

# 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!

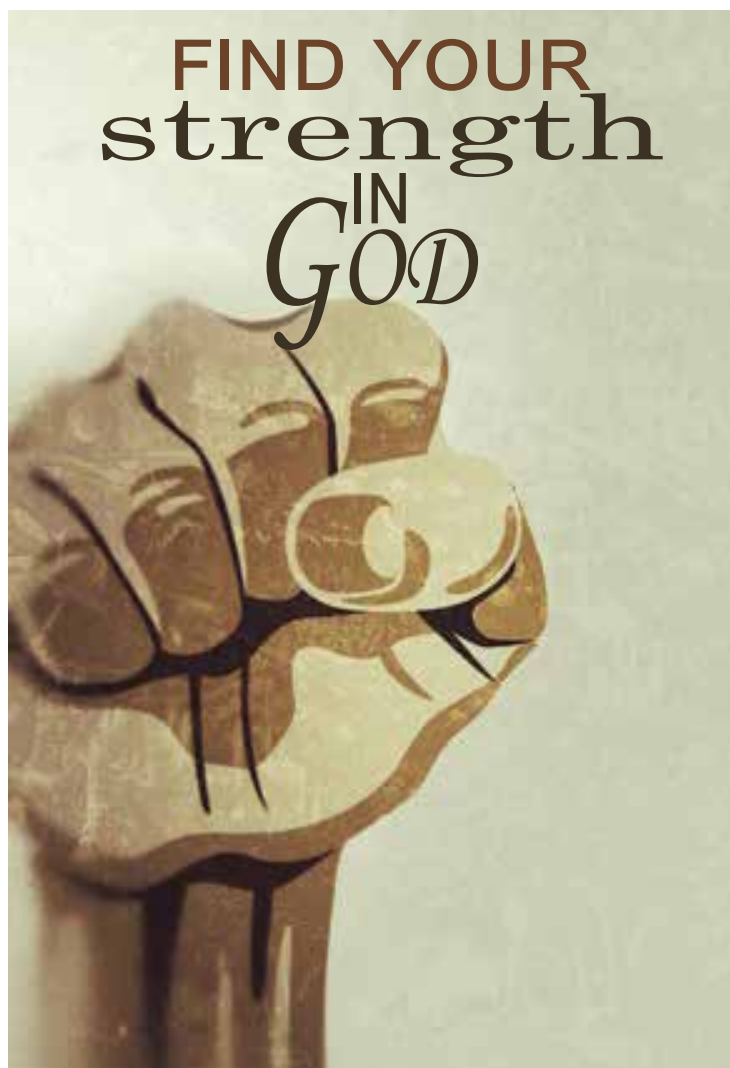
- Fill in the Friendship Pads; please use a name tag.
- Introduce yourself to your pew mates and one of the pastors.
- Join us for coffee and conversation in Westminster Hall.
- Trouble hearing? Try a hearing device at the back of the Sanctuary.
- Large-print hymnals are on the back table.
- Wheelchairs 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 provided for infants, toddlers, and preschool children in the Christian Education building directly across the alley during worship. Please check your children in with the attendants. There will be no Sunday School for Elementary, Middle School, or High School students concurrent with worship this summer. Children of these ages are encouraged to worship with their families. Activity boxes and books are provided for children who attend the service at the back of the sanctuary on the white shelves. Please return these items to the shelves when finished. 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.

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

**August 26, 2018**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**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

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# Service for the Lord's Day

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

We invite you to come to the Welcome Center in Westminster Hall (the room just below the Sanctuary) to learn more about First Presbyterian Church.

## Prelude

Karen Collier

## Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell

## Greeting & Announcements

## Minute for Ministry – SAFE House

Ritchie Drennen

## ♦Call to Worship

One Blessed are those who live in your house, O God,  
ever singing your praise.

**Many Happy are those whose strength is in you.**

One For a day in your courts is better than a thousand  
elsewhere.

**Many For the LORD God is a sun and shield;**

One Blessed is everyone who trusts in you.

**Many Praise the LORD!**

## ♦Hymn 2236 *Gather Us In* (from *Sing the Joy* hymnal)

## ♦Call to Confession (1 John 1:8-9)

One If we say we have no sin,  
we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**Many If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and  
just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us  
from all unrighteousness.**

One In confidence of God's enduring love and  
forgiveness, let us confess our sins to God.

## ♦Prayer of Confession (from *Feasting On the Word*)

**Watchful God, you know our plight.**

**Offended, we have not believed your words.**

**Complaining, we have betrayed your love.**

**We are weak, estranged, wandering and lost.**

**Seeking to stand in our own strength, we fall.**

**Strangers to your holiness, we wander.**

**Defenseless against evil within and without,  
we are lost.**

**Shine your light in our darkness,**

**and guide us back to our place in you. Amen.**

## ♦Assurance of Pardon

One The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we  
were yet sinners,

**Many Christ died for us,  
Christ rose for us,  
Christ reigns in power for us,  
Christ prays for us.**

One The old life is gone;

**Many The new life has begun.**

One Believe the Gospel and be at peace:

**Many In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.  
Alleluia!**

## ♦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 #576 *Gloria, Gloria*

## 9♦Hymn 207 *How Lovely, Lord*

## Act of Friendship (Learn the names of your pew mates.)

Please complete Prayer Request Card.

