

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 under 5 years 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.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

September 9, 2018
16th Sunday after Pentecost
23rd 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

Care Deacons

Pam Knox

9Nominating Committee

Eric Stickels

9Introit *Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord*

Richard Rossi

♦Call to Worship

One Our merciful God, maker of us all,

Many Pleads the cause of the poor and afflicted.

One Open our hearts to demonstrate God's grace

Many Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

♦Hymn 495 *We Know That Christ Is Raised*

♦Call to Confession (*1 John 1:8-9*)

One If we say we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**Many If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and
just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us
from all unrighteousness.**

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

♦Prayer of Confession (*from Feasting On the Word*)

God of favor, we have not been true to you.

**You have chosen the poor in the world,
but we have dishonored them.**

**You plead the cause of the afflicted,
but we crush them.**

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have favored the rich and despised the poor.

We have dismissed the needy with empty words.

Soften our hearts and make straight our ways.

Heal our unbelief and turn us back to you. 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 472 *O Sing to the Lord*

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

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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God's Good News from the Epistles

James 2:1-10; 14-17 (NT pg. 229)

9Anthem *Guide Us*

Nancy René

God's Good News from the Gospels

Mark 7:24-37 (NT pg. 42)

One This is the Word of the LORD.

Many Thanks be to God.

Message *A Dog's Place – and Other Thoughts of Prejudice*

Matt Matthews

9Call to Prayer *Come Then, Let Us Bow Down*

Richard Rossi

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal pg. 16)

♦Hymn 319 *Spirit*

♦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.

The **Prayer of Confession** this morning is drawn from *Proverbs 22:1; James 2:1; James 2:5-6; Proverbs 22:22-23; James 2:8; James 2:1-9; James 2:15-17* and *Psalms 125:5. Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion, Liturgies for Year B, vol. 2., pg. 151*

This Week

Sunday, September 9

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM Sunday School/CE Building
- 10:15 AM Presbyterian 101/Parlor
- 11:15 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Chapel
- 3:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall

Monday, September 10

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204-207, Café
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor
- 1:00 PM Prayer Ministry Team/Library
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 6:30 PM Epilepsy Support/Parlor

Tuesday, September 11

- 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
- 9:00 AM PW Planning Meeting/Westminster Hall
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Mission Team/Westminster Hall
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/U of I Atkins Bldg.
- 4:30 PM Contemporary Worship Team/Parlor
- 6:30 PM Cuba Study/Matthews' Home

Wednesday, September 12

- 8:30 AM SEA Group/Parlor
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204-207, Café
- 10:00 AM Pakistan Study/Parlor
- 11:30 AM Stephen Ministry Support/Parlor
- 12:00 PM CYF Team/Chapel
- 5:30 PM Covenant Bible Study/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Thursday, September 13

- 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
- 10:30 AM Membership Team/Parlor
- 11:30 AM Outreach/Parlor
- 4:30 PM Finance Team/Library
- 5:30 PM Courageous Conversation/Parlor
- 6:00 PM YoungLives/Centennial Hall

Friday, September 14

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

Saturday, September 15

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

Worship

•Liturgists this morning are **Kathy Kinzer** at the 8 AM service and **Destin Lembelembe** 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!

•Hand bell choir rehearsals will begin Wednesday, September 12, at 6 PM in the bell room. New members are always welcome, and now is an especially good time for beginners to join! No bell ringing experience is necessary, but some music reading experience is helpful. To learn more, please contact Karin Vermillion@[gmail.com](mailto:KarinVermillion@gmail.com) or simply come any Wednesday evening.

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.

• 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. The mission portion of our "big event" will involve all of us working together to provide supplies to local mission agencies (Courage Connection, Salt & Light, Jesus is the Way, and others). Cash donations will be used to buy supplies. We especially need women's full sized body wash, lotion, or face wash, any brand. Contact Ann Stout at mrsas2003@gmail.com with questions, to volunteer, or if you have a pop-up tent you can loan.