

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:

Matt Matthews
Eric Corbin

matt@firstpres.church
eric@firstpres.church

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

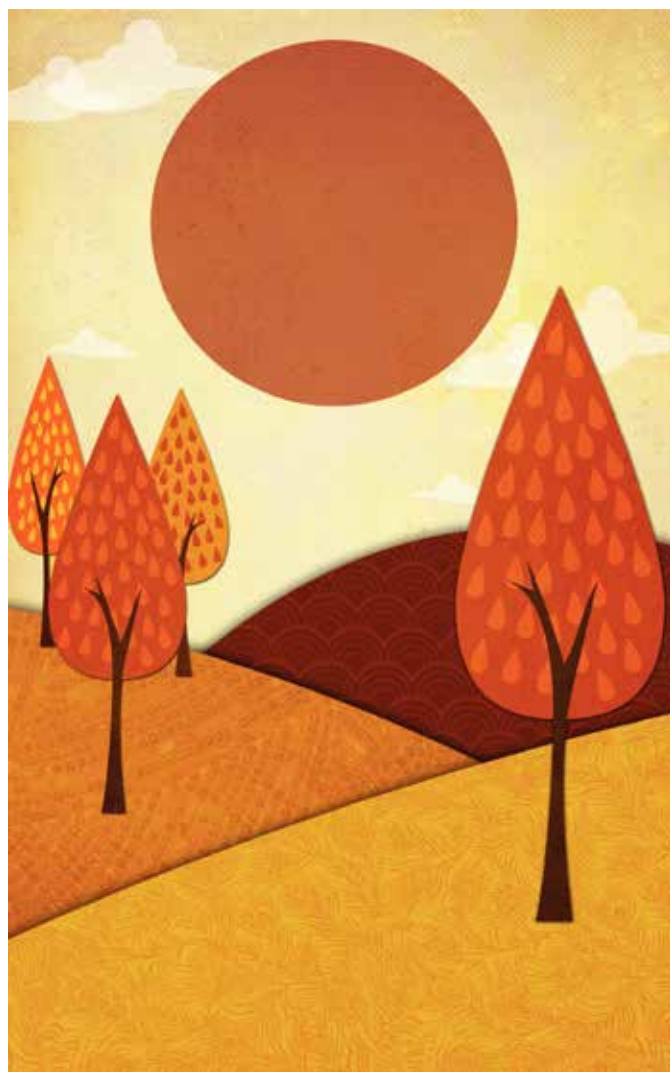
- 8:45-9:00 Children check-in at the Welcome Center and gather in the children's corner
- 9:00-10:00 Children attend traditional worship with family or pew partners
- 10:00-10:15 Children follow their teachers to classrooms for fellowship and snack
- 10:15-11:05 Educational lessons in the classrooms
- 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

November 11, 2018
25th Sunday after Pentecost
32nd 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

Office: 302 West Church, Champaign, IL 61820 217.356.7238
info@firstpres.church www.firstpres.church
Facebook: fb.com/firstpreschampaign

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 – Hosting Presbytery Judi Geistlinger

9Introit *Let the Peoples Praise You, O God*

R. Rossi

♦Call to Worship (from Psalm 127)

One Unless the LORD builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.

**Many Unless the LORD guards the city,
the guard keeps watch in vain.**

One It is in vain that you rise up early
and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil;

Many For he gives sleep to his beloved.

One With thankful hearts, let us worship God.

Many The Lord's name be praised!

♦Hymn 643 *Now Thank We All Our God*

♦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 (from Feasting on the Word)

**Dear God, you gave us your only son,
yet we fail to give you our best.
You answer our prayers,
even though we often pray with a haughty spirit.
You continue to bless us,
even as we sometimes ignore those in need.
Forgive us, we pray, and turn us toward you,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 137 *He Came Down*

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

Please complete Prayer Request Card.

9Children's Time

Jubilate Deo

Michael Bedford

Children's Choir; Pierre Tang, Director

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Pierre Tang

9Prayer of Dedication; Alleluia #586

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 12:38-44 (NT pg. 49)

One This is the Word of the LORD.

Many Thanks be to God.

9Anthem *Laudate*

Knut Nystedt

Message *The Widow's Mighty Mite*

Matt Matthews

9Call to Prayer *O God, Be Gentle and Bless Us*

R. Rossi

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal pg. 35)

♦Hymn 729 *Lord, I Want To Be a Christian*

♦Benediction

♦Congregational Choral 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

Pierre Tang

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

♦Please stand if able.

This Week

Sunday, November 11

- 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
- 12:00 PM New Americans & Session Mtg/Parlor
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Chapel
- 3:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 5:30 PM Youth Group/Café

Monday, November 12

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204-207, Café
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor
- 1:00 PM Prayer Ministry Team/Library
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 6:30 PM Session Education Time/Westminster Hall
- 6:30 PM Epilepsy Support/Parlor
- 7:00 PM Session/Westminster Hall

Tuesday, November 13

- 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 Mission Team/Westminster Hall
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/U of I Atkins Bldg.
- 5:00 PM Facility Request Review/Library
- 5:30 PM Contemporary Worship Team/Parlor
- 7:00 PM Worship Team/Parlor

Wednesday, November 14

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

Thursday, November 15

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast/Library
- 10:00 AM Presbytery/Sanctuary, Westminster, Centennial

Friday, November 16

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM Workshop with J. Herbert Nelson/Westminster Hall

Saturday, November 17

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

Worship

•Liturgyists this morning are **Bill Marble** at the 8 AM service and **Hannah 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. If you are interested in serving as a pew partner, an adult who 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.

•It's time for a new pictorial directory for our church. There is no cost to you or the church to have your photographs taken professionally. You will receive a complimentary 8x10 color portrait. Our photography dates are: Monday-Friday, November 26-30, from 1-8 PM; Tuesday-Wednesday, December 4-5 from 1-8 PM (if needed). An e-mail request will be sent to you to setup your appointment. If we do not have an email for you, expect a telephone call. Instructions will be provided. You may also sign up at the Welcome Center on Sundays or at firstpres.church/directory. If you are out of town during the photography sessions, Life Touch can let you know of places in your area to be photographed to be included in the 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.

•J Herbert Nelson, Stated Clerk of the denomination will be here for the Presbytery meeting on Thursday, November 15, and again Friday, November 16 from 9 AM-1 PM for an open-to-the-public *Transformation Efforts in our Community*. We need volunteers for Thursday plus your input and presence on Friday! Contact **Judi Geistlinger** for more information: judgeistlinger@outlook.com or sign-up at firstpres.church/presbyterysignup.

**2019 pledge total to date is \$659,334
with 147 responding.**