## 9Children's Time

## Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Karen Collier

## 9 Doxology #592; Prayer of Dedication

## Prayer for Illumination

*As a Child Rests in its Mother's Arms* (from the *Glory to God* hymnal)

**As a child rests in its mother's arms, so will I rest in you.**

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## God's Good News from the Old Testament

*Psalms 84:1-12* (OT pg. 543)

## 9Anthem *Shall We Gather at the River*

Kasey Stewart, soloist

arr. Aaron Copeland

## God's Good News from the Epistles

*Ephesians 6:10-20* (NT pg. 195)

One This is the Word of the LORD.

**Many Thanks be to God.**

## Message *Are You Strong Enough?*

Matt Matthews

## Prayers for Ourselves and Others

*The Lord's Prayer* (Hymnal pg. 16)

## ♦Hymn 420 *God of Grace, God of Glory*

## ♦Benediction

## ♦Congregational Choral Benediction

**The Spirit sends us forth to serve to scatter joy like seed**

**And all our days to cherish life to do the loving deed.**

**Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.**

**God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.**

## ♦Postlude

Karen Collier

(If you wish to be seated for the postlude, you may.)

♦Please stand if able.

The **Prayer of Confession** this morning comes from *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion, Liturgies for Year B*, vol. 2.

# This Week

## Sunday, August 26

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM CYF Family Event/Alley
- 10:10 AM Feasting on the Word/Parlor
- 11:00 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Chapel
- 3:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 3:00 PM SAFE House Benefit/Hessel Park

## Monday, August 27

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204-207, Café
- 11:00 AM Stanley Bush Memorial/Sanctuary
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

## Tuesday, August 28

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204-207, Café
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 6:30 PM Community Mission Deacons/Westminster Hall
- 7:00 PM DREAAM Program Orientation/Youth Library

## Wednesday, August 29

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204-207, Café
- 1:15 PM Pakistan Study/Parlor

## Thursday, August 30

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast/Library
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204-207, Café
- 1:00 PM ESL Tutor Training/Café

## Friday, August 31 Church Office closes at 12 noon

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall

## Saturday, September 1

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

# Worship

- Liturgist this morning is **Judi Geistlinger** at the 8 AM service and **Gary Peterson** at the 9 AM service. Want to serve? Contact **Judi Geistlinger** at [judgeistlinger@outlook.com](mailto:judgeistlinger@outlook.com).
- We **welcome children** of all ages to worship and we are so glad they are here to learn and grow in the faith. The CYF committee has provided green pew cards with tips on the back for guiding children in worship. We encourage the congregation to be patient as children learn. If you are interested in serving as a pew partner, an adult that will help sit beside and guide unaccompanied children through worship, please contact our Director of Children, Youth, and Families, **Mindy Watts-Ellis** ([mindy@firstpres.church](mailto:mindy@firstpres.church)).
- This morning's **sermon** is available online on Monday or printed copies can be found in the kiosks next Sunday.

# 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](mailto:membership@firstpres.church)) or call the church office.
- **Feasting on the Word**, adult Spiritual Formation drop-in class meets each Sunday at 10:10 AM in the Parlor. Bring your coffee and join us!
- Looking for a small group or class for adults? Check out the opportunities at the sign-up table in Westminster Hall this week and look for the new **Small Group and Adult Education Opportunities** brochure in kiosks around the church campus. More information is also available through email to [info@firstpres.church](mailto:info@firstpres.church) and by phone to the church office at 217-356-7238.
- Would you like to join the 100 participants of our weekly **Prayer Chain**? Just send your e-mail address to either **Jane Seiler** at [seilerjh@aol.com](mailto:seilerjh@aol.com) or **Marcia Franks** at [marcia@firstpres.church](mailto:marcia@firstpres.church).

## Fall Worship Schedule

The Sunday morning schedule will be adjusted this fall to allow a dedicated block of time for the Sunday School from 10:15 to 11:05 AM. **Beginning September 9, 2018**, the Contemporary (The Gathering) worship service time will move to 11:15 AM.

### Fall Schedule September 9

- 8:00-8:45 Contemplative Worship
- 9:00-10:00 Traditional Worship
- 10:00-10:10 Fellowship
- 10:15-11:05 Sunday School/Adult Education
- 11:15-12:15 Contemporary Worship

- Want to be a part of something BIG in our church community? Don't miss Hearts, Hands & Voices: A Community Together on Sunday, September 16, from 10:15 AM to 12:45 PM. We'll experience creative worship, sing uplifting music, and share a meal together. The mission portion of our "big event" will involve all of us working together to provide supplies to local mission agencies (Courage Connection, Salt & Light, Jesus is the Way, and others). Your opportunity to assist begins today! There will be a table in Westminster Hall for two Sundays where you can donate supplies that can be packaged to be distributed to our agency partners. Or, if you prefer, cash donations will be used to buy these (and many other) supplies. We especially need women's full sized body wash, lotion, or face wash, any brand.
- Contact Ann Stout at [mrsas2003@gmail.com](mailto:mrsas2003@gmail.com) with questions, to volunteer, or if you have a pop-up tent you can loan.