

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

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 Children's Corner in Westminster Hall. 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

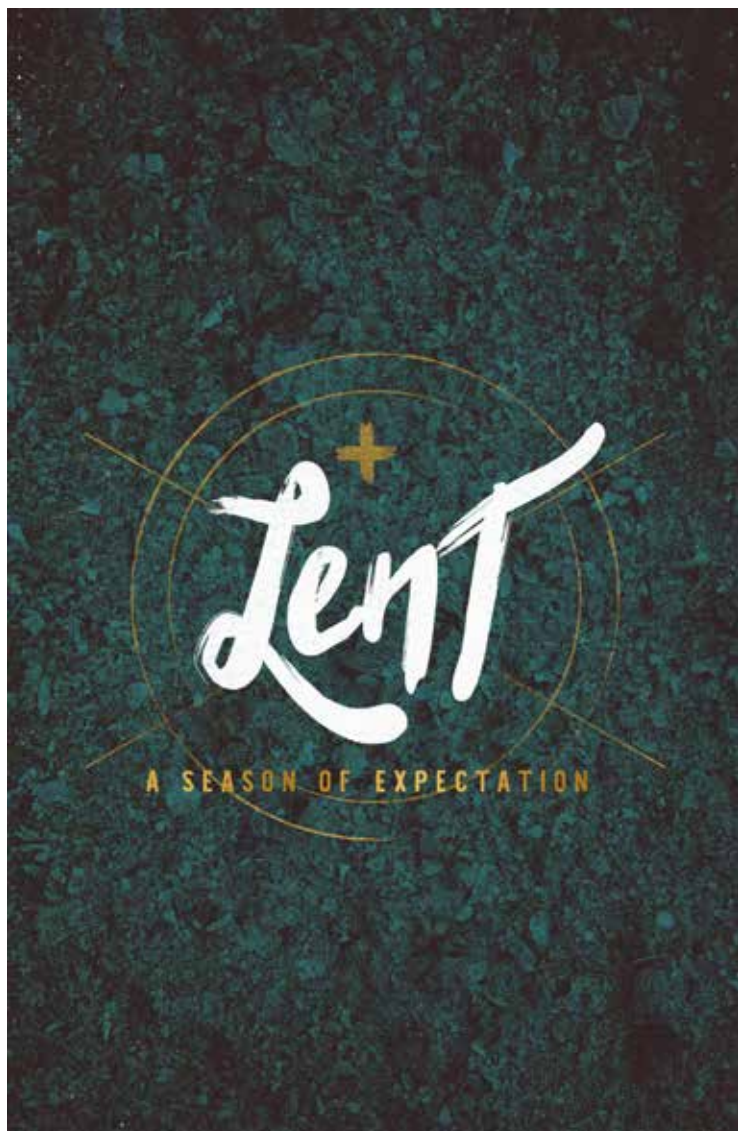
Contact our Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, **Mindy Watts-Ellis** (mindy@firstpres.church) for more information.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

March 24, 2019
3rd 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

Pierre Tang

Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell

Greeting & Announcements

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

Richard Rossi

♦Call to Worship (adapted, Psalm 63)

God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you;
**my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**
Your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
**So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**
Let us worship God.
The LORD's name be praised!

♦Hymn #692 *Spirit, Open My Heart*

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

#227 *Jesus, Remember Me*
**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

♦Prayer of Confession (from *Feasting on the Word*)

**Holy God,
we confess that we have grown complacent
in our response to you.
You set before us a rich feast of blessing,
but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy.
You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world,
but we indulge our own desires.
Our ways are not your ways;
our thoughts do not ascend to your thoughts.
Forgive us when we fall short of your claim upon our lives.
Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire
for a fruitful life.
Be patient, we pray, as we amend who we are,
in the hope of becoming who you intend us to be.
We ask this in the name of our Savior,
your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

♦Assurance of Pardon (from *Feasting on the Word*)

God's love is sure and steadfast,
always providing a way out,
a way through,
a way back to God.
**Through the waters of baptism,
we have died with Christ and are raised with him.
With gratitude, in faith,
we will walk the way of Christ.**

♦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 #447 *We Are Forgiven*

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

9Hymn #441 *Hear the Good News of Salvation*

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

Please complete Prayer Request Card.

9Children's Time

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

A Lenten Meditation

arr. Larry Fleming

Connor Stout, Bass solo

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

(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 *Jean René Balekita*

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

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

A Reading from the Gospels *Luke 13:1-9* (NT pg. 76)

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

Message *Covered by Manure...and the Amazing Grace of God*
Pastor Matt Matthews

Affirmation of Faith – *Philippians 2:3-11*

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9Call to Prayer *Come Then, Let Us Bow Down and Worship*

Richard Rossi

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal pg. 35)

♦Hymn #307 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

♦Charge and Benediction

♦Congregational Choral Benediction

#542 *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

**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.

This Week

Sunday, March 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 Lenten Study/Parlor
- 10:15 AM Sunday School/CE Building
- 11:00 AM Children's Choir/Chapel
- 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/Chapel
- 4:00 PM Mission Possible Potluck/Centennial Hall
- 5:30 PM Youth Group/CE Bldg.

Monday, March 25

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

Tuesday, March 26

- 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
- 9:00 AM PW Coordinating Team/Westminster Hall
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/U of I Atkins Bldg.
- 6:30 PM Community Mission Deacons/Parlor

Wednesday, March 27

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207; Café
- 5:30 PM Covenant Bible Study/Parlor
- 6:00 PM ESL Class/Café
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir/Bell Choir Room
- 7:00 PM Called Session Meeting/Westminster Hall
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Thursday, March 28

- 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
- 9:00 AM Circle of Joy/Baytowne
- 1:00 PM Circle of Faith/Parlor
- 5:30 PM Cuba Steering Committee/Parlor
- 7:00 PM Circle of Peace/Parlor

Friday, March 29

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Family Library
- 9:30 AM Synod Event/Westminster, Centennial, Sanctuary

Saturday, March 30

- 8:00 AM DREAAM Parent Workshop/Café
- 9:00 AM Synod Event/Westminster Hall
- 6:00 PM Praise & Prayer Gathering/Centennial Hall

Worship

- Liturgist this morning is **Richard Coddington** at the 8 AM service and **Bill Marble** 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.
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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) 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 **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. Come this afternoon 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

- April 6 is the next **Adopt-a-Highway**. New and continuing volunteers need to sign waivers available in the church office or at the Welcome Center. We will meet at the entrance to the Education Building on April 6 at 8 AM. Questions, contact **Nancy Brombaugh** 356-2817.
- 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. Stop by the Welcome Center to volunteer and learn more.
- The **East Central Illinois Refugee Mutual Assistance Center** (ECIRMAC) will hold their Fundraising Banquet on Saturday, April 27, at the Round Barn Banquet Centre. Contact the center at 344-8455 or admin@ecirmac.org if you would like tickets or inquire about making a donation. Board President **John Muirhead** would be happy to assist you in securing tickets.