

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.

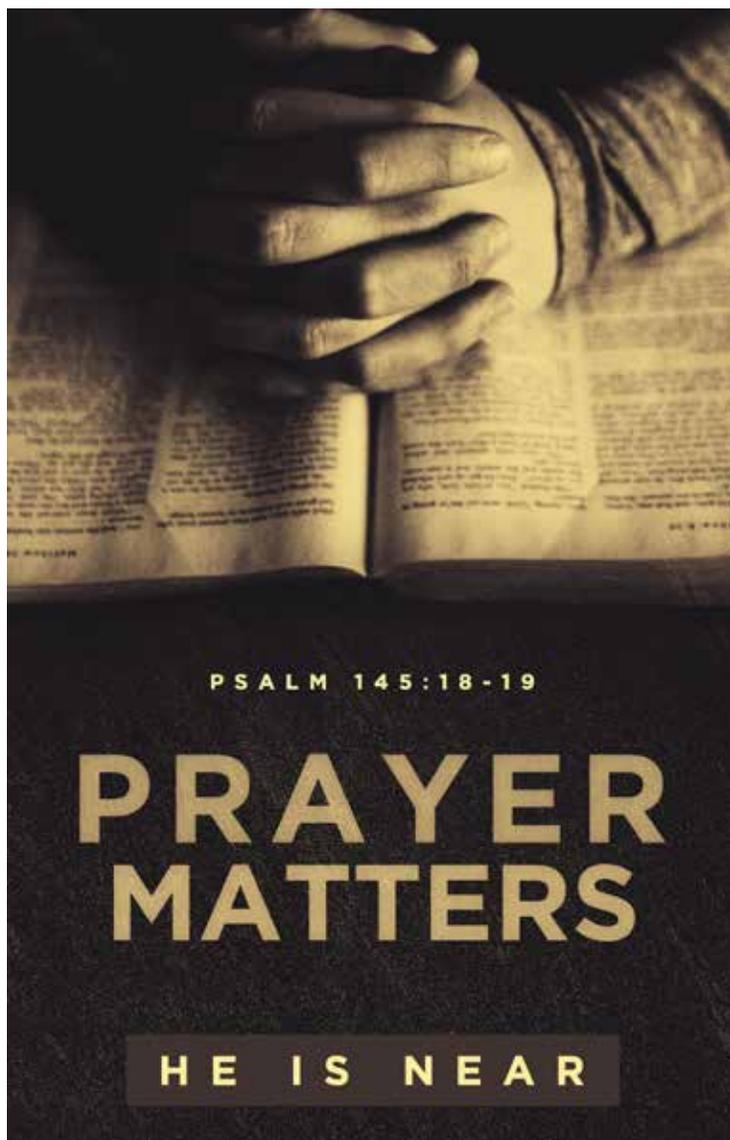
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

November 10, 2019
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

9 AM



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

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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 Ministry – Advent Study Judi Geistlinger

Introit *Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord* Richard Rossi

♦Call to Worship

We have gathered in the holy presence of God, the One who etches grace on our hearts.

This is the place where God will transform us into disciples.

We glorify our God, who yearns for justice, not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.

This is the place where God will write compassion on our souls.

We give thanks to God for unceasing grace; we remember God's persistence in saving us.

This is the place where God will breathe the Word into our lives.

♦**Hymn of Praise #645** *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

Call to Confession

Seeking to follow Jesus, we often wander down the wrong roads. Impatient with God's schedule, we rush off to do things our way. Let us confess our foolishness, that we might receive God's hope for our lives. Join me as we pray...

Prayer of Confession

Your words are given to us, Author of Life, that we might be reformed, but we are intent on changing others. Your words are offered to us that we might be transformed, but we are focused on conforming to our culture. Your words are spoken to lead us into new life, but we hold our old ways tight to our chests. Forgive us, God of Wonder. Do not remember our sins, but continue to touch us with your steadfast mercy. Show us how to be persistent in living out our faith, even as you were so tenacious in offering us your grace and life in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior...
(continue to pray in silence). Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus reminds us that we are to be resolute in our lives of faithfulness and service. The good news is that God is steadfast in filling us with love and grace.

