

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal pg. 35)

♦ **Hymn #326** *For All the Saints*

♦ **Charge and Benediction**

♦ **Congregational Choral Benediction**

#692 Spirit, Open My Heart

May I weep with those who weep;

share the joy of sister, brother.

In the welcome of Christ,

may we welcome one another.

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.

As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.

Spirit, open my heart.

♦ **Postlude** (*You may wish to be seated for the postlude.*) Richard Rossi

♦ Please stand if able.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

August 18, 2019
10th Sunday after Pentecost
8 and 9 AM

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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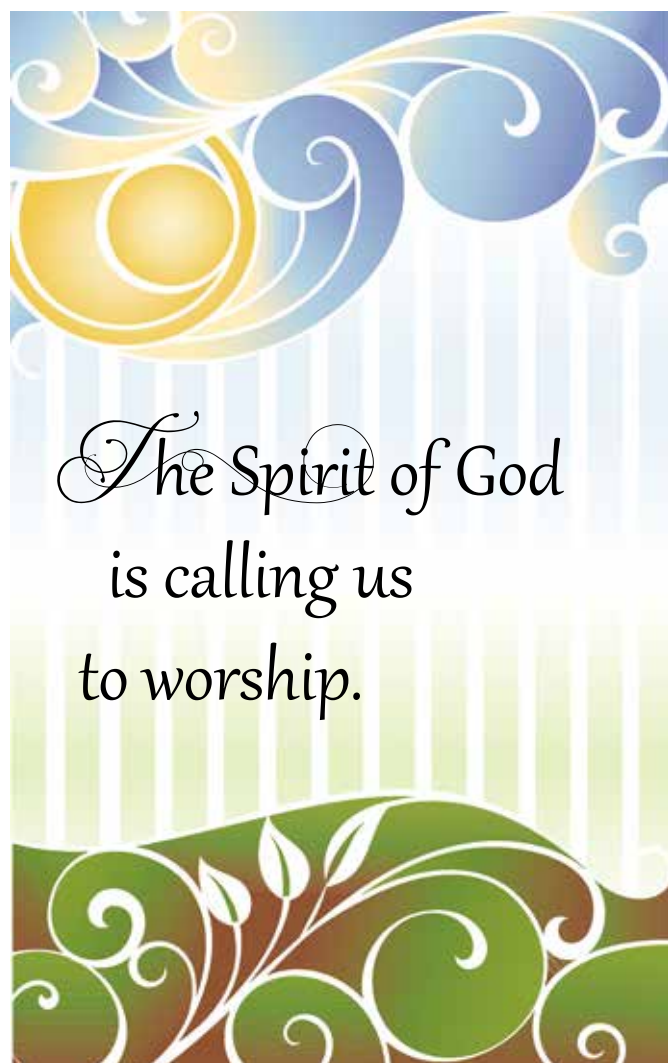
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We want to get to know you!

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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 in the back.
- Wheelchairs are available for in-church use.
- Printed sermons are available the following week; video is available at www.firstpres.live

Children, Youth & Families

Child care is provided for infants, toddlers, and preschool children in the Christian Education building directly across the alley during worship. Please check your children in with the attendants. There will be no Sunday School for Elementary, Middle School, or High School students this summer. Activity boxes and books are provided for children who attend the service at the back of the Sanctuary on the white shelves. Please return these items to the shelves when finished.



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church
Bienvenue à La Première Eglise Presbytérienne de Champaign
Bienvenidos a La Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana

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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

Richard Rossi

Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell

Greeting & Announcements

Minute for Ministry – CU at Home

Rob Dalhaus

♦**Call to Worship**

Listen. Do you hear it?

The love of Christ is poured out for us.

Listen. Do you hear it?

The cloud of the faithful is singing God's praise.

Listen. Do you hear it?

The Spirit of God is calling us to worship.

♦**Hymn #401** *Here In This Place*

♦**Call to Confession #851** *Come, Bring Your Burdens to God*

Come, bring your burdens to God;

come, bring your burdens to God;

come, bring your burdens to God,

for Jesus will never say no. (Repeat)

♦**Prayer of Confession**

O Lord, you are near to the brokenhearted,

and you save the crushed in spirit.

Be near to us in our brokenness,

and love us into wholeness.

You are near to people who are hurting,

but we keep our distance to avoid hard conversations.

You envision a world where all needs are met,

but we hoard our possessions and cling to our power.

Be near to us in our brokenness,

and love us into wholeness.

By your mercy, forgive our sins.

By your grace, free us to try again.

Silence for prayers of confession.

♦**Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel: Because of God's amazing grace, in Jesus Christ, we are God's forgiven people.

Thanks be to God.

By God's grace we are washed and made clean.

Alleluia.

By God's grace we are ready to serve anew.

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 of Gratitude #1 *Holy, Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name,

in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

9**Hymn #203** *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love*

Act of Friendship and Collection of Prayer Concerns

(Learn the names of your pew mates. Please complete Prayer Request Card.)

9**Children's Time**

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Richard Rossi

9**Sung Response #54** *Make a Joyful Noise to God!*

Make a joyful noise to God!

