

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

November 18, 2018
26th Sunday after Pentecost
33rd 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'd love to connect with you this morning. Fill out the Friendship Pad when passed, then stop by our Welcome Center after the service to receive a small gift. Enjoy some coffee, meet new people, and learn how our church can become your home.

Prelude Pierre Tang

Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell

Greeting & Announcements

Minute for Ministry – Advent Study Peter Yau

9Introit *Praise the Lord For God Is Good* Hal Hopson

♦Call to Worship

One As God has given us such great abundance, let us share with others.

Many Open our hearts and our hands today, Lord, to help others in need.

One As God has blessed each of our lives, let us be a blessing to others.

Many Prepare us for ministries of hope and healing, gracious God.

One The harvest time has come!

Many Let us gather up our resources, the abundance with which God has blessed us, and let us use these gifts to help all in need.

♦**Hymn 367** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

♦Call to Confession

We wonder what's for lunch, we worry about work tomorrow, we fret about the test that is coming up. So much worry, so much time wasted over things we cannot control. Let us confess how our worries keep us from trusting the God who hears us and restores us to new life. Please join me as we pray together...

♦Prayer of Confession

Because we live in this modern, tech-driven age, we often forget what you have done for us, God of every blessing. We have more than we could ever use, yet, like squirrels, store up more and more. Our faith is often pushed to the back of the closet, to make room for all the fears we wear so easily.

Forgive us, Restorer of life. As you clothe us with your grace and mercy, may we share with those who have so little. As our hearts overflow with your love and wonder, may we offer them as gifts to everyone we meet. As you feed us with your joy and hope, may we welcome all those whose lives are filled with tears and pain. As we gather with family and friends during this season, may we continue to give thanks for the gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior...(continue to pray in silence.)

♦Assurance of Pardon

One This is the good news: as God dresses creation in wonder, so you will be clothed in grace; as God pours out abundance upon the earth, so you will be blessed with peace and joy.

Many Thanks be to God for healing, for life, for wonder, for mercy. We are blessed, for we are forgiven. Amen.

♦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 336** *We Gather Together*

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

Please complete Prayer Request Card.

9Children's Sermon

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Jean René Balekita and Bomoyi

9Prayer of Dedication; Alleluia #586

Prayer for Illumination

A Reading from the Epistles

Philippians 4:6-9 (NT pg. 198)

A Reading from the Gospels

Matthew 6:25-33 (NT pg. 6)

One This is the Word of the LORD.

Many Thanks be to God.

9Anthem Jean René Balekita and Bomoyi

Message *Don't Worry, Be Grateful*
Eric Corbin

9Call to Prayer *Bow Down Your Ear, O Lord*

Hal Hopson

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal pg. 35)

♦**Hymn 645** *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

♦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 18

- 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
- 12:15 PM Thanksgiving Dinner/Centennial Hall
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Chapel
- 3:00 PM Interfaith Alliance Thanksgiving Celebration/Krannert
- 3:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 5:30 PM Youth Group/Café

Monday, November 19

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 3:30 PM Environmental Team/Parlor
- 4:30 PM World Mission/Parlor
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, November 20

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/U of I Atkins Bldg.

Wednesday, November 21

Thursday, November 22

Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 23

Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Saturday, November 24

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

•Come this morning for the **Bob Nutt Memorial Thanksgiving Dinner** at 12:15ish in Centennial Hall. **Peter Yau** is cooking for 60, so invite a friend and come to eat, laugh, and connect with others in our church and community.

Why is this lunch important? There's nothing more sacred than table fellowship. It's no accident that Jesus called us to remember him by gathering around a table. With food. With others. In prayer. With joy. This Thanksgiving dinner—happy, come-as-you-are, imperfectly organized—is a time to experience sweet community with each other and the guests who show up. It takes food to grow. It takes church dinners for churches to grow. Get it? Please do your part.

Congregational Meeting Sunday, December 2 following 9 AM service

The meeting will be to receive and act on the report of the Congregational Nominating Committee.

Worship

•Liturgists this morning are **Tom Ulen** at the 8 AM service and **Miriam Chenault** 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.

•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). You may 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. Please contact them at 866.756.0281.

Serve

•**YoungLives** is a worldwide, nondenominational Christian outreach ministry to teen moms and their children. Mentors share the love of Christ with teen moms as they try to navigate the ups and downs of adolescence while also raising a child. YoungLives teen moms, their children and mentors meet in Centennial Hall every other Thursday at 6 PM. They begin each meeting with a meal so moms and mentors can catch up and get to know each other better. Please consider providing dinner, beverages and paper products for 30 on December 6, February 7 or April 4. Please be in touch with Pastor Matt (matt@firstpres.church or 864.386.9138.) Thanks.

•**Austin's Place**, an emergency winter shelter for women at the First United Methodist Church of Champaign, needs volunteers for overnight and drivers. Volunteering is easy and fun. Trainings/informational sessions are being hosted Monday, November 26, at 7 PM and Saturday, December 1, at 10 AM. For more information, contact austinplace@champaignfumc.org.

**2019 pledge total to date is \$702,114
with 163 responding.**