

# 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](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<sup>th</sup> 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  |

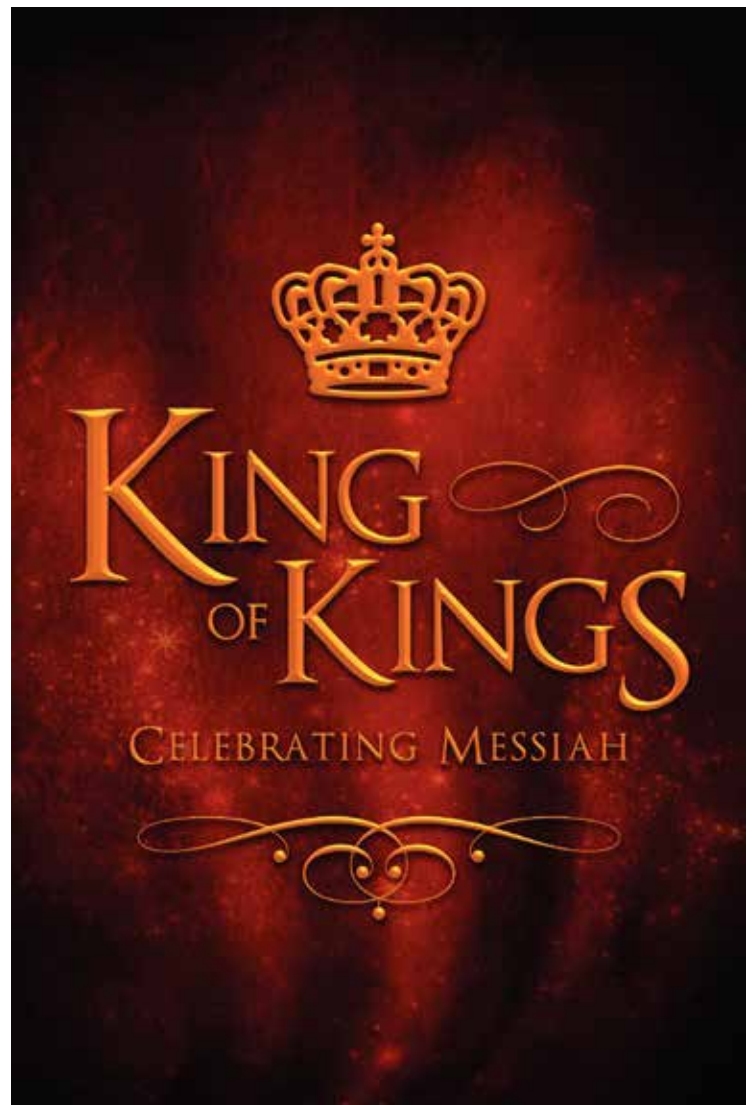
Contact our Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, **Mindy Watts-Ellis** (mindy@firstpres.church) for more information.

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## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

**November 24, 2019**  
**Christ the King Sunday**  
**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** *For the Beauty of the Earth* arr. Patricia Cota  
Upper Room Ringers; Karin Vermillion, director

**Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell**  
**Greeting & Announcements**

**Introit** *O Light Everlasting* OC Christiansen

## ♦Call to Worship

Come, Christians, join to sing.

**Alleluia! Amen!**

Loud praise to Christ our King.

**Alleluia! Amen!**

Let all with heart and voice,  
before his throne rejoice.

Praise is his gracious choice.

**Alleluia! Amen!**

♦**Hymn of Praise #267** *Come, Christians, Join To Sing*

## Call to Confession

The waters of Baptism remind us that God loves us and claims us. We confess our sins because only God can restore what becomes broken in our relationship with God and others. Let us pray humbly, gladly, and honestly.

## Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, many things vie for our attention, affection, and allegiance. If we aren't careful, we end up worshipping idols instead of you. We follow ideas and ideologies that contradict your Gospel. We care only for "our own" instead of the whole world. Forgive us. Help us fix our sights on your son, Jesus, who knows the way and, by your Holy Spirit, guides our steps. AMEN.**

## Assurance of Pardon

In the waters of Baptism, we are reminded that God redeems, sustains, and shepherds us.

**Alleluia!**

Be at peace and know you are forgiven by God to be the people you were called to be, gladly loving the world in the name and manner of Jesus Christ.