All creation sings your praise!

Great your wonders here displayed,

unexcelled throughout our days.

Glorious is your sacred name,

ages old, yet still the same.

9**Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

9**Anthem** Jean René Balekita

Prayer for Illumination #291 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (refrain)*

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,

blow through the wilderness, calling and free.

Spirit, spirit of restlessness,

stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

A Reading from the New Testament

Hebrews 11:29-12:2 (NT pg.226)

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

Message *For All the Saints*

Matt Matthews

A Litany of Faith and Courage (from *Bread for the Journey*)

○ God of Abraham and Sarah, you have led your people in the past; lead us now.

Grant us the courage of Ruth to leave behind the old and familiar, the courage of Noah to risk laughter and scorn, the hope of Jeremiah to invest in the future, and the unselfishness of Esther to take risks on behalf of others.

○ God of Moses and Miriam, you delivered your people and led them through the wilderness, giving them food, protection, and guidance.

In the words of Miriam, we praise you: "I will sing to Yahweh, who has triumphed gloriously!"

○ God of Deborah and Gideon, you have given us leaders to bring us back when we wander from you, and deliverers to lead us against oppression.

Give us leaders and deliverers, and grant us the wisdom to follow them.

From the words of your prophets we have learned justice and mercy.

Help us to say, with Isaiah, "Here am I. Send me."

○ God of James and John and Mary Magdalene, you have called us to follow Jesus.

Teach us how to work together in mutual responsibility, side-by-side, neither tagging behind nor shoving to the front.

○ God of Paul and Priscilla and Aquila, who risked their lives for the sake of spreading your church, fill us with enthusiasm for your church.

Use us in the spreading of the church, in the building up of its parts, in the joining together of its various congregations, and in ministry to the whole world.

○ God of our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself in love for the whole world, teach us so to love.

Grant us the spirit of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve. Amen.

This Week

Sunday, August 18

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 204
- 10:00 AM SS Teacher Training/Chapel
- 10:15 AM Called Session Meeting/Library
- 11:15 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 12:15 PM New American & Session Mtg/Parlor
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Chapel
- 2:00 PM Praise & Prayer Music Rehearsal/Centennial Hall

Monday, August 19

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204,205,206, Café
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 3:30 PM Environmental Team/Library
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 7:00 PM Nominating Committee/Library

Tuesday, August 20

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204,205,206, Café
- 10:30 AM Staff Mtg/Parlor
- 4:30 PM World Mission Team/Parlor
- 5:30 PM DREAAM/Café

Wednesday, August 21

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204,205,206, Café
- 9:30 AM Illinois Conference of Churches/Westminster Hall
- 11:30 AM CYF Meeting/Chapel

Thursday, August 22

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Library
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204,205,206, Café
- 5:30 PM Cuba Steering Committee/Parlor

Friday, August 23 Church Office Closes at Noon

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel

Saturday, August 24

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

The church office will close at noon on Fridays throughout the summer months (Memorial Day through Labor Day.)

Worship

- Liturgist this morning is **Mary Jane Kelley** at the 8 AM service and **Sam 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.
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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.
- Beginning Sunday, September 1**, there will be only **one traditional service at 9 AM** each week.

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.
- Chris Hartley, Contemporary Worship guitarist**, will play at the Iron Post, Urbana Thursday, August 22 at 7 PM.
- Join us Friday, August 23, at 6 PM for the **Jesus Is the Way Prison Ministry fundraiser** at the Laborer's Union Hall (108 East Anthony Drive-Urbana.) The church has purchased a table at the event. Contact **Steve Gritten** (398-9920) for tickets. For information visit tinyurl.com/JITW2019.
- Save Sunday, August 25, 3-7 PM for the Annual **SAFE House Benefit** at Hessel Park in Champaign. Check out the flyers in the kiosks for a list of this year's talent for the event.
- Saturday September 28. **Senior High "Youth Club" alumni** (1965-1985) are having a reunion! We'll meet for dinner at 5 PM in The Café (2nd floor youth lounge), then walk over to the Bob Nutt Memorial Concert at The Virginia Theatre. This concert is being underwritten by First Pres (Facebook/bobnuttconcert.) Tickets for the concert must be purchased through the Virginia Theatre (\$15 and \$25). Contact **Carol Arnould** for the Youth Club event (caarnould@yahoo.com). Please spread the word and reserve your place at this event.

Serve

- Take a turn with coffee hour...** If you enjoy the coffee hour between services, perhaps you can volunteer to make coffee or clean up after coffee hour, one Sunday soon. Please contact **Tom Gilmore**, gilmoretom9@gmail.com or **Nancy Brombaugh**, n.brombaugh@gmail.com, if you are willing to help.
- YoungLives is looking for cooks!** Provide a meal to this vital ministry for young mothers as they meet for prayer, study, and support. Contact **Abby Hobbs** at hobbs.abby@gmail.com or 217-493-9428. Open dates are November 21 (traditional Thanksgiving dinner for teen moms and their families), December 5 and 12.