

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.
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- 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

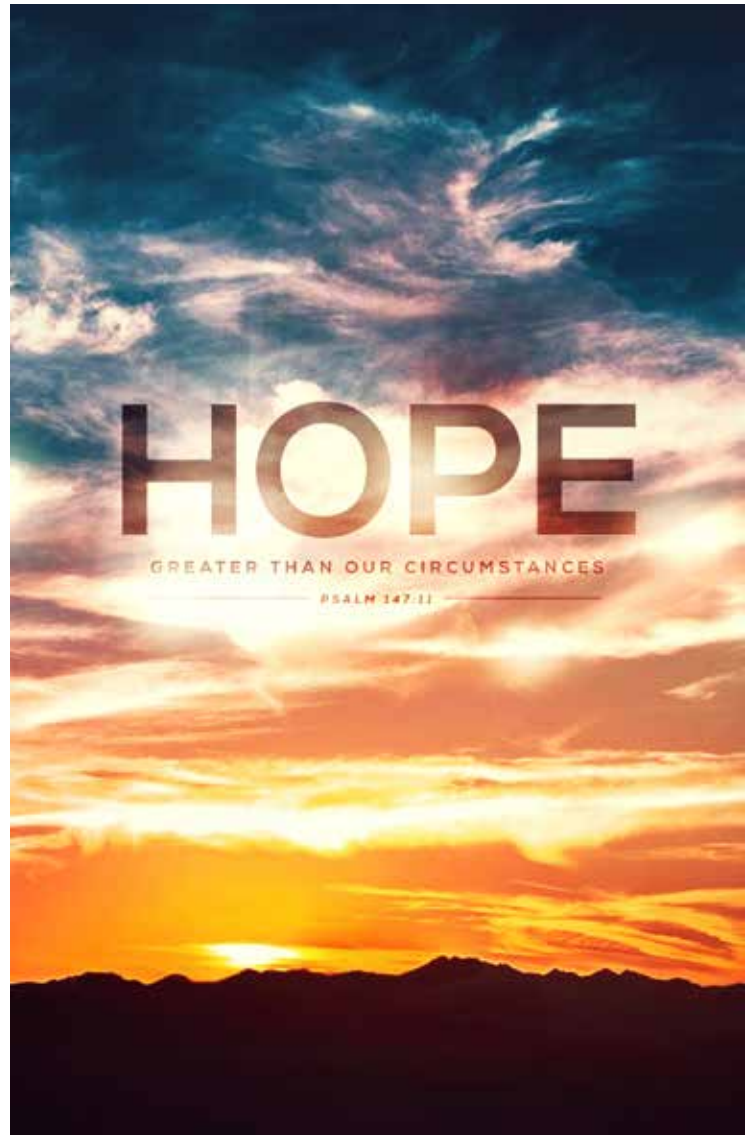
Contact our Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, **Mindy Watts-Ellis** (mindy@firstpres.church) for more information.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

February 17, 2019
6th Sunday after Epiphany
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

9Introit *Come, Let Us Praise the Lord*

W. Bryd/H. Hopson

♦Call to Worship

Happy are those who delight in the law of the LORD.

(adapted, Psalm 1)

**They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.**

This is the day the LORD has made!

Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!

(Psalm 150)

♦Hymn #803 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

♦Call to Confession (1 John 1:8-9)

If we say we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just
will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all
unrighteousness.**

In confidence of God's enduring love and forgiveness
let us confess our sins to God.

♦Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, you alone know the whole story of our
lives. You see its beginning and its destination. You
invite us to grow and embrace each new day. But
sometimes we are afraid to turn the page and step
into the new chapter of the story that you have
prepared. Forgive us where we show a lack of faith.
Bolster us when we lack the courage to do justice.
Help us.**

**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. We ask this in
Jesus' name, A M E N.**

♦Assurance of Pardon

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were yet sinners,

**Christ died for us,
Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us,
Christ prays for us.**

The old life is gone;

the new life has begun.

Believe the Gospel and be at peace:

**In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.
Alleluia!**

♦Passing of the Peace

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.

9♦Hymn #172 *Blest Are They*

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

Please complete Prayer Request Card.

