

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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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

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.

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.

August 12, 2018
12th Sunday after Pentecost
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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

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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

♦Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 130)

One I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in God's word I hope.

**Many My soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the
morning.**

One O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love.

**Many Let us worship God.
The LORD's name be praised!**

♦Hymn 298 *There Is a Wideness In God's Mercy*

♦Call to Confession

One God is eager to hear our confession.

Many And God is willing and able to forgive.

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

♦Prayer of Confession

One Holy God, we often know the right way to go,

Many But are reluctant to go.

One We often know the right thing to say,

Many But are reluctant to say it.

One We often know the holy thing to do,

Many But are reluctant to do it.

It's not our lack of knowledge, it is our lack of
motivation. Don't allow this reluctance to stop us.
Don't allow our hesitation to last forever. Forgive
us, and continue to guide us, call us, and encourage
us, so that one day – one day very soon – we will
follow you more fully when you invite us to come.
In Jesus' name we pray...(Silent prayer...)

♦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*

♦Hymn 438 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Act of Friendship

9Children's Time

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Karen Dohme

#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

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 (OT pg. 292)

Anthem *The Gift Of Love*

Joe Grant, soloist

arr. Hal Hopson

A Reading from the Epistles

Ephesians 4:25-5:2 (NT pg. 194)

One This is the Word of the LORD.

Many Thanks be to God.

Message *A Parent's Love*

Matt Matthews

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal pg. 16)

♦Hymn 335 *Though I May Speak*

♦Benediction

One Let us put away falsehood and speak the truth to
our neighbors –

Many For we are members of one another.

One Be angry but do not sin;

Many Do not let the sun go down on your anger.

One let thieves give up stealing;

**Many Rather let them work honestly, so as to have
something to share with the needy.**

One let no evil talk come out of your mouths;

Many Speak only what is useful for building up.

One May your words give grace to those who hear.

**Many Banish all bitterness and wrath and anger
and wrangling and slander, together with
all malice.**

One Be kind to one another and tenderhearted,

**Many Forgiving one another, as God in Christ has
forgiven you.**

One Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved
children.

**Many Live in love, as Christ loved us and gave
himself up for us.**

♦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

Karen Dohme

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

♦Please stand if able.

This Week

Sunday, August 12

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:10 AM Feasting on the Word/Parlor
- 11:00 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 1:30 PM Tour and Shop/Salt & Light
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Chapel
- 3:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall

Monday, August 13

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor
- 1:00 PM Prayer Ministry/Library
- 5:30 PM Compassion, Peace, Justice/Parlor
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 6:30 PM Epilepsy Support/Westminster Hall

Tuesday, August 14

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:30 AM BIG Event Planning/Library
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Mission Team/Westminster Hall
- 5:30 PM Contemporary Worship Team/Parlor
- 7:00 PM Worship Team/Parlor

Wednesday, August 15

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 12:00 PM CYF Team/Chapel
- 4:00 PM Finance Team/Library
- 5:45 PM Nominating Committee/Parlor

Thursday, August 16

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast/Library
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 10:30 AM Membership Team/Parlor
- 6:30 PM Session Education/Westminster Hall
- 7:00 PM Session/Westminster Hall

Friday, August 17 Church Office closes at 12 noon

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall

Saturday, August 18

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

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

Fall Worship Schedule

The Sunday morning schedule will be adjusted this fall to allow a dedicated block of time for the Sunday School from 10:15 to 11:05 AM. **Beginning September 9, 2018**, the Contemporary (The Gathering) worship service time will move to 11:15 AM.

Fall Schedule September 9

- 8:00-8:45 Contemplative Worship
- 9:00-10:00 Traditional Worship
- 10:00-10:10 Fellowship
- 10:15-11:05 Sunday School/Adult Education
- 11:15-12:15 Contemporary Worship

Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Paul Schaap** at the 8 AM service and **Lizz Pippin** 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.

•There will be a **Congregational Meeting** on Sunday, August 19, immediately following the 9 AM service for the purpose of transitioning **Eric Corbin** from Covenant Pastor to Associate Pastor.

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 AM in the Parlor. Bring your coffee and join us!

•Join us for a fun night of Euchre and other card games at the next **game night**. This family-friendly event for all ages is hosted by the Lowes from 6:30 to 8:30 PM on Wednesday, August 15, in the Café (in the Education Building). Popcorn provided!

•We'll end the summer with a **church-wide picnic and pool party** on Sunday, August 19, at Sholem Aquatic Center. Bring a food dish to share for the picnic at 6 PM in Centennial Park (chicken and hotdogs will be provided), then stay for a swim at 8 PM. Everyone is welcome at this free event. Swimming is optional.

•Congratulations to **Max and Faye Reid** who celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, August 7, 2018.

Serve

•First Pres will take part in the **Taste of Champaign-Urbana** and we need your help! We're looking for friendly folks to work a shift at our booth on August 17 or 18. No special skills required; just a friendly face! Sign up at the Welcome Center in Westminster or contact **Gary Peterson** at amer_swede@yahoo.com.

Want to be a part of something **BIG** in our church community? Don't Miss Hearts, Hands & Voices: A Community Together on Sunday, September 16, from 10:15 AM to 12:45 PM. We'll experience creative worship, sing uplifting music, and share a meal together. Most importantly, we'll use our hands (and hearts) to help local mission partners in our community.

Look for more details in the coming weeks! Contact Ann Stout at mrsas2003@gmail.com with questions, to volunteer, or if you have a pop-up tent you can loan.