

# 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!

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- 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

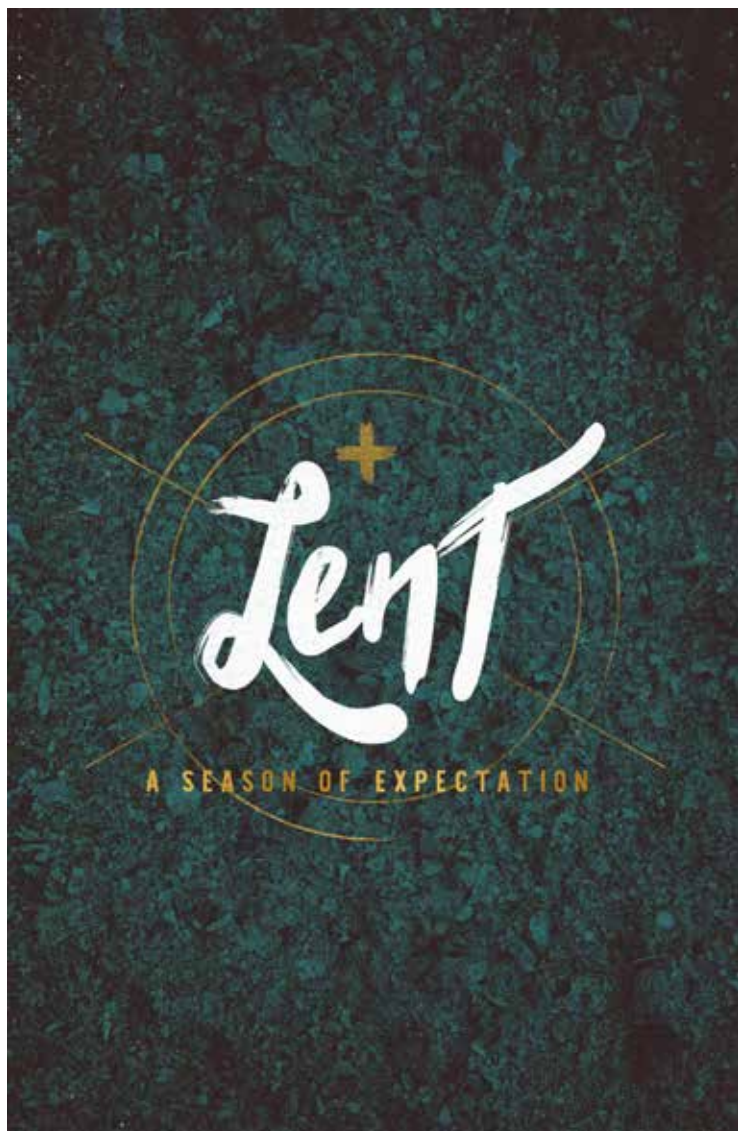
Contact our Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, **Mindy Watts-Ellis** ([mindy@firstpres.church](mailto:mindy@firstpres.church)) for more information.

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## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

**March 17, 2019**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**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 & Announcements

## 9Introit *O Come, Let Us Sing*

James Rivers

## ♦Call to Worship (from Psalm 27)

The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
**whom shall I fear?**

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
**of whom shall I be afraid?**

I will wait for the LORD;

**I will be strong in the LORD, and take courage.**

The LORD is faithful.

**The LORD's name be praised!**

## ♦Hymn #35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

## ♦Call to Confession (A sinner's prayer, sung)

*Jesus, Remember Me #227*

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

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## ♦Prayer of Confession (from the Book of Common Worship)

**Holy and merciful God,**  
**in your presence we confess**  
**our failure to be what you created us to be.**  
**You alone know how often we have sinned**  
**in wandering from your ways,**  
**in wasting your gifts,**  
**in forgetting your love.**  
**by your loving mercy,**  
**help us to live in your light**  
**and abide in your ways,**  
**for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

## ♦Assurance of Pardon

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,  
**that Jesus Christ came into the world**  
**to save sinners.**

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,  
**that we might be dead to sin,**  
**and alive to all that is good.**

Believe the Good News.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, God forgives us.**

**Thanks be to God.**

## ♦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 *We Are Forgiven #447*

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.**

**Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

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## 9Hymn #692 *Spirit, Open My Heart*

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

Please complete Prayer Request Card.

