

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:

Eric Corbin

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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; video is available at www.firstpres.live

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

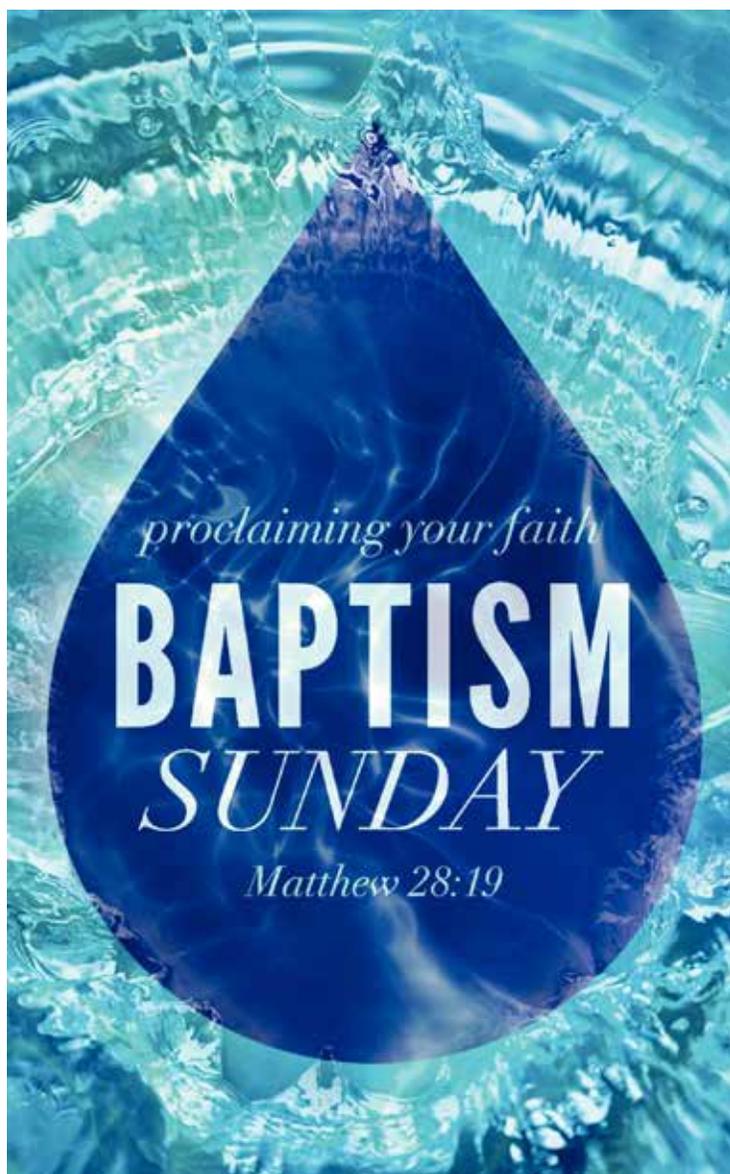
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| 8:45-9:00 | Children check-in and gather in the chapel |
| 9:00-9:15 | K-5 grades in worship, then class in the Education Building until 10 AM |
| 9:00-10:00 | Preschool and Middle School lessons in their classrooms |
| 10:00-10:30 | Children's Choir in the Chapel |
| 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 | Parents 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.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

January 14, 2018
8 & 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

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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
Greeting

9Introit *Lift Every Voice and Sing* J.R. Johnson

Call to Worship

Leader Baptized to begin lives of faith,
People **We would witness to all you do in our communities, in our midst, in our world.**

Leader Baptized to serve,
People **We would speak up for the voiceless, we would bring justice to those who have none.**

Leader Baptized to speak,
People **We would heal, and not hurt; we would bless, and not curse.**

Leader Baptized to do what is right,
People **We would not play favorites, but treat each other as your Beloved.**

◆ **Hymn 70** *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*

9Children's Sermon

Prayer of Confession

We try to stop Jesus from coming into our lives, patient God, for we know how disruptive he can be. He wants us to preach the gospel with our lives, but we instead complain how hard that is to do. He wants us to do what is right, yet often the wrong comes so easily for us. He would like us not to give up until justice is done, but we just don't seem to have the time.

We confess because we know we need to be forgiven by you, God of glory and grace. Bathe us in the life-giving waters of your mercy so we can come up from the water, ready to do good for others, to give you all the praise, to learn justice, grace, and hope from our Lord Jesus Christ...

(continue to pray in silence)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader You are God's beloved. You delight God's heart. Believe this good news, my friends; we are forgiven!

People **The spirit of God rests upon us, anointing us with mercy and peace. Thanks be to God! 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 #576 *Gloria, Gloria*

Act of Friendship & Updates

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Richard Rossi

#592 Doxology; Prayer of Dedication

Scripture *Psalms 29* (OT pg. 504)

9Anthem *Sing to the Lord* arr. Alice Parker

Scripture *Mark 1:1-11* (NT pg. 34)

Message *The Mystery of Baptism*
Pastor Eric Corbin

9Call to Prayer *The Lord Opens the Eyes of the Blind* R. Rossi

Prayers for Ourselves and Others
The Lord's Prayer

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant
The Pouring of the Waters of Baptism

The Renewal of our Baptismal Vows

Leader Trusting in the grace and mercy of God, do you turn from sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

People **I do.**

Leader Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

People **I do.**

Leader Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Receiving the Sign of the Cross

Leader You are a child of God, loved and chosen.

People **Thanks be to God**

◆ **Hymn 492** *Baptized in Water*

◆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 Shall Reign Forever*

Richard Rossi

◆Postlude

Richard Rossi

◆Please stand if able.

This Week

Sunday, January 14

- 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
- 10:10 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 Lunch/Centennial Hall
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Room 204
- 3:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall

Monday, January 15 Office closed for MLK Holiday

- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, January 16

- 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 Mission Team/Westminster Hall
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Atkins Bldg.
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes

Wednesday, January 17

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204 & 207
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 1:15 PM Pakistan Study/Parlor
- 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 18

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Hardees
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204 & 207
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 6:00 PM Young Lives/Centennial Hall
- 6:30 PM Session/Westminster Hall

Friday, January 19

- 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 20

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

Worship

•Liturgists this morning are **Eric Stickels** at the 8 AM service and **Betty Hollister** at the 9 AM service.

•**Making the most of our time...Chuck Swindoll** suggests that we make the most of our time and during the offering when most people daydream or fidget, that we use these "golden moments." This morning take a pencil and write on the bulletin a list of things for which you are most grateful. Ponder each...and thank God for them. Tape that list in a conspicuous place at home and look at it daily for the next week.

Connect

•As part of the Reformed tradition and for the 500th anniversary following Martin Luther nailing his theses to a church door, we have begun a 6-week study on Reformations. The study will be led by **Pat Metcalf** and meets each Sunday through February 11 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. Join the class 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!

•To help our new Senior Pastor (and others!), we would love to have a **photo of each member/active participant** in the church database. If you have a photo that you would like to use, email it to photos@firstpres.church (or you can add it yourself through the church management software at www.firstpres.info). No photo, no problem. Stop by Westminster Hall this morning between services and we will take one for you.

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.