

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

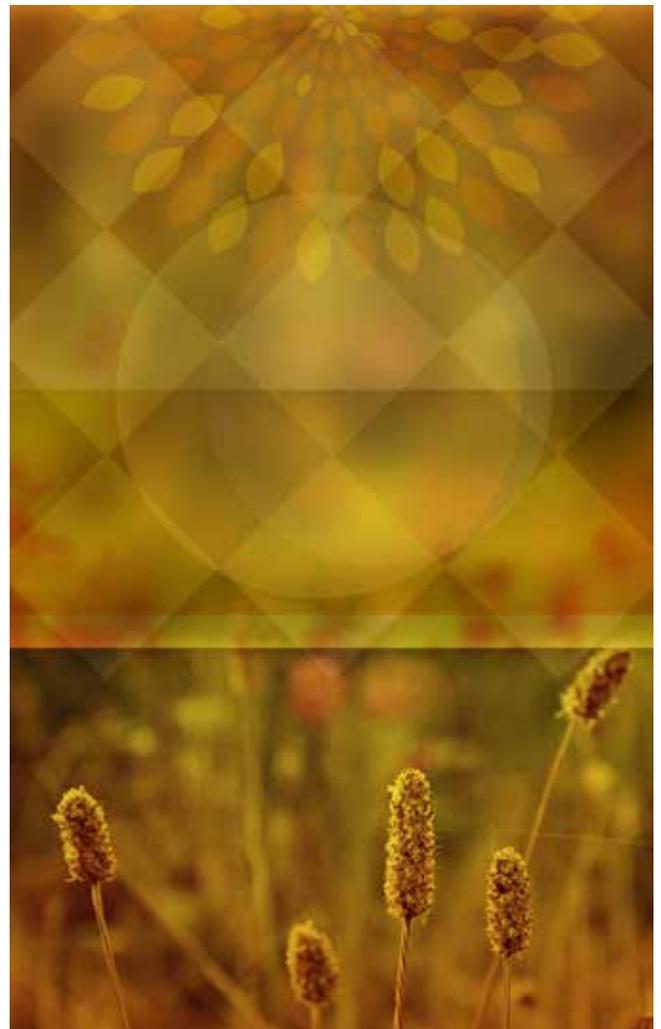
Contact our Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, **Mindy Watts-Ellis** (mindy@firstpres.church) for more information.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

October 28, 2018
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
30th 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 – Stewardship Peter Yau

9Introit *Praise Ye the Lord, O My Soul* R. Rossi

◆Call to Worship

One Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:
That it is not we who chose Christ,

Many But Christ who chose us,

One That we are not here because of our goodness

Many But because of Christ's grace,

One That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

Many But to allow Christ to enlighten us,

One That we have not come to be entertained

**Many But to worship God with heart, soul, mind
and strength.**

◆Hymn 702 *Christ Be Beside Me*

◆Call to Confession

Because of such great mercy,

God is ready to forgive all the ways we fail to live in
faithfulness.

Relying on that mercy,

let us join in one voice as we confess our sin before God
and one another.

◆Prayer of Confession

One O LORD, people call out to you for help, and we
sometimes urge them to be quiet. Their plea
irritates us. We want people to do things decently
and in order, without the disruption of shouting.

Many Forgive us, LORD.

One When we close our ears and our hearts to those
who cry out for help,

Many Forgive us, LORD.

One Remind us that following you means responding to
those who cry for mercy,

Many Help us, LORD.

One You call us to seek justice, but we often look away,
seeking our own comforts.

Many Forgive us, LORD.

One You call us to love kindness, but we are often
indifferent to those crying out for tenderness and
healing.

Many Forgive us, LORD.

One You call us to walk humble with you, but we often
choose other paths.

Many Forgive us, LORD.

One Jesus, Savior and Lord, enlighten our minds with
your wisdom, and imprint the image of your love
once more on our hearts so that we can focus
anew on your presence and your power whenever
and wherever you call us to serve people in your
name.

Many 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 #583 *Gloria, Gloria*

◆Hymn 799 *I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry*

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

9Doxology #606; Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination *Lord, Prepare Me #701*

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.**

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

A Reading from the Gospels

Mark 10:46-52 (NT pg. 47)

One This is the Word of the LORD.

Many Thanks be to God.

9Anthem *God Is Our Refuge and Strength* Lloyd Larson

Message *Did You Hear What Happened on the Jericho Road*
Matt Matthews

9Call to Prayer *The Lord Opens the Eyes of the Blind* R. Rossi

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal pg. 35)

◆Hymn 22 *God of the Sparrow*

◆Benediction

◆Congregational Benediction *Go With Us, Lord #748*

**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

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

Pierre Tang

◆Please stand if able.

This Week

Sunday, October 28

- 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
- 5:00 PM Trunk or Treat/Parking Lot
- 6:00 PM Soup Supper/Centennial Hall

Monday, October 29

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204-207, Café
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, October 30

- 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 31

- 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, November 1

- 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 Congregational Care Deacons/Parlor
- 5:30 PM Spiritual Formation/Library
- 6:00 PM YoungLives/Centennial Hall

Friday, November 2

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

Saturday, November 3

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

Worship

•Liturgists this morning are **Richard Coddington** at the 8 AM service and **Gary Peterson** 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. 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 **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.

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

•TONIGHT is **Trunk-or-Treat!** Our event will begin with the decorated cars and candy from 5-6 PM in our parking lot and a soup supper from 6-7 PM in Centennial Hall. Volunteers are needed to man the game stations, cook soup, serve guests, set up, and clean up. See **Mindy Watts-Ellis** this morning to volunteer for any portion of the event.

•Coming soon! **A new church directory.** This will be a great tool for helping us put names with faces and connecting our families to one another. We have invited Lifetouch Church Directories and Portraits to photograph you November 26-30. Watch for more information on scheduling your appointment. We look forward to seeing all of you in our new directory.

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.

•The next **Adopt-a-Highway** clean-up day will be Saturday, November 3, at 8 AM. We will gather at the entry to the CE Building. See you then!