

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

Farrant/Hopson

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal pg. 16)

♦**Hymn 29** *Go, Tell It On the Mountain*

♦**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**

Pierre Tang

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

♦Please stand if able.

Today's Big Event plan. After the Benediction,

- Adults, go to Westminster for nametag, doughnut, coffee.
Then go to Centennial Hall and gather in your color group at the table that is the color of your nametag.
- Children, unless they stay with their parents, will gather at the baptismal font next to the pulpit in the sanctuary to get their nametag. Follow your adult shepherd for a doughnut and a great morning in Centennial Hall!
- In Centennial Hall, we'll be guided through a hands-on project around a mission station. The band and choir will punctuate the morning in song. We'll pray, sing, laugh, and get to know our tablemates.
- We'll have lunch and dessert in our alley with laughter and live music.
- We'll close at 12:45 with song and prayer.

We believe enjoying each other's company together will help our church grow. Thanks for joining Hearts, Hands, & Voices and building One Community Together.

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.

Pastors:

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We want to get to know you!

- Fill in the Friendship Pads; please use a name tag.
- Introduce yourself to your pew mates and 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

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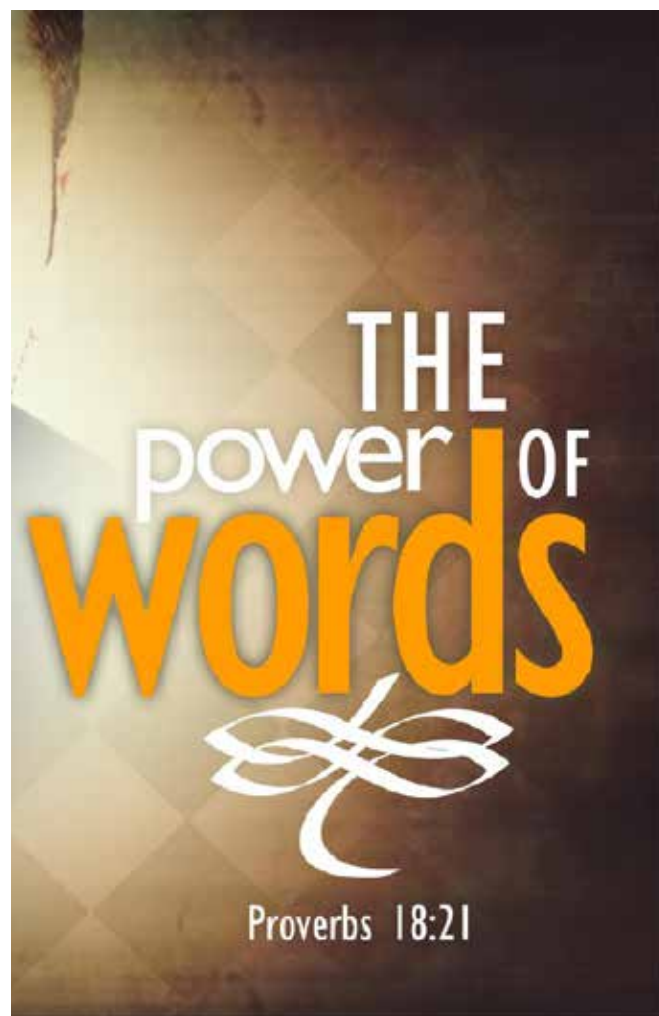
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

September 16, 2018

17th Sunday after Pentecost

24th 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

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

Pierre Tang

Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell

Greeting & Announcements

Minute for Ministry – Spiritual Formation

Betty Hollister

9Introit

Praise the Lord Be Joyful

Haydn/Hopson

♦Call to Worship (from Psalm 98:1-9)

One Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

Many Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

One Sing praises to the LORD;

Many Make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

One Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

Many The world and those who live in it.

One Let the floods clap their hands;

Many Let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD,

One For he is coming to judge the earth.

Many O sing to the LORD a new song!

♦Hymn 507 I Come With Joy

♦Call to Confession (from Psalm 51:1-12)

One Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;

Many According to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

One Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.

**Many Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.**

One Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

♦Prayer of Confession

O God, by your creative power you brought us into being and gave each of us a unique personality.

