

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.

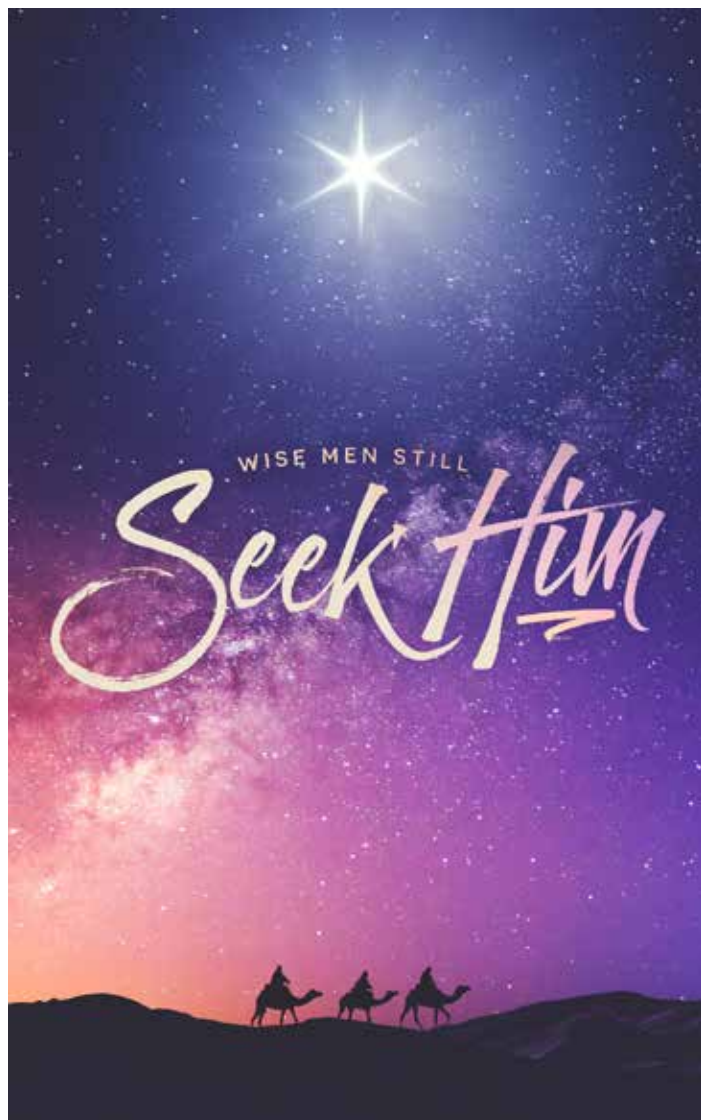


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

January 6, 2019

Epiphany of the Lord

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

Richard Rossi

Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell Greeting and Announcements

9Introit *Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord*

Richard Rossi

❖Call to Worship

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

**For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples.**

but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you. (*Isaiah 60:1-2*)

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD!

Let us worship the God of light and life!

❖Hymn 151 *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

❖Call to Confession

In the light of Christ,
we see the shadows of our world and of our hearts.
Trusting in God's grace,
let us confess our sins before God and one another.

❖Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,
you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ,
but we have preferred to live in darkness.
Your justice protects the weak and the distressed,
yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power.
Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy,
yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions.
Your peace upholds the oppressed and the
defenseless,
yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution.
Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance,
that we may trust you in all things;
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

❖Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the gospel and be at peace.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that by God's grace in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

❖Passing of the Peace

What does the Lord require of us?

**To seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly
with our God. (*Micah 6:8*)**

May God help us live this high calling faithfully, as we strive
to be good stewards of all our gifts.

Alleluia!

God has richly blessed us to be a blessing to the world in
Christ's name.

Alleluia!

As we worship God, let us pass the peace of Christ with our
mission partners: The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(*Please greet one another in the peace of Christ.*)

Response 586 *Alleluia*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

9Children's Time

Offering of Gifts and Tithes Please complete Prayer Request Card

9*What Child Is This?*

arr. Hal Hopson

9Sung Response *All Creatures of Our God and King* #15

(Lyrics adapted)

All creatures of our God and King,

Lift up your voice and with us sing: Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,

And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

9*Prayer of Dedication*

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 2:1-12 (NT pg. 2)

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Home By Another Way*

Matt Matthews

Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We are Invited

We give Thanks (*sung to Day is Done* Ar Hyd Y Nos)

For the fruit of all creation, Thanks be to God.

For the gifts to every nation, Thanks be to God.

**For the wonders that astound us, For the truths
that still confound us.**

Most of all that love has found us, Thanks be to God...

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is
in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive
our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is
the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.**

Amen. Hear our prayer O Lord.

The Meal is Set

The Meal is Shared

We Close in Prayer

❖Hymn 159 *O Sing a Song Of Bethlehem*

❖Benediction

❖Congregational 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

Richard Rossi

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

❖Please stand if able

This Week

Sunday, January 6

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 204
- 10:15 AM Adult Education/Parlor Living Room
- 10:15 AM Sunday School/CE Building
- 11:00 AM Children's Choir/Chapel
- 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

Monday, January 7

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 4:00 PM HR Meeting/Library
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, January 8

- 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.
- 12:00 PM Mission Team/Westminster Hall
- 5:30 PM Contemporary Worship Team/Parlor
- 7:00 PM Worship Team/Parlor

Wednesday, January 9

- 8:30 AM SEA Group/Parlor
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207; Café
- 10:00 AM PEB Study/Parlor
- 11:30 AM Stephen Ministry Support/Parlor
- 5:30 PM Covenant Bible Study/Westminster Hall
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir/Bell Choir Room
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Thursday, January 10

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast/Library
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207; Café
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor
- 10:30 AM Membership Team/Parlor
- 11:30 AM Outreach Team/Parlor
- 2:00 PM US Citizenship Info Mtg/Room 204
- 4:30 PM Immigration Project Open House/Westminster Hall
- 4:30 PM Finance/Library
- 5:30 PM Courageous Conversation/Parlor
- 6:00 PM YoungLives/Centennial Hall

Friday, January 11

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:30 AM ESL/Café

Saturday, January 12

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

Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Miriam Chenault** at the 9 AM service. Want to serve? Contact **Judi Geistlinger** at judi-geistlinger@outlook.com.

We welcome back **Richard Rossi** as our organist this morning. Richard is subbing for Pierre who is visiting family in Hong Kong.

•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.

•**Arturo O'Farrill** will be a guest musician on Sunday, January 20, at our 9 AM service. Mr. O'Farrill is a jazz musician, the son of Latin jazz musician, arranger and bandleader Chico O'Farrill, and current pianist, composer, and director for the Afro Latin Jazz Orchestra.

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.

•**Looking for ways to deepen your spiritual life in the new year?** Check out the new *Winter-Spring Small Group & Adult Education Opportunities* brochure. These can be found in the kiosks at the back of the sanctuary and around the church.

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 February 7 or April 4. Please be in touch with **Pastor Matt** (matt@firstpres.church or 864.386.9138.) Thanks.