

# 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](http://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

**December 23, 2018**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in 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.**

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

## Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

## 9Introit *Prepare the Way, O Zion*

Swedish Psalmbook 1698

## \*Call to Worship

One Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;

**Many Let this be known in all the earth.**

One Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,

**Many For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

## \*Hymn 133 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

## \*Call to Confession

One Because of such great mercy,

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

One Relying on that mercy,

**Many Let us join in one voice as we confess our sin before God and one another.**

## \*Prayer of Confession

(from *Stages on the Way*/Wild Goose Worship Group)

**Lord God,**

**in this world where goodness and evil  
continue to clash with each other,  
instill in us, and in all your people,  
discernment to see what is right,  
faith to believe what is right,  
and courage to do what is right.**

**Keep us aware of the subtlety of sin,  
and preserve us, body, mind, and soul,  
through the power of your Holy Spirit.**

**Forgive us our sins as you also  
empower us to serve in your name. 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

## 9\*Hymn 110 *Love Has Come*

## 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

**9Alleluia 586**

**9Prayer of Dedication**

## Prayer for Illumination 137 *He Came Down*

**He came down that we may have love;**

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**Hallelujah forevermore.**

## A Reading from the Gospels

*Luke 1:39-45* (NT pg. 57)

One This is the Word of the LORD.

**Many Thanks be to God.**

## 9Anthem *There Is Faint Music*

Dan Forrest

## Message *Mary's Glad Song*

Pastor Matt Matthews

## 9Call to Prayer *Hear Thou Our Prayer*

Hal Hopson

## Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

*The Lord's Prayer* (Hymnal pg. 35)

## \*Hymn 145 *What Child Is This?*

## \*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.)

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\*Please stand if able.

# This Week

## Sunday, December 23

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 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

## Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve

- 10:00 AM Worship/Chapel
- 12:00 PM Church Office Closes at noon
- 4:00 PM Family Worship/Sanctuary
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 8:00 PM Candlelight Service/Sanctuary

## Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day

Church Office Closed

## Wednesday, December 26

Church Office Closed

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall

## Thursday, December 27

- 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study/Library
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall

## Friday, December 28

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 12:00 PM Church Office Closes at noon

## Saturday, December 29

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

*We wish you a joyous  
and blessed Christmas!*

## December Worship

### 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

•Liturgists this morning are **Judi Geistlinger** at the 8 AM service and **Betty Hollister** at the 9 AM service. Want to serve? Contact **Judi Geistlinger** at [judgeistlinger@outlook.com](mailto:judgeistlinger@outlook.com).

•**Eric and Cathy Stickels and Jack, Hannah and Rachel** 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](mailto: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](mailto:membership@firstpres.church)) or call the church office.

# Serve

•**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.