9Children's Time

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Jean René Balekita

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!**

9Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination #288 *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

A Reading from the Old Testament

Jeremiah 17:5-10 (OT pg. 719)

9Anthem *I Thank You God*

Lloyd Pfautsch

A Reading from the Gospels

Luke 6:17-26 (NT pg. 64)

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

Message *Reading Between the Lines*

Pastor Matt Matthews

Affirmation of Faith *The 23rd Psalm* (King James Version)

See screens

9Call to Prayer *Hear Us, O Lord*

T. Attwood/H. Hopson

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal pg. 35)

♦Hymn #775 *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*

♦Charge and Benediction

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation in our 168th Year

♦Congregational Choral Benediction #542

**God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.**

♦Postlude

Pierre Tang

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

♦Please stand if able.

•**Looking for ways to deepen your spiritual life?** This week the Sunday morning series *Faith in the Real World* at 10:15 in the Sanctuary features the **Bob and Claudia Kirby** who will speak on *Migration: A Family Conversation*.

•**Presbyterian Women** cordially invite all women to join us for our monthly circle meeting on Thursday, February 28, during one of the following three time choices: 9 AM at Clark-Lindsey (contact **Kathy Schoeffmann** or **Joanne Walther**), 1 PM at Mae Chapin Parlor (contact **Julie Shult**) or 7 PM at Mae Chapin Parlor (contact **Carol Penka**). We will be studying Lesson 6: *God With Us Through Our Trials*.

Serve

•**The Benevolence Fund is in need of money.** The church Benevolence Fund is an emergency fund, not currently part of the church budget, for active participants of our church who have found themselves short of funds to cover such things as rent or utilities. Donations are needed. Please indicate on your check or pew envelope "Benevolence Fund" if you would like to contribute.

•**Help is needed throughout the year for empty tomb food deliveries.** First Pres has long partnered with *empty tomb* in providing groceries to those in need. You determine when you are available. *empty tomb* will contact you with a name and address of a family. You then shop for groceries at County Market, charge to the church's account and deliver the groceries to the family. Stop by the Welcome Center this morning to volunteer and learn more.

•**It is time to sign up for 7, 8 or 9 Dinners.** This is great fellowship between our worshipers and neighbors and friends who might be interested in being a part of our church family. The dinners are adult gatherings. Activities for families will be scheduled at different times throughout the year. For more information or to sign up visit <http://firstpres.church/dinners789>. You may also pick up a sign-up form at the Welcome Center. Deadline to sign up is TODAY. Any questions, contact **Linda Peterson** at lindakpete@gmail.com.

•Please **help us welcome** our visitors and members/guests who are mobility challenged. Consider parking in the metered spaces on Hill, State, or Church Streets on Sunday mornings. Parking is free on weekends! So if you can, stretch those legs, and leave the church lot spaces for visitors and for those who need to be closer to the ramp door.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation
will be held this morning
immediately following the 9 AM service
in the Sanctuary.

Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Sandy Carr** at the 8 AM service and **Sarah Laufenberg** at the 9 AM service. Want to serve? Contact **Judi Geistlinger** at judgeistlinger@outlook.com.

•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.

•Please plan on remaining for our brief **Annual Meeting of the Congregation**, followed by a rousing Postlude. Coffee and donuts await us in Westminster Hall, and adult Sunday School meets back here at 10:15 AM featuring a talk by **Bob and Claudia Kirby** as part of our *Faith in the Real World* series.

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•This morning's **sermon** is available online this next week or printed copies can be found in the kiosks next Sunday.

•In 1965, **Duke Ellington** wrote the first of his three Sacred Concerts. Ellington called these concerts "the most important thing I have ever done." "Religious officials had been lobbying Ellington for years to do such a concert, and he finally overcame his ambivalence and agreed to it. Ellington later said that he prayed about his inner conflict; he was the most private of public figures and felt strongly that such a concert would have to be a complete act of worship, without any of the gamesmanship of show business." (*Johnson, 2011*) These pieces are moving and haunting in their ability to express faith and the journey that we take in following God.

TODAY the Gathering Service at 11:15 AM will join that journey with the music of Ellington, Miles Davis, John Coltrane and a few others. The sermon will bring several of Duke's compositions to life in a smaller, more intimate setting than first performed 50 years ago. Join in celebrating the beauty of jazz and the journey in faith we can travel together.

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. Join us today for an informational lunch at 12:30 PM in Westminster Hall.

•**Fellowship Committee along with The Gathering are hosting a brunch** this morning after the 11:15 AM service with the theme "God is Love." This will be the last opportunity to sign up for the 7,8 or 9 dinners. Join us for a special service (see above) at 11:15 and brunch immediately following.