**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 #659** *Know That God Is Good*  
(See screens)

♦**Hymn #227** *Jesus Remember Me*

## Act of Friendship and Sharing Prayer Concerns

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

## Children's Time

## Offering of Gifts and Tithes

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* arr. Kenneth Kosche  
(Congregation, please join on verses 1 and 4)

**Sung Response #609** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

## Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

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

## A Reading from the New Testament

*Colossians 1:11-20* (NT pg. 199)

## Anthem

Jean René Balekita

## A Reading from the Gospels

*Luke 23:33-43* (NT pg. 89)

This is the Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message** *Christ the King*

Pastor Matt Matthews

## Affirmation of Faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

**In life and in death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,**  
**the love of God,**

**and the communion of the Holy Spirit,**

**we trust in the one true God, the Holy One of Israel,**

**whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ,**  
**fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:**

**preaching good news to the poor**

**and release to the captives,**

**teaching by word and deed**

**and blessing the children,**

**healing the sick**

**and binding up the brokenhearted,**

**eating with outcasts,**

**forgiving sinners,**

**and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,**

**Jesus was crucified,**

**suffering the depths of human pain**

**and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead,**

**vindicating his sinless life,**

**breaking the power of sin and evil,**

**delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**With believers in every time and place,**

**we rejoice that nothing in life or in death**

**can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Call to Prayer** *I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes*

Ann Ker

## Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

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

♦**Hymn #363** *Rejoice, the Lord Is King!*

## ♦Charge and Benediction

## ♦Congregational Choral Benediction

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

## ♦Postlude

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

Leslie Thomas

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

# This Week

## Sunday, November 24

- 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 Church Officer's Open House/Matthews' Home
- 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 25

- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

## Tuesday, November 26

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Centennial Hall
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Atkins Bldg, S. First Street-C.
- 4:00 PM Community Mission Deacons/Parlor

## Wednesday, November 27

- 3:00 PM DREAAM/Centennial Hall & Gym

## Thursday, November 28 Church Office Closed

## Friday, November 29 Church Office Closed

## Saturday, November 30

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

•A note from the Interfaith Alliance of Champaign County...  
*Thank you for your interest in the **People's Supper**. Unfortunately, we did not receive the minimum number of reservations needed to make this event a success for November 24 and the event has been cancelled. We apologize for any inconvenience. We are thankful for the tremendous interest in interfaith cooperation in this community, and we're thankful for you! We wish you a Happy Thanksgiving.*

•**The Spirit of Christmas** conducted by **Richard R. Rossi** featuring the EIU Choral Ensembles and the premiere of the Camerate Sinfonietta will be presented Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 7:30 PM at the Dvorak Fine Arts Center in Charlston, IL. Purchase your tickets now at <https://doudnatix.universitytickets.com>.

•**Community Shopping Event...**December 7, 4-8 PM Ten Thousand Villages, 105 North Walnut Street, Champaign.

### Bells in Motion of Central Illinois presents

#### *A Ringing Christmas*

Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 7 PM  
First United Methodist Church  
201 West North Street, Decatur, IL

Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 4 PM  
Peace Lutheran Church  
2800 West Jefferson Street, Springfield, IL

# Worship

- Liturgist this morning is **Linda Peterson**. Contact **Judi Geistlinger** [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.
- We welcome **Leslie Thomas** as our pianist this morning while Richard Rossi is away.

# 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](mailto:membership@firstpres.church)) or call the church office.
- Join Choir Director, **Dr. Joe Grant** this morning in the Parlor at 10:15 AM. Joe will be previewing the Vivaldi *Magnificat* which will be featured on Christmas Music Sunday, December 15. He will examine the text and how it is expressed in the musical setting.
- Keep up with the latest news...pick up a copy of the **November newsletter** from one of the kiosks if you did not receive an email or mail copy.

# Serve

- Consider becoming a **confirmation mentor** to support a confirmation student as they explore their faith and discern what they believe. Contact **Mindy Watts-Ellis** at [mindy@first-pres.church](mailto:mindy@first-pres.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.
- 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@dreameam.org](mailto:volunteer@dreameam.org) for more information.



Help assemble hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in Westminster Hall on December 1 from 10:15-11am. All sizes of hands are needed to put 120 of these life-giving packages together. These kits will go to Little Rock, AR to the warehouse there for distribution to where they will be needed most after natural or man-made disasters. Many of these were distributed to refugees after the hurricane hit the Bahamas to ensure proper sanitation for individual health.