God's grace, by God's love. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

♦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 133 *All Glory Be to God on High*

Act of Friendship

9Children's Time

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Jean René Balekita and Bomoyi

9#592 Doxology; Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination

A Reading from Psalms

Psalms 29 (OT pg. 504)

9Anthem *God So Loved the World*

John Stainer

A Reading from the Hebrew Prophets

Isaiah 6:1-8 (OT pg. 635)

One The Word of God for the People of God.

Many Thanks be to God!

Message *Awesome!*

Pastor Eric Corbin

9Call to Prayer *Lord, In Your Mercy, Hear Our Prayer*

Farrant/Hopson

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

The Lord's Prayer

9Commissioning Members and Friends for Service

Go & Serve Participants

♦Hymn 138 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

♦Benediction

9♦Choral Benediction *Christ, Now Go Before Us*

Schubert/Hopson

♦Postlude

Karen Dohme

(If you wish to be seated for the postlude, you may.)

♦Please stand if able.

This Week

Sunday, May 27

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 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, May 28 Office Closed for Memorial Day

- 10:00 AM New American Prayer/Centennial Hall
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, May 29

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Centennial Hall
- 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
- 4:00 PM Youth Fellowship Event/TBD
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Parent Orientation/Centennial Hall

Wednesday, May 30

- 12:00 AM Organist Search Team/The Café
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 5:30 PM CPR Training/Chapel

Thursday, May 31

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast/Library
- 11:00 AM International Taste Planning Team/The Café
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 12:30 PM PW Spring Gathering/Westminster Hall
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes

Friday, June 1

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 9:30 AM CWU Board/Westminster Hall
- 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, June 2

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

Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Marvin Brombaugh** at the 8 AM service and **Rick Loma** 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.

•**2018 Go & Serve Participants** include: **Sabrina Hwu, Matt Matthews, Elizabeth Pippin, Miriam Bokamo, Emilio Kabakele, Destin Lembelembe, Princess Lutete, Audrey Mfulama, Ocean Mnyampara, Samantha Musasa, and Syntiche Ngonde.**

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.

•We honor this morning our **graduates** from high school, college, and graduate school. Join us for a reception in Westminster Hall after the 9 AM service to celebrate these young people's accomplishments.

•**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 judgeistlinger@outlook.com

•**Presbyterian Women** cordially invite you to the **Spring Gathering** on Thursday May 31 at 12:30 PM in Westminster Hall. We will begin with a light lunch and dessert, and the program follows. Whether you know a lot or a little about **Mae Chapin**, come meet her again at this gathering. **Pat Metcalf, Jo Foley** and **Wanda Whitsitt** have prepared a fascinating story to tell about Miss Chapin. New PW officers will also be installed at this gathering.

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

Serve

•The **Illini Chabad** (*The Chabad Center for Jewish Life serving the University of Illinois and CU communities*) is looking for an Administrative Assistant. Visit <http://www.jewishillini.org> for more information.