

# 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 in the back.
- 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

Child care is available for children 4 years and younger in the education building 8:45 AM-12:15 PM. Parents must sign children in and out of the child care rooms directly. Please sign your children in for Sunday School at the Welcome Center in Westminster Hall (main level). You will receive a name tag for your child/ren and a matching identification label to be used by the adult responsible for them at pick up. Children meet their teachers in the south east children's corner of Westminster Hall. Teachers will lead children to their classrooms in the Education Building across the alley. Education hour is 10:15-11:05 AM. Children's Choir is in the chapel 11-11:30 AM. Children are to be picked up from their classrooms or from choir practice. Nursery-Kindergarten—first floor; 1<sup>st</sup>-High School—second floor. The 6-7 grade meet in the family library on the first floor.

### Schedule

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| 8:45-9      | Check-in at the Welcome Center desk and gather in the children's corner  |
| 9-10        | Children may attend traditional worship with a special children's sermon                                       |
| 10-10:15    | Children meet their teachers in the children's corner and walk over to the classroom in the education building |
| 10:15-11:05 | Faith Education lessons in the classrooms  |
| 11:05       | Children dismissed   |
| 11-11:30    | Children's choir rehearsal in the chapel   |
| 11:15-12:15 | Children may attend The Gathering worship service  |

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

**September 8, 2019**  
**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**9 AM**



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

삼페인 제일 장로교회에 오신것을 환영합니다.

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des écouteurs à l'arrière du sanctuaire.

# 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 – Faith in the Real World

Peter Yau

## Introit *Sing Out With Joy to the Lord*

Richard Rossi

## ♦Call to Worship

We gather as the family of God,  
**bound together in the body of Christ.**

We gather as the children of God,  
**called together in the presence of the Spirit.**

We gather this day to worship God  
**and join our lives in the life of the church.**

## ♦Hymn #806 *I'll Praise My Maker*

## ♦Call to Confession

Our sins are not to be hidden from God. Rather, we bring them into the Light and lay them on the Table, trusting in the One who shaped us for goodness and will transform our brokenness into wholeness. Join me as we pray...

## ♦Prayer of Confession

**You call us to be your voices in this world  
and we stay silent.**

**You call us to be your hands in this world  
and we keep them hidden.**

**You call us to be your feet in this world  
and we go our own way.**

**When we meet those who are doubting  
and say nothing, forgive us.**

**When we meet those who need your touch  
and do nothing, forgive us.**

**When we are called to take up your cross  
and carry nothing, forgive us.**

**Breathe life into these bones. Bring freedom to  
these lives, that we might declare with heart and  
soul and voice that you are our Lord and our God  
...(continue to pray in silence). Amen.**

## ♦Assurance of Pardon

The God who calls us is the God who created us; the God who formed us is the God who forgives us. This is the Good News – we are God's new creation.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are reshaped,  
renewed, forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## ♦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!**

## Hymn #718 *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*

## Act of Friendship and Collection of Prayer Concerns

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

## Children's Time

## Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Richard Rossi

**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.**

**Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

## Prayer for Illumination

## A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

*Psalms 1 (OT pg. 489)*

## Anthem *Steal Away*

arr. Patrick D. Quigley

## A Reading from the Gospels

*Luke 14:25-33 (NT pg.78)*

This is the Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Message *Worth It*

Eric Corbin

## Call to Prayer *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

Richard Rossi

## Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

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

## ♦Hymn #716 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

## ♦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.

# This Week

## Sunday, September 8

- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 204
- 10:15 AM Sunday School/Education Building
- 10:15 AM Faith in the Real World/Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Children's Choir/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
- 5:30 PM Youth Fellowship/Café

## Monday, September 9

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204,205,206, Café
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor
- 1:00 PM Prayer Team/Library
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 6:30 PM Epilepsy Support/Westminster Hall

## Tuesday, September 10

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204,205,206, Café
- 9:00 AM PW Coordinating Team/Westminster Hall
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Atkins Bldg
- 5:30 PM Contemporary Worship Team/Parlor
- 7:00 PM Worship Team/Parlor

## Wednesday, September 11

- 8:30 AM SEA Group/Parlor
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204,205,206, Café
- 11:30 AM CYF Meeting/Chapel
- 1:30 PM Pakistan Study/Parlor
- 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

## Thursday, September 12

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Library
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204,205,206, Café
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor
- 1:00 PM Nurture-Membership Team/Parlor
- 4:30 PM Finance Team/Library
- 5:30 PM Courageous Conversation/Parlor

## Friday, September 13

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel

## Saturday, September 14

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

# Worship

- Liturgist this morning is **Bob Kirby**. Contact **Judi Geistlinger** at [judgeistlinger@outlook.com](mailto:judgeistlinger@outlook.com) to serve as a liturgist.
- 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.
- September is here and **Choir** has reconvened! This is an open invitation to you who have sung before to rejoin or to come sing with us for the first time. There were lots of strong voices at the summer hymn sings, so come join us on Wednesdays at 7 PM for rehearsal and let's *Make a Joyful Noise!*

# 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.
- Adult Ed *Faith in the Real World* resumes this morning at 10:15 AM in the Sanctuary. Today's speaker is **Peter Yau...Amazing Grace – My Faith Journey**.
- The **Classic Book Group** meets Tuesdays at noon at the Atkins Bldg. This fall we will be studying *Vanishing Grace* by Philip Yancey. We would love to have others join us.
- Matt Storey**, saxophonist, will play Wednesday, September 18, with his original music quintet at the Iron Post in Urbana at 8 PM.
- Saturday September 28. **Senior High "Youth Club" alumni** (1965-1985) are having a reunion! We'll meet for dinner at 4 PM in The Café (2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:caarnould@yahoo.com)). Please spread the word and reserve your place at this event.

# Serve

- YoungLives is looking for cooks!** Provide a meal to this vital ministry for young mothers. Contact **Abby Hobbs** at [abby@gmail.com](mailto: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.
- Transportation Team Needs Drivers!** The beginning of Sunday School means we have a number of children and adults who would like a ride to church. We bring riders for the 9 AM service and almost all stay for Sunday School which ends at 11:05. This is a wonderful service and we could use more helpers. If you would like to know more or volunteer, please contact **John Muirhead** or **Mindy Watts-Ellis**.

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**BOB NUTT and TRIBUTE**  
**BLYTHAM LTD CONCERT**  
**Saturday September 28 to benefit**  
**2019 Seven till Eleven PM C-U at**  
**Featuring bands and musicians who Home**  
**worked with uncle Bob**