

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

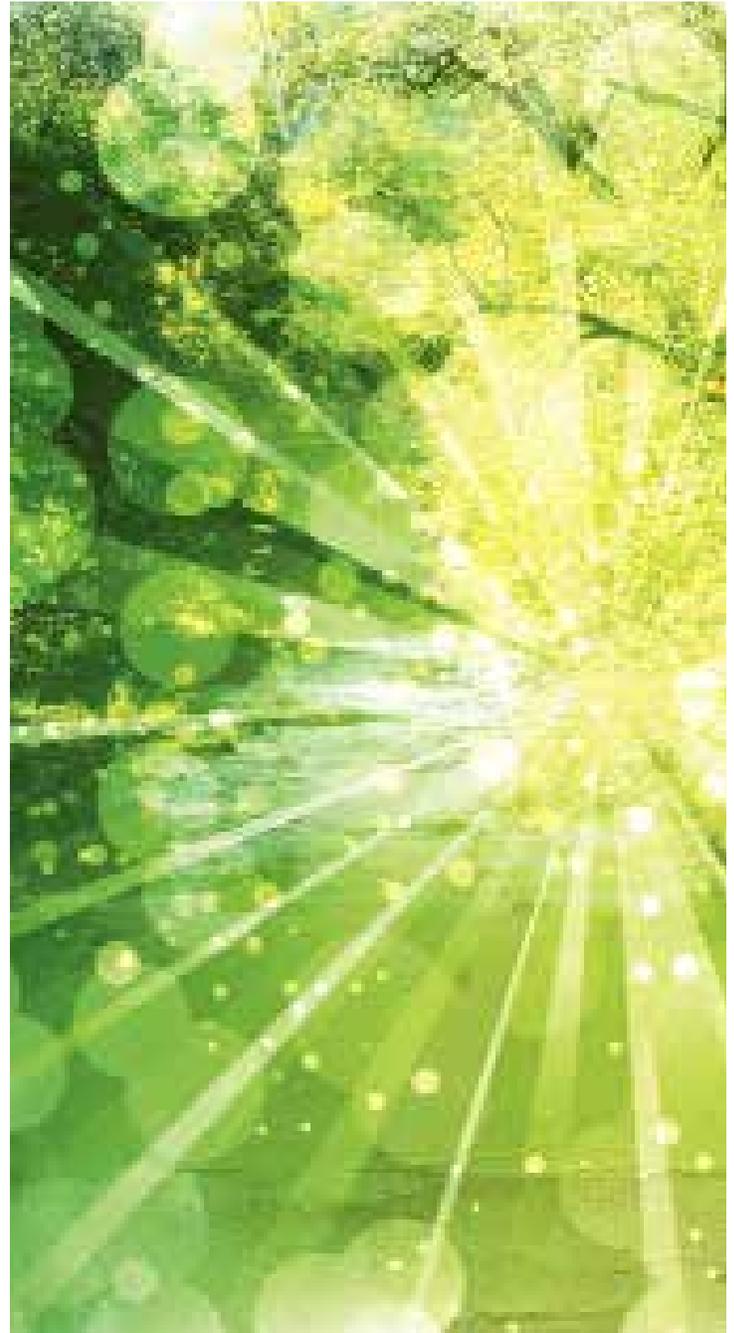
While there is no Sunday School or child care this morning, we normally follow this procedure...Please sign in your child in the education building. There you will receive a name tag for your child/ren and a matching identification label to be used by the parent or guardian during pick up. Our nursery 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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Easter Sunday
April 1, 2018
8 and 9:30 AM

Service for the Lord's Day

This Easter Sunday is indeed the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice as we celebrate Christ's resurrection. We welcome all!

The Welcoming

Prelude Richard Rossi
Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell
The Greeting

Drawing Near to God

Introit *Alleluia! For Christ Is Risen* J.S. Bach

Call to Worship

One Alleluia! The Lord is risen!
Many The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!
One This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia! The Lord is risen!
Many The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

❖ **Hymn 123** *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

9:30 Children's Sermon

❖ Call to Confession

One Jesus' rising from the dead assures us that we, too, have been given new life.
Many Alleluia!
One Let us repent of our sin before God and one another, certain of God's mercy.

❖ Prayer of Confession

All-knowing, all-powerful God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love. Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost. Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth. Amen.

