

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

June 24, 2018
5th Sunday after Pentecost
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8 & 9 AM



Bless be the tie that binds!



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 Michael Schmidt

Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell

Greeting & Announcements

9Minute for Ministry – VBS Karin Vermillion

9Introit *O Come, Let Us Sing* James Rivers

♦Call to Worship

(adapted *Stages on the Way/Wild Goose Worship Group*)

One Lord Jesus Christ, you called your disciples to go forward with you into the world.

Many Since you first walked that road countless millions have followed you.

One In all that we do as your disciples, save us from false familiarity with your journey.

Many May we never presume to step into your shoes, but make us small enough to fit our own, and to walk in love and wonder behind you.

One Guide our steps.

Many Hear our praise and thanks as we worship you in holiness and truth.

♦**Hymn 2236** *Gather Us In* (from *Sing the Faith* hymnal)

♦Call to Confession (1 John 1:8-9)

One We may not be eager to confess our sin, but God is certainly eager to hear our confession.

Many And God is eager and able to forgive. Alleluia!

One In confidence of God's enduring love and forgiveness let us confess our sins to God.

♦Prayer of Confession

One Almighty God, You have made of one blood all nations of women and men to dwell on the face of the earth;

Many By your grace in Christ – though many – we are one body!

One Remind us in this hour that First Presbyterian Church is only one part of a vast fellowship.

Many Bless be the tie that binds!

One Turn our thoughts outward and help us to build and foster a closer communion with the whole church.

Many Help us, Lord.

One Thank you for your church.

Many Thank you, Lord. Alleluia.

One Forgive us for taking your church for granted.

Many Lord, have mercy.

One In Christ's name, hear our prayer!

Many Amen and 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*

9♦**Hymn 438** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Act of Friendship

9Children's Time

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Fantasy on Slane

Libby Larson

Alexis Korbe, Flute

9#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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A Reading from the Old Testament Lesson

Psalms 133:1-3 (OT pg. 575)

9**Anthem** Jean René Balekita and Bomoyi

A Reading from the Gospel Lesson

Luke 9:18-27 (NT pg. 69)

Message *Who Do You Say That I Am?*

Rev. Dr. Ary Fernández

9**Call to Prayer** *O Thou Who Hearest Prayer* James Rivers

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

The Lord's Prayer

♦**Hymn 439** *In Christ There Is No East or West*

Congregational Prayer (Augustine 354-430)

One 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.

Many Grant us, dear God, in all our duties your help;

One In all our uncertainties

Many Your guidance;

One In all our dangers

Many Your protection;

One And in all our sorrows

Many Your peace.

♦Benediction

♦Congregational Choral Benediction

The Spirit sends us forth to serve to scatter joy like seed

And all our days to cherish life to do the loving deed.

Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.

God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.

♦Postlude

Michael Schmidt

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

♦Please stand if able.

This Week

Sunday, June 24

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:10 AM Cuba Presentation-Q&A/Parlor
- 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 International Taste of First Pres/Centennial Hall

Monday, June 25

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204 & 205
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Westminster Hall
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, June 26

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204 & 205
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 6:30 PM Family Game Night/The Café
- 6:30 PM Community Mission Deacons/Westminster Hall

Wednesday, June 27

- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 5:45 PM Covenant Study/Centennial Hall

Thursday, June 28

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast/Library
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204 & 205
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 4:00 PM Cuba Steering Committee/Parlor

Friday, June 29 Church Office closes at 12 noon

- 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, June 30

- 10:00 AM VBS Orientation/Chapel
- 10:00 AM Mission Presentation/Westminster Hall
- 3:00 PM Worship Prep/Centennial Hall
- 4:00 PM Youth Fellowship/The Schoeffmann's
- 6:00 PM Praise & Prayer Gathering/Centennial Hall

The church office will close at 12 noon on Fridays throughout the summer.

Saturday in the Park

July 7 10 am to noon, West Side Park

Join us in for a fun morning in the park! Have a seat at our new Turquoise Table, grab some popcorn, and play some games. We'll get to know our neighbors and help them learn about many of the exciting things happening at First Pres, including music, children and family ministries, missions, and more. Please contact beth@firstpres.church if you have an outdoor game you're willing to lend for this event.

Worship

- Liturgist this morning is **Judi Geistlinger** at the 8 AM service and **Pat Metcalf** at the 9 AM service.
- Today we welcome the **Rev. Dr. Ary Fernández**, Moderator, Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada en Cuba (The Reformed Presbyterian Church of Cuba) as we celebrate our Cuba partnership. Learn more about the Cuba Partners Network, of which our church is active at <https://cubapartnersnetwork.org/history/liprc-history/>

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.
- This morning the **Rev. Dr. Ary Fernández** will make a few comments about current realities in the Cuban church and Cuban society at 10:10 AM in Mae Chapin Parlor.
- Spiritual Formation team is piloting an **8-week summer study** on Wednesday evenings. We invite you to join us each Wednesday at 5:45 for dinner (RSVP to **Claudia Kirby** claudia.a.kirby@gmail.com) followed by the study at 6:30. Materials cost \$30. Scholarships are available.
- International Taste of First Pres**, TODAY 4–6 PM, Centennial Hall. Bring a dish representing your ethnic heritage to share. Plan to have your dish here by 4.
- Game Night!** June 26, 6:30–8:30 PM in the Café. Join us for a fun night of card games for all ages on themes like bean farming, pizza making, cats playing jazz, flea circuses, and much more! Popcorn provided. This family event is hosted by the **Lowes**.
- Bernie and Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta**, Mission Coworkers to Indonesia are visiting our congregation! Sunday, July 1, Bernie will be preaching all three services. Saturday, June 30, at 10 AM in Westminster, **Bernie and Farsijana** will be presenting more on their work with Christians and Muslims in Yogyakarta.
- The **Francophone Ministry** invites you to attend its annual conference from 3-6 PM July 3 and 4 in Centennial Hall. This year's theme is "The Gospel of Jesus Christ is Power." Worship will feature speakers from Africa and the United States.
- Don't miss *Hero Central* this July! **Vacation Bible School** is July 8, 15, 22, & 29 from 1:30-4:30 PM. This action-packed series teaches that real heroes have heart, wisdom, hope, and power that comes from the Holy Spirit! Children age 4 in preschool through children who just completed 5th grade are encouraged to attend. A \$10 donation per child is requested at the time of registration. Register online at <https://hc.cokesburyvbs.com/PresFUMC>. Contact **Mindy** at mindy@firstpres.church to volunteer or sponsor a child.

Serve

- Help us reward young boys completing this summer's **DREAAM** program, and donate a new boy-themed, zippered 16-17" backpack. Bring your donation Sunday, July 1.