

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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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

We want to get to know you!

- Fill in the Friendship Pads; please use a name tag.
- Introduce yourself to 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 on the back table.
- Wheelchairs are available for in-church use.
- Printed sermons are available; audio can be found early the following week on the church website.

Children, Youth & Families

Please sign in your infant or toddler in the Education Building. Our Nursery and Toddler Rooms (birth – 2 years) are open from 8:45 – 11:30 AM each Sunday. There you will receive a nametag for your child and a matching identification label to be used by the parent during pick up. **Sunday School classes for other ages are not being held on Sunday mornings for the month of July.** Children 3 yrs old to entering 6th grade are encouraged to attend Vacation Bible School Sunday afternoons from 1-3:30 PM. VBS will be held July 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. Registration is required.

Schedule

8:50-9:00	Children check-in
10:20-10:30	
9:00-10:00	Child care for infants and toddlers
10:30-11:30	
10:00	Parents pick up Infants and toddlers in the classroom in the Christian Education Building.
11:30	

Contact our Director of Children, Youth, and Families, **Mindy Watts-Ellis** (mindy@firstpres.church) for more information about children and youth education and family events.

July 9, 2017 8 and 9 AM



Come to our God,
all who are worn out by life:
for it is God who provides
the rest we need.

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

삼페인 제일 장로교회에 오신것을 환영합니다.

Pour nos amis de langue française et les membres,
nous avons des copies du sermon d'aujourd'hui en français
à l'arrière de l'église

Service for the Lord's Day

A special welcome to those at our church for the first time.

Prelude Richard Rossi
Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell
9Minute for Mission – Courage Connection Isak Griffiths
Greeting and Announcements

9Introit *O Come Let Us Sing to the Lord* Hal Hopson

Call to Worship

Leader Come to our God, all who hunger for life:

People For it is God who nourishes us at the Table of Grace.

Leader Come to our God, all who are worn out by life:

People For it is God who provides the rest we need.

Leader Come to our God, all who are weighed down:

People For it is our God who carries our burdens with us.

♦**Hymn 361** *How Firm a Foundation*

♦Prayer of Confession

O God, our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you. You are beyond our busy imaginings, far above our elevated constructions of thought. Yet you meet us in the dust.

Your footprints cross ours. Behind us and before us you tread the path, you lead the way, you exult, you bow low, you lift us up.

You look upon us through the face of the poor; you bless us in the nurture of friendship; you challenge us in the cries for justice and the weeping for hope. Forgive us the wrongs we have done to others, to ourselves, to you.

Forgive us our bondage to fixed patterns when they no longer serve you; our surrender to newness when newness is folly; our failure to listen to those who are hurting and hidden beyond our preoccupations.

Lift us from our fear that we may see your vision, know your wisdom, and find our rest in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord...(continue to pray in silence)

♦Assurance of Pardon

Leader The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

Leader Hear the word of the Lord in Jesus: 'Your sins are forgiven!'

People Thanks be to God!

♦Passing of the Peace

Leader The peace of Christ be with you.

People And also with you.

Leader Please greet one another in the peace of Christ.
Response #576 *Gloria, Gloria*

Act of Friendship

9♦**Hymn 339** *Be Thou My Vision*

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Richard Rossi

9#592 Doxology; Prayer of Dedication

Scripture *Psalms 145:8-14* (OT pg. 581)

9Anthem *The Lord Is My Strength* Mark Patterson

Scripture *Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30* (NT pg. 11)

Message *An Easy Yoke* Pastor Eric Corbin

9Call to Prayer *Hear Thou Our Prayer* Hal Hopson

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

8Minute for Mission – Courage Connection Isak Griffiths

♦**Hymn 2128** *Come and Find the Quiet Center*
(from *Sing the Faith* hymnal)

♦Benediction

8♦Benediction Response

May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever. Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor. Lift your eyes and see His face, and His grace forever. May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

9♦**Choral Benediction** *The Lord Bless You* Hal Hopson

♦**Postlude** Richard Rossi

♦Please stand if able.

This Week

Sunday, July 9

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Annual Meeting/Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 10:30 AM Summer Drop-In Study/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Pastor Nominating Committee/Parlor
- 1:00 PM Vacation Bible School/CE Building

Monday, July 10

- 11:00 AM GROW/Chapel
- 1:00 PM Richard Joy Memorial Service/Sanctuary
- 1:00 PM Prayer Ministry/Chapel
- 4:00 PM Compassion, Peace & Justice/Westminster Hall
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 6:30 PM Epilepsy Support/Westminster Hall

Tuesday, July 11

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Mission Team/Westminster Hall
- 5:45 PM Contemporary Worship Team/Parlor
- 7:00 PM Worship Team/Parlor

Wednesday, July 12

- 8:00 AM SEA Group Leaders/Parlor
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 10:00 AM Stephen Ministry Training/Parlor
- 5:30 PM Spiritual Formation/Library
- 7:00 PM Contemporary Rehearsal/Centennial Hall

Thursday, July 13

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Hardees on South Neil
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 10:30 AM Membership Team/Parlor
- 11:30 AM Outreach Team/Parlor
- 4:30 PM Finance Team/Library

Friday, July 14 Church Office closes at noon

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel

Saturday, July 15

- 3:00 PM Worship Prep/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM Praise & Prayer/Centennial Hall

The church office will close at noon on
Fridays throughout the summer.

Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Kathy Kinser** at the 8 AM service and **Dale Tutje** at the 9 AM service.

•Earlier this summer letters and emails were sent out to get your thoughts on the **Sunday morning schedule**. (If you missed receiving the survey and letter, please let us know.) The communication included a brief survey which can be returned to the box provided in Westminster Hall, the church office or emailed to marcia@firstpres.church. To fill out the questionnaire online, please go to www.firstpres.church/sundayschedule.

Connect

•Join us this morning from 10:30-11:30 AM in the Parlor for the first of our **Summer Drop-In Classes**. Today's topic is *Discipleship & the Yoke of Jesus*. No sign up is needed...materials provided each week.

•**Dinners for 7,8 or 9** provide a great fellowship between our worshippers, neighbors and friends. Scheduled four time per year with participants and hosts rotating so you meet different people in a different home each time. Sign up forms and more information are available at the Welcome Center. Deadline for sign up is August 7.

•**Gospel Jazz Fest**, supporting men's and women's SAFE houses, August 27 from 3-7 PM in Hessel Park. The event will be in memory of **Willie Summerville**.

•**Annual Reports for 2016** are available in the kiosk at the Welcome Center or online.

Serve

•**DREAAM House** is in need of gift cards to local grocery stores or financial help in providing swim passes for the boys. Gift cards may be dropped off at the church office or you can simply write a check to the church marked "DREAAM." The DREAAM House staff will purchase the gift cards or swim passes. Thanks for your continuing generosity!

•**Dave Whitford** is in Paris while **Peter Yau** is at Hoopeston this morning as part of our Amateur Preacher program.

The Annual Meeting
of the Congregation will be held
TODAY at 10 AM
in the Sanctuary