

# 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-Kinder-garten-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  |

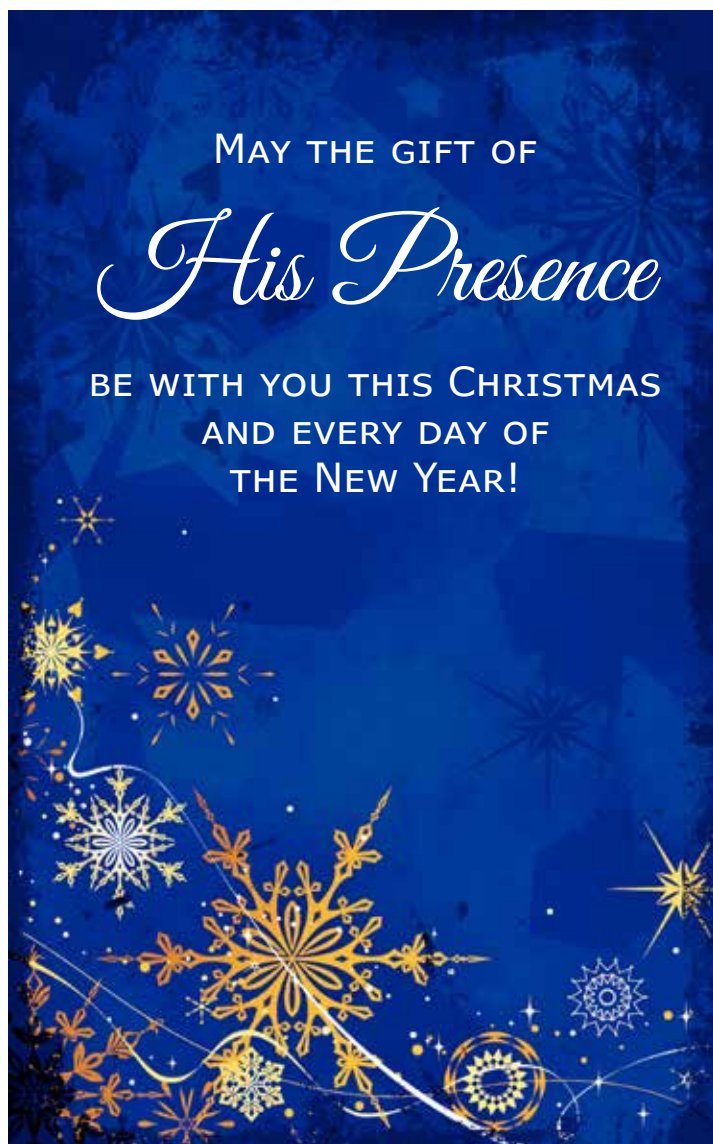
Contact our Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, **Mindy Watts-Ellis** (mindy@firstpres.church) for more information.

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## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

**December 29, 2019**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas**  
**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**

Karen Dohme

**Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell**

**Greeting & Announcements**

## ✧ Call to Worship

Praise the Lord! Heavens and heights,

**Praise the Lord, you sky-bound shining lights!**

Praise God, you hosts and messengers of the Most High.

**Praise in the rain, and the snow, and the forest below!**

Praise the Lord, you winds and seas,

**Praise God, all you hand-clapping trees.**

Every beast and bird and swimming thing,

**creeping or crawling, your praises bring.**

Every living, breathing thing, praise the Lord.

**All heaven and nature sing: Praise the Lord!**

## ✧ Hymn #119 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

## Call to Confession

God became one of us, so that we could see the face of love,  
hear the voice of peace, be touched by the hand of grace,  
know the heart of mercy. God comes to us, offering us  
forgiveness and peace. Join me as we pray...

## Prayer of Confession

**You came in weakness, Mighty God: forgive our grasping for power. You came in humility, Prince of Peace: forgive us for wanting more than others. You came in poverty, Everlasting One: forgive us when we do not see your family sleeping in our streets. You came in gentleness, Wonderful Counselor: forgive us for the anger we speak and the pain we cause.**

**Child of Bethlehem, be born in us today: forgive us, heal us, make us new; then we will join the angels in singing your praises this Christmas and all the days to come...(continue to pray in silence). Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the Good News! The Lord has come, and is coming again.

**May the peace of God keep guard over our hearts and our thoughts in Christ Jesus, through whom we are forgiven.**

## ✧ 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 #113 *Angels We Have Heard on High***  
(See screens)

## Act of Friendship and Sharing Prayer Concerns

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

## Children's Time

## Christmas Carol Sing

**Offering of Gifts and Tithes**

Karen Dohme

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

**Prayer of Dedication**

## Prayer for Illumination

**A Reading from the Gospels** *Luke 2:22:40* (NT pg. 59)

This is the Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message** *What Did Simeon and Anna See?* Pastor Eric Corbin

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern**

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

## ✧ Hymn #136 *Go, Tell It On the Mountain*

## ✧ Benediction

**✧ Congregational Choral Benediction**

#132 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* vs. 2 (See screens)

## ✧ Postlude

Karen Dohme

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

# Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Mary Kelley**. Contact **Judi Geistlinger** judigeistlinger@outlook.com to serve as a liturgist.

•We **welcome children** of all ages to worship. There will be no Sunday School this morning. Children are asked to enjoy worship with their families. 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.

•Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior. By giving to the **Christmas Joy Offering**, you honor this gift by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

•Keep up with the latest news...pick up a copy of the **December newsletter** from one of the kiosks.

•The **church office** will close at 12 noon on Tuesday, December 31. The office will remain closed Wednesday, January 1, for the holiday.

# Styrofoam Sunday

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## STYROFOAM RECYCLING



The holidays send us to the stores and the internet to order food, gifts and decorations. Many of these products are shipped and protected with styrofoam. The Green Team is asking you to help us help the environment. Until January 5<sup>th</sup>, please collect and save styrofoam blocks and cups or food containers imprinted

with a #6 and chasing arrows. We'll collect what you've saved in January.

JANUARY 5, 2020

WESTMINSTER HALL - 8:00 – 12:00

CENTENNIAL HALL – 10:30 – 11:15

GREEN TEAM MEMBERS WILL COLLECT YOUR STYRO-  
FOAM AND DELIVER TO DART  
STYROFOAM CONTAINERS, CUPS OR BLOCK FOAM  
(no packaging peanuts!)

- MUST BE CLEAN (Rinsed and Wiped)
- MUST HAVE #6 & CHASING ARROW IMPRINTED ON IT
- REMOVE STRAWS, LIDS, TAPE OR ANY OTHER NON-FOAM MATERIAL

This event will be a first for our church and a gift for the environment. Thank you for your help and our committee's wish for you is to have a blessed holiday and a joyous New Year.

Faithfully yours,

Environmental Stewardship Committee