Forgive us when we demean one another, when we refuse to share with the hungry and dispossessed, when we rate our friendships by what others can do for us. Forgive us, too, when we violate your image by seeing others according to stereotypes and not as individuals. Lord, forgive us and help us to become the people you created us to be.

♦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 386 O For a World

Act of Friendship (Learn the names of your pew mates.)

Please complete Prayer Request Card.

9Children's Time

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

8Pierre Tang; 9Jean René Balekita and Bomoyi

9 Doxology #592; 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.

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

God's Good News from the Epistles

James 3:1-12 (NT pg. 230)

9Anthem

Take Up Your Cross

arr. Lloyd Larson

God's Good News from the Gospels

Mark 8:27-30 (NT pg. 43)

One This is the Word of the LORD.

Many Thanks be to God.

Message

The Worlds Our Words Create

Matt Matthews

An Affirmation of Faith (from Romans 12)

One Let love be genuine;

Many Hate what is evil,

One Hold fast to what is good;

Many Love one another with mutual affection;

One Outdo one another in showing honor.

Many Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.

One Rejoice in hope,

Many Be patient in suffering,

One Persevere in prayer.

Many Contribute to the needs of the saints;

One Extend hospitality to strangers.

Many Bless those who persecute you;

One Bless and do not curse them.

Many Rejoice with those who rejoice,

One Weep with those who weep.

Many Live in harmony with one another;

One Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly;

Many Do not claim to be wiser than you are.

One Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.

Many If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

One Never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God;

Many If your enemies are hungry, feed them.

One If they are thirsty, give them something to drink;

Many Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

This Week

Sunday, September 16

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM The BIG Event/Westminster & Centennial Hall
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Chapel
- 3:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall

Monday, September 17

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204-207, Café
- 9:00 AM SAFE House Class/Chapel
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 3:30 PM Environmental Team/Parlor
- 4:30 PM World Mission/Parlor
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 7:00 PM Worship Team/Parlor

Tuesday, September 18

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Champaign Public Library
- 10:00 AM DREAAM Open House/Westminster Hall
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/U of I Atkins Bldg.
- 6:30 PM Cuba Study/Matthews' Home

Wednesday, September 19

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204-207, Café
- 10:00 AM Pakistan Study/Parlor
- 5:30 PM Covenant Bible Study/Westminster Hall
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Thursday, September 20

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast/Library
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204-207, Café
- 9:00 PM Women's Bible Study/Parlor
- 11:15 AM ESL Orientation Mtg/Café
- 6:00 PM YoungLives/Centennial Hall
- 7:00 PM Session/Westminster Hall

Friday, September 21

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

Saturday, September 22

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

Worship

•Liturgists this morning are **Pat Mitchell** at the 8 AM service and **Jack Stickels** at the 9 AM service. Want to serve? Contact **Judi Geistlinger** at judgeistlinger@outlook.com.

•We **welcome children** of all ages to worship and we are so glad they are here to learn and grow in the faith. The CYF committee has provided green pew cards with tips on the back for guiding children in worship. We encourage the congregation to be patient as children learn. If you are interested in serving as a pew partner, an adult that will help sit beside and guide unaccompanied children through worship, please contact our Director of Children, Youth, and Families, **Mindy Watts-Ellis** (mindy@firstpres.church).

•This morning's **sermon** is available online this next week 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.

•Join **Don Follis** October 2-3 for a retreat, **Getting to Silence (Meeting God in a Place Called 'Still')** hosted by the Chi-ara Center in Springfield, IL. For more information visit <http://www.e-websmartsites.com/filestore/GettingtoSilence.pdf>.

•It is **PEB's** (Presbyterian Education Board – Pakistan) **20th anniversary**. Twenty years ago, fourteen of the missionary school's were returned to us from the government and we are going to celebrate with **Veda Gill**, Executive Director, PEB-Pakistan. She will be with us on Thursday, October 4, at noon for a celebration hosted by the Presbyterian Women.

Serve

•The **Nominating Committee** is now seeking names for 2019 Church Officers for Elders, Deacons and the Nominating Committee. Forms to nominate someone you know or even yourself can be found in the kiosks around the church, the Welcome Center and online.

It's here...the BIG event is today!!!

Join us immediately following the
9 AM service for
laughter, food and working together
to serve our local community.