

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.

Pastors:

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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 child in the education building. There you will receive a name tag for your child/ren and a matching identification label to be used by the parent or guardian during pick up. Our nursery and toddler rooms (birth - 2yr) are open from 8:45 AM-12 PM each Sunday. The Sunday School education hour for K-8th grade is during the 9 AM worship service. The education hour for Confirmands and High School students is from 10:10-11 AM.

Schedule

- 8:45-9:00 Children check-in and gather in the chapel
- 9:00-9:15 K-5 grades in worship, then class in the Education Building until 10 AM
- 9:00-10:00 Preschool and Middle School lessons in their classrooms
- 10:00 Parents pick up children in the family library on the first floor of the Education Building
- 10:10-11:00 High School Class, Confirmation Class (runs October 1-May 20)
- 11:00 Parent pick up of youth at Education Building entrance
- 11:00-12:00 Nursery and toddler rooms still available for child care

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.

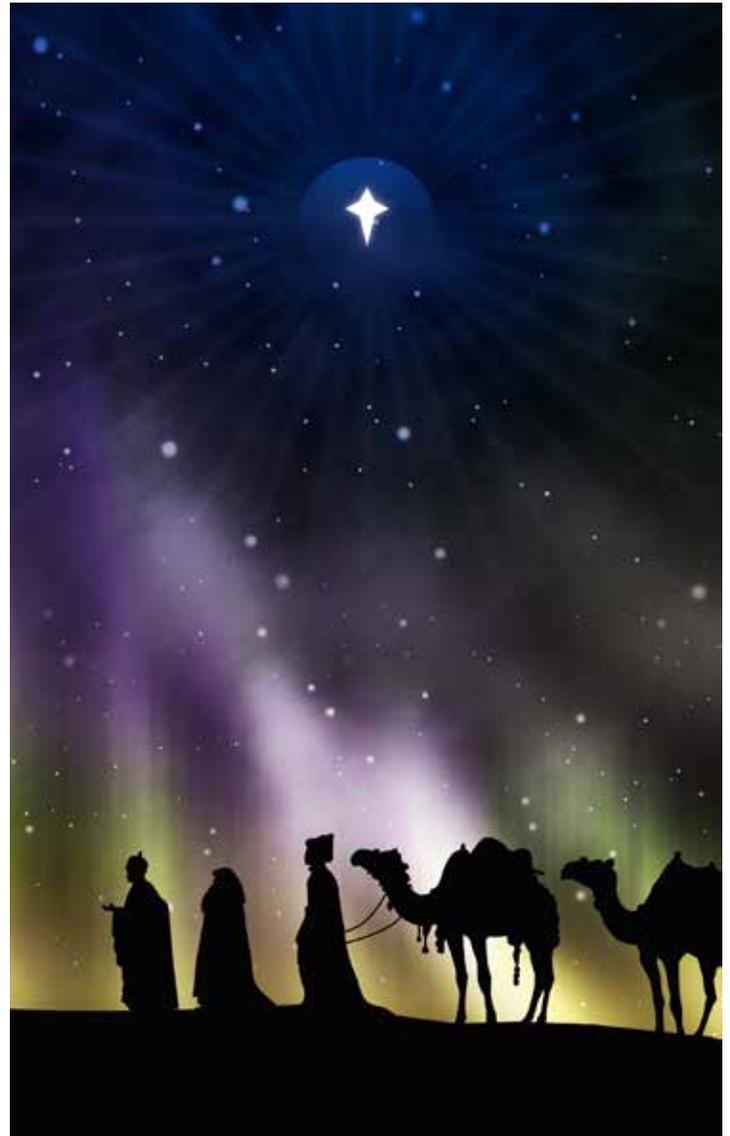
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

January 7, 2018

8 and 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.

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.

The Welcoming

Prelude Richard Rossi
Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell
The Greeting

Drawing Near to God

9**Introit** *Praise Ye the Lord* Ken Barker

Call to Worship

Leader We gather in the Light that was before, is now, and ever will be.

People **We seek the Light's ancient wisdom.**

Leader We gather in the Light that is God's continuing gift.

People **We live into the Light's new wisdom.**

Leader We gather in the Light that is our own, emerging anew each day.

People **We seek to share this wisdom, nurtured in the Light from Bethlehem's cradle.**

Leader Let us worship God.

