

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 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

Children, Youth & Families

Please sign your child in at the Welcome Center in Westminster Hall. There you will receive a name tag for your child/ren and a matching identification label to be used by the parent or guardian at pick up. Children who wish to attend Sunday School will meet their teachers at the baptismal font following worship. The teachers will lead the children to their classrooms in the Education Building across the alley. Our child care rooms for children 4 years and under are open from 8:45 AM-12:15 PM each Sunday. The Christian Education hour is 10:15-11:05 AM. Pick up children in the Education Building from their classrooms. Nursery through Kindergarten children are located on the first floor. First grade through High School classes are located on the second floor.

Schedule

- 8:45-9:00 Children check-in at the Welcome Center and gather in the children's corner
- 9:00-10:00 Children attend traditional worship with family or pew partners
- 10:00-10:15 Children follow their teachers to classrooms for fellowship and snack
- 10:15-11:05 Educational lessons in the classrooms
- 11:05 Children dismissed to parents
- 11:00-11:30 Children's Choir rehearsal in the chapel (starting 9/23)
- 11:15-12:15 Children attend The Gathering worship with family

Contact our Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, **Mindy Watts-Ellis** (mindy@firstpres.church) for more information.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

September 30, 2018

19th Sunday after Pentecost

26th 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 Pierre Tang

Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell

Greeting & Announcements

Minute for Ministry – Sangla Hill Rachel Matthews

9Introit *O Come Let Us Sing to the Lord* Hal Hopson

♦Call to Worship

One Come, true light.

Many Come, eternal life.

One Come, incessant joy!

Many Come, light unfading.

One Come, O powerful one.

Many Come, invisible one.

One You, O God, stand higher than the heavens.

Many Come, breath and my own life, consolation of my lowly heart.

♦**Hymn 263** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

♦Call to Confession

One Because of such great mercy,
God is ready to forgive all the ways we fail to live
in faithfulness.

**Many Relying on that mercy,
let us join in one voice as we confess our sin
before God and one another.**

♦Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you are working your purposes out in our lives. Because of your grace, we are growing in mind and spirit. Calm us when we become anxious about the change that accompanies growth. And forgive us when we resist your call to lead lives transformed by your power. Help us, in Christ's name we pray. 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 527** *Near to the Heart of God*

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

Please complete Prayer Request Card.

9Children's Time

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Pierre Tang

9 Doxology #592; Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination

O Lord, Hear My Prayer (from the *Glory to God* hymnal)

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.

When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer.

O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

9**Anthem** *O Day of Peace* C.H. Parry/arr. Robert Powell

God's Good News from the Epistles

James 5:13-18 (NT pg. 231)

One This is the Word of the LORD.

Many Thanks be to God.

Message *That Safe Place*

A dialogue sermon by Rachel & Matt Matthews

9**Call to Prayer** *Hear Us Lord*

Hal Hopson

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal pg. 16)

♦**Hymn 369** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

Matthew Storie, saxophone

♦Benediction

♦Congregational Choral Benediction

Go With Us, Lord (from the *Glory to God* hymnal)

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way

Through this and every coming day,

That in your Spirit strong and true

Our lives may be our gift to you.

♦Postlude

Pierre Tang

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

♦Please stand if able.

Worship Notes:

The Call to Worship is a bidding prayer by Symeon the New Theologian (949-1022) from his Discourses; he was a Byzantine monk and poet.

This Week

Sunday, September 30

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English/Room 204
- 10:15 AM Sunday School/CE Building
- 10:15 AM Adult Education/Parlor Living Room
- 11:00 AM Children's Choir/Chapel
- 11:15 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Chapel
- 3:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 5:30 PM High School Youth Group/Café

Monday, October 1

- 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
- 4:00 PM HR Meeting/Library
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, October 2

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204-207, Café
- 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, October 3

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204-207, Café
- 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, October 4

- 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 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor
- 12:00 PM PW Fall Gathering/Westminster Hall
- 5:30 PM Spiritual Formation/Library
- 6:00 PM YoungLives/Centennial Hall

Friday, October 5

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

Saturday, October 6

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

Worship

•Liturgists this morning are **Mary Lou Bauer** at the 8 AM service and **Betty Hollister** 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.

•**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!

•**All high school youth** are invited to join our **new youth group** for weekly activities and bible study. We will meet every Sunday from 5:30-7 PM in the education building. For questions or more information contact **Lizz Pippin** at lizz@firstpres.church.

•The **Classic Book Study** is starting a new book, *Small Victories* by Anne Lamott. We'd love to have others join our group. We gather every Tuesday at noon at the Atkins building. Please see **Ginny Waaler** or **Jeannie Snoeyink** if you would like to join.

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

ONE Service Sunday, October 7

Celebrate with us

World Communion Sunday, October 7

ONE service at 9 AM in the Sanctuary

We'll gather for a joint service of worship at 9 AM.

All our choirs and bands will play.

The organ and piano will help us. Matt will preach.

Sunday School and adult education classes will be held as usual following the service.

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.