

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 2, 2018

1st Sunday of Advent

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.

The Welcoming

Prelude

Pierre Tang

Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell

Greeting

Minute for Ministry – Angel Tree

Drawing Near to God

9Introit *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* Hymn tune: Stuttgart

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

❖Call to Worship (from *Luke 1:68ff*)

One “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

Many **He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old...**

One Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, that we might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

Many **By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”**

One Let us worship God.

Many **The Lord's name be praised!**

❖Hymn 82 *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

❖Call to Confession *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #88*

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

❖Corporate Confession

Come, Lord Jesus, to ransom and redeem your wayward people. You are merciful. We confess that we have sinned against you. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. O come, O come, Emmanuel. **A M E N.**

❖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

Leader The peace of Christ be with you.

People And also with you.

Leader Please greet one another in the peace of Christ.

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

Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo!

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

9Children's Time

Offering of Gifts and Tithes Please complete Prayer Request Card

Spotless Rose

Ola Gjeilo

9 **Doxology #606, Prayer of Dedication**

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination *He Came Down #137*

**He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
Hallelujah forevermore.**

A Reading from the Gospels

Matthew 28:16-20 (NT pg. 34)

A Reading from the Epistles

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (NT pg. 204)

One This is the Word of the LORD.

Many **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *A Theology of Accompaniment*

Matt Matthews

Affirmation of Faith (from the *Confession of 1967*)

(See screen)

Responding to God's Word

Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We are Invited

We give Thanks

The Lord's Prayer (see screen)

The Meal is Set

The Meal is Shared

We Close in Prayer

❖Hymn 104 *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?*

❖Benediction

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

(See screen)

❖Postlude

8Upper Room Ringers; Karin Vermillion, director

9Pierre Tang

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

❖Please stand if able

This Week

Sunday, December 2

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Congregational Meeting/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English/Room 204
- 10:15 AM Adult Education/Parlor Living Room
- 11:15 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 12:00 PM New Americans & Session/Parlor
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Chapel
- 3:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 5:30 PM Youth Group/Café
- 6:00 PM Service of Wholeness/Sanctuary

Monday, December 3

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207; Café
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 4:00 PM HR Meeting/Library
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, December 4

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207; Café
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/U of I Atkins Bldg.
- 1:00-8:00 PM Pictorial Directory Photos/Westminster Hall

Wednesday, December 5

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207; Café
- 10:00 AM PEB Study/Parlor
- 1:00-8:00 PM Pictorial Directory Photos/Westminster Hall
- 2:00 PM Barbara Swain Memorial/Chapel
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir/Bell Choir Room
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Thursday, December 6

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207; Café
- 11:30 AM PWV Gathering/Westminster Hall
- 5:30 PM Spiritual Formation/Library
- 6:00 PM YoungLives/Centennial Hall

Friday, December 7

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 11:30 AM Moving Through Grief/Chapel
- 1:00 PM Pictorial Directory Photos/Westminster Hall

Saturday, December 8

- 9:00 AM Pictorial Directory Photos/Westminster Hall
- 3:00 PM Worship Prep/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM Praise & Prayer Gathering/Centennial Hall

•We have added two extra days for photos for the pictorial church directory. Photos will be taken Friday, December 7, from 1-8 PM and Saturday, December 8, from 9 AM to 4 PM. Sign up through the link on the church website or contact the church office.

**2019 pledge total to date is \$733,216
with 176 responding.**

Worship

•Liturgists this morning are **Sandy Carr** at the 8 AM service and **Pat Phillips** at the 9 AM service. Want to serve? Contact **Judi Geistlinger** at judgeistlinger@outlook.com.

•**Debra and Sean Miller** and daughter, **Miriam**, will light the Advent Wreath at this morning's 9 AM service.

•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.

•This year we have planned a special **Music Sunday**. Our Sanctuary Choir will combine forces with a chamber orchestra and the choir from First Presbyterian Urbana to feature *In Terra Pax* (On Earth, Peace) by Gerald Finzi. The service of Christmas music will be performed at our church at 9 AM on Sunday, December 16. **There will be NO 8 AM service that day.** The same music will be presented at Urbana the previous week, December 9.

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.

•**Presbyterian Women's Christmas Tea** Thursday, December 6, at 11:30 AM in Westminster Hall. Hear **Reg Ankrom** tell the story of the United States' first black Catholic priest.

•All are invited to join us for a **Caroling Party** on Sunday, December 9, at 4 PM. We will gather at the church in Westminster and break into small groups. We will be back at the church by 6:30 for hot chocolate and cookies. Bring a plate of cookies to share.

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 meet in Centennial Hall every other Thursday at 6 PM. They begin each meeting with a meal. 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.