

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

December 16, 2018

3rd Sunday in Advent

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'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 and Announcements

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Introit *There Shall a Star From Jacob Come Forth*

Felix Mendelssohn

✳️**Call to Worship**

Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

✳️**Hymn 143** *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

✳️**Call to Confession**

As John the Baptist called the people to repent,
as Jesus calls us now,
we turn to the one who is both judge and savior,
trusting that repentance opens the door to new life,
and that peace beyond all measure has been promised to us.

Let us confess our sins.

✳️**Prayer of Confession**

One The Lord is near.

**Many In your presence, Holy God,
we confess that we need repentance.**

We have broken your commands against idolatry.

We do not live in peace with your creation or your people.

While our songs should be glad, we mumble.

We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid.

Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise,

for the sake of the One who proclaims the good news and for the sake of all the world. Amen.

✳️**Assurance of Pardon** (from *Zephaniah 3:15*)

One In the name of the one God
who lives and moves among us,
you are forgiven.
The Lord has taken away the judgments against you.
Do not worry.
In Christ's name, live in peace.

Many 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 #113 *Angels We Have Heard on High* refrain

✳️**Hymn 92** *While We Are Waiting, Come*

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

Please complete Prayer Request Card.

Children's Time

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Pierre Tang

Prayer of Dedication, Alleluia 586

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer for Illumination 137 *He Came Down*

He came down that we may have love;

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He came down that we may have love;

Hallelujah forevermore.

A Reading from the Gospels

Luke 3:7-18 (NT pg. 60)

One This is the Word of the LORD.

Many Thanks be to God.

Anthem *What Sweeter Music*

John Rutter

Message *Jesus Is Coming! (Look Busy.)*

Pastor Matt Matthews

In Terra Pax

(On Earth, Peace)

Music: Gerald Finzi

✳️**Benediction**

✳️**Postlude**

Pierre Tang

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

✳️Please stand if able.

This Week

Sunday, December 16

- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/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 Youth Group/Café

Monday, December 17

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207; Café
- 11:00 AM Citizenship Info Mtg/Room 204
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, December 18

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM PW Mission/Library
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207; Café
- 11:30 AM Staff Christmas Gathering/Matthew's Home
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/U of I Atkins Bldg.

Wednesday, December 19

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207; Café
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir/Bell Choir Room
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Thursday, December 20

- 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study/Library
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207; Café
- 11:00 AM Compassion, Peace, Justice/Library
- 6:30 PM Session Education Time/Westminster Hall
- 7:00 PM Session/Westminster Hall

Friday, December 21

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 11:30 AM Moving Through Grief/Chapel

Saturday, December 22

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

December Worship

Sunday, December 16

NO 8 AM service

9 AM Music Sunday

11:15 AM The Gathering

Sunday, December 23

Regular Worship Schedule

Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve

10 AM Worship/Chapel

4 PM Family Worship

8 PM Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 30

9 AM Worship...only 1 service

(NO Sunday School or Childcare)

Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Mimi Nygren**. Want to serve? Contact **Judi Geistlinger** at judgeistlinger@outlook.com.

•**Mark and Sarah Laufenberg and Ellie, Henry and Sam** will light the Advent Wreath this morning.

•**We welcome children** of all ages to worship. 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.

•**Christmas poinsettias** will decorate our Sanctuary this coming holiday season. Poinsettias are \$13 per plant and can be given in honor or memory of someone. Include "poinsettia" on your check along with a note of who it is given for.

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.

Serve

•Support our youth at their **Annual Cookie Sale** this morning. Purchase cookies by the pound to help fund their summer mission trip.

•**Family Services of Champaign** is in dire need of volunteer drivers. Please consider volunteering your time, perhaps once per week, to drive a patient to their appointment by calling **Yvonne Fulton** at 352-5100. It's a great way to give back to our community.

•This year the **Advent Offering** will go towards Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. During the Sundays in Advent at the offering time, you can give to this organization by putting "Advent Offering" in the memo line of your check to the church.

The **Christmas Joy Offering** of the Presbyterian Church (USA) supports church workers and their families who have retired, those who continue their ministry, and those who will be our future leaders. Each of us gives thanks to someone who points us to God and the gift of Jesus Christ in our lives. This year's Christmas Joy Offering will be received at the Christmas Eve services.

Christmas Eve

10 AM Worship/Chapel

4 PM Family Service/Sanctuary

8 PM Candlelight Service/Sanctuary