❖ Assurance of Pardon

One Who is in a position to condemn?
Many Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
One Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Many Alleluia!
One Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
Many Thanks be to God.
One Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
Many In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

❖ Passing of the Peace

One The peace of Christ be with you.
Many And also with you.
One 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

On Earth Has Dawned This Day of Days arr. Robert Benson
Please complete Prayer Request Card

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination *As a Child Rests in its Mother's Arms*
Response #474 *Glory to God*

Scripture *John 20:1-18* (NT pg. 114)

Anthem *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing* arr. Robert Benson

Sermon *The Lord Is Risen*
Matt Matthews

Affirmation of Faith from a *Brief Statement of Faith*
(see screens for text to be read in unison)

Responding to God's Word

Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One The Lord be with you.
Many And also with you.
One Lift up your hearts.
Many We lift them up to the Lord.
One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Many It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Words of Institution

Sharing the Meal

Richard Rossi

Closing Prayer

❖ **Hymn 104** *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

❖ Benediction

❖ **Choral Benediction** *Hallelujah Chorus* G.F. Handel

❖ **Postlude** Richard Rossi

❖ Please stand if able

• Liturgists this morning are **Jim Berger** at the 8 AM service and **Betty Hollister** at the 9:30 AM service.

• **Brass instrumentalists** for this morning are...

Trumpets: **Keven Lewis** and **Nicole Gilliotti**

Trombones: **Sean Durkin** and **Reid Lasley**

• **This morning's sermon** is available online on Monday or printed copies can be found in the kiosks next Sunday.

This Week

Sunday, April 1

- 8:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 12:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 12:15 PM African Leadership & Session/Matthews' home
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Chapel

Monday, April 2

- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 4:00 PM HR Team/Library
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, April 3

- 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
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes

Wednesday, April 4

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 1:15 PM Pakistan Study Group/Parlor
- 5:00 PM Cuba Travel Potluck/Centennial Hall
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Thursday, April 5

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Library
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Congregational Care Deacons/Westminster Hall
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 6:00 PM YoungLives/Centennial Hall

Friday, April 6

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 10:00 AM PW Nominating Team/Library
- 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, April 7

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

Worship

- The two Spring bouquets this morning are given in honor of **Joanne Foley's** 90th birthday and life-long devotion to the First Presbyterian Church, her beloved church home, by her family.
- There will not be any **Sunday School or child care** so that all may worship with their families on this holy day. We have provided activity bags for children who attend the service. For those needing to step out for a moment to console children and meet their needs, Westminster Hall, located directly below the Sanctuary, has a children's corner and a monitor showing the worship service. Restrooms with changing tables are located in the west hallway by Westminster Hall.

Connect

- We are glad you're here!** If you want to learn more about becoming a member of First Pres, contact **Pastor Matt** or **Pastor Eric** or **Linda Peterson** from the Membership Team (membership@firstpres.church) or call the church office.
- Feasting on the Word**, adult Spiritual Formation drop-in class, resumes April 8 at 10:10 in the Parlor. We study and reflect on the lectionary scriptures for that Sunday. No preparation needed and all are welcome. Bring your coffee and join us! More information? Contact **Judi Geistlinger** 217-493-5462 or judigeistlinger@outlook.com
- There are still opportunities over the next few weeks to **"Meet the Matthews."** You can sign up at firstpres.church/meetthemathews or by contacting the church office.
- The **Installation Service** for Pastor Matt will be held Sunday, April 8, at 4 PM in the Sanctuary. If you would like to provide some finger dessert for the reception after the Installation, please write "D4M" in the Friendship Pad or contact **Sabrina Hwu** at sabrinahwu@yahoo.com. The dessert can be dropped off at the Mae Chapin Dining room prior to the service at 4 PM.
- Graduation Sunday** will be May 27 with a reception after the 9 AM service honoring graduate school, college, and high school graduates. Please contact the church office if you have a graduating student with their name, email address, recent photo and phone number. PW will be making a bulletin board to recognize these students.

Serve

- In the pews this morning, you will find offering envelopes from PCUSA for **One Great Hour of Sharing**. A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. Parents of youth are reminded to return their OGHS **fish banks** as soon as possible.
- Medical forms for participating in the **2018 Mission Possible** trip need to be returned by April 15, 2018.

"Lord, here I am, send me..."

Celebrate with us the installation of our Senior Pastor

Matt Matthews

Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 4 PM
in our Sanctuary.

Following worship, join us for a light reception and fellowship in Westminster Hall.