We are forgiven people. May we live as sisters and brothers in Christ, God's children in word and deed, in hope and joy. 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 #659 *Know That God Is Good*
(See screens)

♦**Hymn #365** *God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!*

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

Prayer of Dedication

Anthem *From the Rising of the Sun* M. Susan Brown

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

A Reading from the Gospels

Luke 18:1-8 (NT pg. 81)

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

Message *Pray Always* Pastor Eric Corbin

Call to Prayer *Come Then, Let Us Bow Down and Worship* R. Rossi

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal pg. 35)

♦**Hymn #407** *Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers*

♦Benediction

♦Congregational Choral Benediction

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

♦Postlude

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

Richard Rossi

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

This Week

Sunday, November 10

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 204, 212
- 10:15 AM Sunday School/Education Building
- 10:15 AM Adult Ed/Parlor
- 11:00 AM Children's Choir/Chapel
- 11:15 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Room 204
- 2:00 PM Praise & Prayer Music Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 5:30 PM Youth Fellowship/Café

Monday, November 11

- 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
- 7:00 PM Cuba Study/Matthews' home

Tuesday, November 12

- 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.
- 4:45 PM Officer Training/Centennial Hall
- 7:00 PM Worship Team/Parlor

Wednesday, November 13

- 8:30 AM SEA Group/Parlor
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204,205,206, Café
- 11:30 AM Stephen Ministry Support Team/Parlor
- 1:30 PM PEB Study/Parlor Dining Room
- 3:00 PM DREAAM/Centennial Hall & Gym
- 4:00 PM Outreach/Library
- 4:30 PM Finance/Parlor
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Thursday, November 14

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Library
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204,205,206, Café
- 10:30 AM Membership Team/Parlor
- 11:30 AM Nurture Team/Parlor
- 12:30 PM Mission Team/Library
- 5:30 PM Courageous Conversation/Parlor

Friday, November 15 Church Office closes at Noon

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel

Saturday, November 16

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

The church office will close at noon on Fridays.

Worship

- Liturgist this morning is **Bruce Rainey**. Contact **Judi Geistlinger** 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.

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 **Matt Matthews** this morning in the Parlor at 10:15 AM as we move towards the upcoming Advent Season. Pastor Matt will lead a Bible Study focusing on the Nativity scripture in Luke. A prayer walk with pre-Advent stations will also direct our thoughts toward Christianity's Holy Season.
- First Pres Champaign is a **"Matthew 25 Congregation,"** which means, in part, we attempt to be keenly aware of serving all comers, especially those whom Jesus calls "the least of these." **Hunger and Homelessness Awareness** week is November 16-24.
- Movie Night with New Covenant Fellowship**, 124 West White Street, Champaign. Thousands of Central Americans have relocated to Champaign-Urbana. What forces them to seek asylum? *Harvest of Empire* is a fascinating documentary of how U.S. policy has led to migration. Join us Monday, November 18, at 7 PM New Covenant Fellowship. (*Film includes images of death, war and troubling torture.*)

Serve

- YoungLives is looking for cooks!** Provide a meal to this vital ministry for young mothers. Contact **Abby Hobbs** at abby@gmail.com or 217-493-9428. Open dates are December 5 and 12.
- Mentors needed!** Consider becoming a confirmation mentor to support a current confirmation student as they explore their faith and discern what they believe. What do I need to do? Contact **Mindy Watts-Ellis** at mindy@firstpres.church to express your interest in mentoring. Mentors will communicate with their student once a week to get to know each other and pray for one another. We also encourage mentors to attend the service on May 31 in which the confirmands will be received by the congregation.
- Do you have an interest in helping youth succeed? **DREAAM** is looking for math, science and English tutors weekdays between 10-12 noon. The students are enrolled in the DREAAM Day Reporting Center and need help with high school courses. Scheduling is flexible and based on your availability. Contact volunteer@dream.org for more information.