

♦Hymn #69 *Here I Am Lord*

♦Charge and Benediction

♦Postlude

Pierre Tang

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

♦Please stand if able.

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.
- If you would like to hear the service in French, please pick up headphones and a receiver at the back of the Sanctuary. Si vous souhaitez que le service soit traduit en français, procurez-vous un récepteur et des écouteurs à l'arrière du sanctuaire.
- 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.



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH** OF CHAMPAIGN

February 24, 2019
7th 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

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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 *Praise Ye the Lord, O My Soul*

Richard Rossi

♦Call to Worship (adapted *Stages on the Way/Wild Goose Worship Group*)

Lord Jesus Christ,
you called your disciples to go forward with you
on the way to the cross.

**Since you first walked that road,
countless millions have followed you.**

In all that we do as your disciples,
save us from false familiarity with your journey.

**May we never presume to step into your shoes,
but make us small enough to fit our own,
and to walk in love and wonder behind you.**

We gather to worship you:

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Gather our praise and hear our prayers.

♦Hymn #637 *O Sing to the Lord*

♦Call to Confession

The God who hears our prayers is eager to forgive.

Together, let us confess our sin.

♦Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, 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.

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

Please complete Prayer Request Card.

9Children's Time – Welcoming Our Newest Members

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Pierre Tang

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 and Thanksgiving

9Anthem *Children of the Heavenly Father*

arr. Paul Sjolund

Children's Choir and Sanctuary Choir

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 Gospels

Luke 6:27-38 (NT pg. 64)

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

Message *Cheek-Turning and Other Christian Disciplines*

Pastor Matt Matthews

9Commissioning Members and Friends for Service

Our Cuba travel team going to build our partnership with the Luyano church

Robert Ferrer

Judi Geistlinger

Matt Matthews

Rachel Matthews

9Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

There are many gifts,

But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God,

But it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through different people in different ways,

**But it is the same God who achieves his purpose
through them all.**

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit

To use it for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ,

And individually members of him.

Constitutional Questions to the Officers-elect (*Book of Order W-4.0404*)

♦Constitutional Questions to the Congregation

Do we, the members of this church, accept these people before you as ruling elders or deacons, chosen by God through the voice of the congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

The Prayer of Ordination and Installation

All ministers, elders and deacons of this congregation and of all other Christian congregations are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands.

The Charge

The Session and Congregation will welcome our newest elders at the front door immediately after the benediction.

This Week

Sunday, February 24

- 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 *Faith in the Real World*/Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM Sunday School/CE Building
- 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/CE Bldg.

Monday, February 25 Cuba Trip Departs

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207; Café
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 1:15 PM PEB Study/Westminster Hall
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, February 26

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM PWV Coordinating Team/Westminster Hall
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207; Café
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/U of I Atkins Bldg.
- 6:30 PM Community Mission Deacons/Parlor

Wednesday, February 27

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

Thursday, February 28

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast/Library
- 9:00 AM Circle of Joy/Baytowne
- 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
- 1:00 PM Circle of Faith/Parlor
- 7:00 PM Circle of Peace/Parlor

Friday, March 1

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

Saturday, March 2

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

•**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**).

•Copies of the **2018 Annual Report** are available in the kiosks throughout the church.

Worship

- Liturgist this morning is **Richard Coddington** at the 8 AM service and **Pat Phillips** 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.
- If you would like to hear the **service translated into French**, please pick up a receiver and headphones from the back of the Sanctuary. Si vous souhaitez que le service soit traduit en français, procurez-vous un récepteur et des écouteurs à l'arrière du sanctuaire.
- 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) or call the church office.
- We celebrate at this morning's coffee time after the 9 AM service the **one year anniversary** of the arrival of **Rachel and Matt Matthews**.
- 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 **Joe Grant** who will speak on *Music and Worship*.
- Lent is an appropriate time to deepen our understanding and practice of forgiveness. Join **Sandy Carr** for ***Forgiveness: A Lenten Study*** by Marjorie Thompson. The study will be held Sunday mornings at 10:15 March 10-April 14. Books at \$10 each are on sale this morning in Westminster Hall.
- It's time for a celebration! **Irene Lamkin** is turning 100 years old, on March 13. Many remember Burhead and Irene in our church as dedicated members. Irene's family would like to honor her with an **Open House** Saturday, March 9, from 1-3 PM at Windsor Court in the Activity room. Irene is really excited and would enjoy seeing everyone. If you can't go, she would love cards. Please NO gifts. Irene's address is: 401 Burwash Ave R167, Savoy, Illinois 61874.

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.
- 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.