

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.

Pastors:

Matt Matthews
Eric Corbin

matt@firstpres.church
eric@firstpres.church

We want to get to know you!

- 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.
- 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.

For those needing to step out for a moment to console children and meet their needs, Westminster Hall, located directly below the Sanctuary, has a children's corner and a monitor showing the worship service. Restrooms with changing tables are located in the west hallway by Westminster Hall.

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



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

August 25, 2019
11th Sunday after Pentecost
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.

Si vous souhaitez que le service soit traduit en français,
procurez-vous un récepteur et
des écouteurs à l'arrière du sanctuaire.

Office: 302 West Church, Champaign, IL 61820 217.356.7238
info@firstpres.church www.firstpres.church
Facebook: [fb.com/firstpreschampaign](https://www.facebook.com/firstpreschampaign)

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 – SAFE House

Ritchie Drennen

♦ **Call to Worship** (adapted Psalm 71:5-7 *The Message*)

Holy God, you keep us going when times are tough–

You have been our bedrock since childhood.

We have hung on you from the day of our birth

We never run out of praise.

♦ **Hymn #157** *I Danced In the Morning*

♦ **Call to Confession #85** *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** (from *Feasting on the Word*)

God of Life,

you come to us as a consuming fire,

and the one who has consecrated us before time.

You promise us a kingdom that cannot be shaken

and call us to serve you with praise and thanksgiving.

But we forget,

and yield to fear.

We trust in the tangible rewards of this world,

and neglect your promises.

We confess that we are a divided people;

we foster separations and widen rifts

in our families, our communities, and in the world.

Open us to your healing.

Free us from all that distances us from your presence.

Give us your grace

and inspire us to serve you with courage;

through Jesus Christ who comes to save. Amen.

♦ **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!

9Hymn #456 *Listen, God Is Calling*

Act of Friendship and Collection of Prayer Concerns

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

9Children's Time

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Richard Rossi

9Sung 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.

9Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

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 Old Testament

Jeremiah 1:4-10 (OT pg.698)

Anthem *How Great Thou Art* (Swedish Folk)

arr. Stuart Hine

Royce Brown, soloist

A Reading from the Gospels

Luke 13:10-17 (NT pg.76)

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

Message *God Is Ready*

Matt Matthews

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal pg. 35)

♦ **Hymn #691** *Lord, When I Came Into This Life*

♦ **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**

Richard Rossi

(You may wish to be seated for the postlude.)

♦ Please stand if able.

Today's sermon was inspired, in part, by *This Odd and Wondrous Calling*, Martin Copenhaver & Lillian Daniel, Eerdmans, 2009.

This Week

Sunday, August 25

- 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
- 11:15 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Chapel
- 2:00 PM Praise & Prayer Music Rehearsal/Centennial Hall

Monday, August 26

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204,205,206, Café
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 5:30 PM Contemporary Worship Team/Parlor

Tuesday, August 27

- 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
- 12:00 PM DREAAM Board Meeting/Westminster Hall
- 6:00 PM DREAAM/Café
- 6:30 PM Community Mission Deacons/Westminster Hall

Wednesday, August 28

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204,205,206, Café
- 6:00 PM HS Senior College Info Meeting/Café

Thursday, August 29

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Library
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204,205,206, Café

Friday, August 30 Church Office Closes at Noon

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel

Saturday, August 31

- 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.)

Beginning NEXT Sunday, September 1, there will be only one traditional service at 9 AM each week.

Worship

- Liturgist this morning is **Bruce Rainey** at the 8 AM service and **Henry 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Plan to join us TODAY from 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](https://www.facebook.com/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.
- Fabric scraps needed** for *University YMCA Welcome Week - The International Potluck in the Park* held September 13-22. Two artists will construct a quilt out of fabric swatches, neckties, fabric scraps, etc., to represent the diverse individuals that make up our community. If you have any fabric scraps you would like to donate, please take the fabric pieces to the YMCA no later than September 4.