❖**Hymn 63** *As With Gladness Men of Old*

9Children's Sermon

❖Prayer of Confession

God our Savior, we confess that we are not people of peace. You shine upon us with your glory, yet we hide our faces from the light. You speak to us a holy mystery, yet we do not listen to your word. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us, the least of all the saints, the wisdom to know and proclaim the gospel of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

❖Assurance of Pardon

Leader My friends, Epiphany is good news! The Light comes not to sear and blind us but to save us. Christ Jesus came into this world to save sinners. In God's name I declare to you: Your sins are forgiven!

People **Thanks be to God!**

Leader Take up your forgiveness with thanksgiving, and live without shame or anxiety.

People **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ enables us. Amen!**

❖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 #579 *Glory Be To the Father*

Act of Friendship and Updates

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

8Richard Rossi

9*Bread of the World* Bourgeois; arr.Young

Please complete Prayer Request Card

Hearing God's Word

Scripture *Isaiah 60:1-6* (OT pg. 690); *Matthew 2:1-12* (NT pg. 2)

Sermon *Home By Another Way*
Judi Geistlinger

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Responding to God's Word

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation to the Table

The Thanksgiving

Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

The Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Communion

Richard Rossi

The Lord's Prayer (hymnal pg. 16, Traditional)

❖**Hymn 66** *We Three Kings* (vs. 1, 2 and 5)

❖Benediction

❖8Benediction 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.

❖**9Choral Benediction** *Peace I Leave With You* John Purifoy

❖Postlude

Richard Rossi

❖Please stand if able

This Week

Sunday, January 7

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Sunday School (K-5th in worship until 9:15)/CE Bldg
- 10:00 AM Children's Choir/Chapel
- 10:10 AM Confirmation Class/Room 206
- 10:10 AM High School Class/CE Bldg
- 10:10 AM Reformations/Parlor
- 10:10 AM Feasting on the Word (French)/Room 204
- 11:00 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 12:00 PM African Leadership & Session/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Chapel

Monday, January 8

- 11:30 AM Stephen Ministry Support/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Westminster Hall
- 1:00 PM Prayer Team/Library
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 5:30 PM Compassion, Peace & Justice/Parlor
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 6:30 PM Epilepsy Support/Westminster Hall

Tuesday, January 9

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204 & 207
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Atkins Bldg.
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 1:00 PM Rosanne Koehler Memorial/Sanctuary
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 5:45 PM Contemporary Worship Team/Parlor
- 7:00 PM Worship Team/Parlor

Wednesday, January 10

- 8:30 AM SEA Group/Parlor
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204 & 207
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Spiritual Formation/Bob & Claudia Kirby's
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Thursday, January 11

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Hardees
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204 & 207
- 10:30 AM Membership Team/Parlor
- 11:30 AM Outreach/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 4:30 PM Finance/Library
- 4:30 PM Faith in Place/Parlor
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes

Friday, January 12

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall

Saturday, January 13

- 9:00 AM New Elder Training/Westminster Hall
- 3:00 PM Worship Prep/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM Praise & Prayer Gathering/Centennial Hall

Worship

•Liturgists this morning are **Claudia Kirby** at the 8 AM service and **Bill Marble** at the 9 AM service. We welcome **Judi Geistlinger**, a commissioned lay pastor, to the pulpit this morning.

•There will be a **Congregational Meeting** this morning immediately following the 9 AM service for the election of the following new officers for 2018.

Session

Judi Geistlinger **Steve Tock**
Karin Vermillion **Tim Young**

Community Mission Deacons

Barb Clark **Steve Gritten**

Congregational Care Deacons

Jean Brunson **Pam Knox**
Marge Olson

Congregational Nominating Committee

Greg Cozad **Judy Hendrickson**

Connect

•As part of the Reformed tradition and for the 500th anniversary following Martin Luther nailing his theses to a church door, we will soon begin a 6-week study on Reformations. The study will be led by **Pat Metcalf**, and begins TODAY at 10:10. Explore the backgrounds to the Reformations and then each of the four Reformation traditions. Finally, look at the Reformations today regarding their influences and legacies, as well as the Reformation in today's churches. Books available for \$5, beginning December 10 between services. Sign up today!

•Copies of the **Small Group and Adult Education Opportunities** for Winter 2018 are now available in the kiosks and at the Welcome Center. Check out what is being offered and join a small group!

Serve

•We continue this morning to receive contributions for the **Christmas Joy Offering**. 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.

There will be a **Congregational Meeting** on Sunday, January 21, 2018, immediately following the 9 AM service.

The purpose of the meeting is to take a formal vote on the recent recommendation by Session to approve the sale of approximately 10-11 acres of farmland to Copper Creek Church under the terms as described in a mailing to the congregation dated December 28, 2017.