## 9Children's Time

## Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Richard Rossi

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 *Jesus, I Adore Thee*

Stephen Caracciolo

## Prayer for Illumination #474 *As a Child Rests* (refrain)

**As a child rests in its mother's arms, so will I rest in you.**

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## A Reading from the Gospels *Luke 13:31-35* (NT pg. 77)

This is the Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Message *What Jesus and Elphaba May Have In Common*

Pastor Matt Matthews

## Affirmation of Faith – From the Confession of 1967

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## 9Call to Prayer *O Thou Who Hearest Prayer*

James Rivers

## Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

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

## ♦Hymn #410 *God Is Calling Through the Whisper*

## ♦Charge and Benediction

## ♦Congregational Choral Benediction

*God Be With You Till We Meet Again #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

Richard Rossi

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

♦Please stand if able.

# This Week

## Sunday, March 17

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 204
- 10:05 AM Session Mtg/Library
- 10:15 AM Adult Education Lenten Study/Parlor
- 11:15 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 12:45 PM Praise & Prayer 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, March 18

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 1:15 PM PEB Study/Westminster Hall
- 3:30 PM Environmental Team/Library
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

## Tuesday, March 19

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/U of I Atkins Bldg.
- 4:30 PM World Mission Team/Parlor

## Wednesday, March 20

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:30 AM Lenten Study/Parlor
- 5:30 PM Covenant Bible Study/Parlor
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir/Bell Choir Room
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

## Thursday, March 21

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast/Library
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor
- 11:00 AM Compassion, Peace, Justice/Library
- 6:30 PM YoungLives/Centennial Hall
- 7:00 PM Session/Westminster Hall

## Friday, March 22

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

## Saturday, March 23

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

# Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Sandy Carr** at the 8 AM service and **Judi Geistlinger** at the 9 AM service. Want to serve? Contact **Judi Geistlinger** at [judgeistlinger@outlook.com](mailto: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. **There is NO youth Sunday School this morning.** Classes will resume next Sunday, March 24, at 10:15 AM.

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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.

# 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.

•Lent is an appropriate time to deepen our understanding and practice of forgiveness. Join **Sandy Carr** for **Forgiveness: A Lenten Study** Sunday mornings at 10:15 March 10-April 14. The class is also offered Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM.

•The **Mission Possible** trip this year is May 13-18. We will be helping Camp Carew in Makanda, IL refurbish several buildings as well as building a Monarch butterfly garden. Carpentry, painting/staining or general picking up skills are needed to make this a successful trip. Adults of all ages are welcome. Come the afternoon of March 24 from 4-6 for a potluck in Centennial Hall for details and a chance to hear more and maybe even join in.

•**Presbyterian Women** cordially invite all women to join us for our monthly circle meeting on Thursday, March 28, during one of the following three time choices: 9 AM at Baytowne Apartments (contact **Kathy Schoeffmann** or **Joanne Walther**), 1 PM in Mae Chapin Parlor (contact **Julie Shult**) or 7 PM in Mae Chapin Parlor (contact **Carol Penka**).

•Copies of the **2018 Annual Report** are available in the kiosks throughout the church and on our website.

# Serve

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

## **Affirmation of Faith**

### **From the *Confession of 1967***

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful people. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which all people stand convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all people.

God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called  
the sacrifice of a lamb,  
a shepherd's life given for his sheep,  
atonement by a priest;  
again it is  
ransom of a slave,  
payment of debt,  
vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and  
victory over the powers of evil.

These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for man. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.

The risen Christ is the Savior for all people. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as his reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which began with the apostles and continues through all generations.

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