

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!

- 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 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; 1st-High School-second floor. The 6-7th 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

October 13, 2019
18th Sunday after Pentecost
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.

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procurez-vous un récepteur et
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 Stewardship

Lizz Pippin

Introit *This Is the Day*

James Rivers

♦**Call to Worship**

In the midst of our hectic week, we have come to worship God.

Our lives are pulled in so many directions. We seek God's guidance.

Let us let go of the burdens that weight us down. God will take them.

We thank God for the respite we are given.

We now tune our hearts and voices in praise to God.

Let our voices bear the joy we feel because of God's love for us.

♦**Hymn #634** *To God Be the Glory*

Call to Confession

Despite our foolish and angry words, God continues to speak of mercy to us. Despite our best efforts to be faithful in our living, God remains faithful in keeping the promise to forgive us and restore us to wholeness. Let us confess our sins to God, that God's hope and grace might endure in our brokenness. Join me as we pray...

Prayer of Confession

Patient Lord, you know how easy it is for us to whine and complain bitterly about all those things in our lives that are difficult. We focus on them as though they were the only things that ever happened to us, forgetting the many blessings that you have given to us and the opportunities you give us to serve you. We feel alienated; you call us beloved. We feel lost; you seek us. We feel broken and battered; your love is a healing balm. Forgive us when we forget those things. Help us to always look to you for our healing and to return thanks to you by praise and serving others in your name. For we offer this prayer of confession of our failures and gratitude for your blessings...(Continue to pray in silence). Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Turn again to the Lord, for you are beloved of God and have been given many blessings.

We are forgiven and rejoice in God's love for us.

♦**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 #659 *Know That God Is Good*

(See screens)

♦**Hymn #657** *Sing to God, With Joy and Gladness*

Act of Friendship and Collection of Prayer Concerns

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

Children's Time

Betty Hollister

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Richard Rossi

Sung Response #609 *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*
(See screens)

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Anthem *Through Our Beating Hearts Remind Us*

R. Clausen

Prayer for Illumination #456 *Listen, God Is Calling* *(See screens)*

A Reading from the Gospels

Luke 17:11-19 (NT pg. 80)

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

Message *Thanks!*

Pastor Eric Corbin

Call to Prayer *O Thou Who Hearest Prayer*

James Rivers

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal pg. 35)

♦**Hymn #643** *Now Thank We All Our God*

♦**Benediction**

♦**Congregational Choral Benediction**

#300 *We Are One In the Spirit* *(See screens)*

♦**Postlude**

Richard Rossi

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

♦Please stand if able. Remain seated if need be.

All Saints' Day, when we give thanks to members of the community of faith who have died in the past year, will be celebrated Sunday, November 3. Please share any names to be remembered with the church office by October 25.

This Week

Sunday, October 13

- 8:45 AM Called Session Mtg/Library
- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 204
- 10:15 AM Sunday School/Education Building
- 10:15 AM AfterWord/Parlor
- 1:00 PM Outreach Focus/Parlor
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Chapel
- 2:00 PM Praise & Prayer Music Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 2:00 PM CROP Walk/Wesley UMC
- 5:30 PM Youth Fellowship/Café

Monday, October 14

- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 1:00 PM Prayer Team/Library
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 6:30 PM Epilepsy Support/Westminster Hall
- 7:00 PM Cuba Study/Matthew's home

Tuesday, October 15

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204,205,206, Café
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Atkins Bldg. S. First Street-C.
- 4:30 PM World Mission/Parlor
- 5:30 PM DREAAM/Café

Wednesday, October 16

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204,205,206, Café
- 12:00 PM Outreach Focus/Parlor
- 1:30 PM PEB Study/Parlor Dining Room
- 3:00 PM Fair Trade Rug Show Set Up/Westminster Hall
- 3:00 PM 10 Commandments Class/Chapel
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Thursday, October 17

- 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
- 9:00 AM Fair Trade Rug Show Training/Westminster Hall
- 4:00 PM Fair Trade Rug Show Open House/Westminster Hall
- 6:00 PM YoungLives/Centennial Hall
- 7:00 PM Session/Chapel

Friday, October 18

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 10:00 AM Fair Trade Rug Show/Westminster Hall

Saturday, October 19

- 10:00 AM Fair Trade Rug Show/Westminster Hall
- 6:00 PM Praise & Prayer Gathering/Centennial Hall

•Come walk this afternoon with the Confirmation Class in the **CROP Hunger Walk** to raise funds to fight hunger in our community and around the world. We'll start and end at Wesley United Church on campus (Green and Mathews). Registration starts at 1:30 and the Walk starts at 2 PM. Donations of cash, checks or on-line at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/champaig-nil/fpcc> are welcome and appreciated. Thank you! from the person being nominated.

Worship

- Liturgist this morning is **Sandra Carr**. Contact **Judi Geistlinger** at 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.
- Pending a vote from the Session prior to worship this morning, a **Congregational Meeting** is called for next **Sunday, October 20**, following the 9 AM service of worship. The purpose of this meeting is to hear a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee and vote on officers for the coming year. Nominations from the floor are allowed, given prior approval

Connect

- We are glad you're here! If you want to learn more about becoming a member of First Pres., contact **Pastor Matt**, **Pastor Eric** or **Linda Peterson** from the Membership Team (membership@firstpres.church) or call the church office.
- Join us for **AfterWord** this morning at 10:15 AM in the Parlor. Stick around after the 9 AM service to get in the "last word"...a time to focus on the scripture of the day and discuss the sermon.
- The **Cuba Study** begins Monday, October 14, from 7-8 PM at the Matthew's home (708 Hamilton Drive-C.) This is 6-week small group study of Cuban culture and the Presbyterian Church in Cuba. For more information contact **Lizz Pippin** lizz@firstpres.church.
- Ten Commandments for Today**: Can't make Sunday morning classes? Here is an opportunity for Bible Study led by **Cliff Dykstra** on consecutive Wednesdays at 3 PM in Westminster Hall starting October 16. Books will be sold this morning.
- Pick up a copy of the **October Newsletter** from one of the kiosks.
- The **Rug Event** begins this week with an Open House on Thursday, October 17, from 4-6 PM. There will be a storytime from 4:30-5:30 followed by an educational event, *From Loom to Living Room: The History and Stories behind Bunyaad Fair Trade Rugs*, from 6-8 PM.
- What would it feel like to fill our pews as an intercultural congregation of all nations? Your **Outreach Committee** wants your input. Join us at any of three focus group meetings in the Parlor on Sunday, October 13, from 1-2:30 or Wednesday, October 16, from 12-1:15 (bring your own lunch) or Tuesday, October 22, from 7-8:30 PM. Can't come to a meeting? Talk to **Bob Kirby** at 217-621-5915 or rwk3213@gmail.com.

Serve

- Volunteers are needed for **Trunk or Treat** on October 27 with decorated cars and candy for the kids from 5-6 PM and a soup supper from 6-7 PM. If you decorate your car, come at 4:30 and set up. You can also make some soup or help serve. Hot soup should be brought to Centennial Hall in a crock pot by 5:30. If you are unable to volunteer, we will accept bags of candy individually wrapped by the manufacturer brought to the church office by October 25. Contact mindy@firstpres.church to volunteer.