

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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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 the following week; video is available at 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) for more information about children and youth education and family events.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

September 2, 2018 15th Sunday after Pentecost

22nd 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

Service for the Lord's Day

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

The Welcoming

Prelude *Fugue*

G. F. Handel

Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell

The Greeting and Announcements

Drawing Near to God

9Introit *Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart*

Aurthur Messiter

Call to Worship

One Listen! God, our beloved Creator, whispers to us:

Many **Echoes of grace sound in our hearts, hope resonates in our souls.**

One Listen! Christ, our beloved friend, calls to us:

Many **Faithfulness is the life He shares, generous service is the path we will follow.**

One Listen! The Holy Spirit, our beloved Peace, transforms us:

Many **The voice of our Beloved sounds through all creation, welcoming all into the household of God.**

❖Hymn 411 *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

❖Call to Confession

One Do we honor God only with our lips, while keeping our hearts from the Holy One? Do we deceive ourselves, thinking we are religious rather than living faithful lives? Let us confess to God our sin, trusting in the One who seeks to make us whole...

❖Prayer of Confession

God of light, we confess that we live in the shadows of hypocrisy and self-righteousness. We honor you with our lips, but we have not served you in our hearts. We are satisfied with human traditions and norms and avoid your liberating truth. We have confused meekness with weakness, holiness with social conformity, and anger with righteousness. Forgive us, we pray. By the power of your word, save us from the prison of our conceit so that we may serve you with sincere hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord...(continue to pray in silence.)

❖Assurance of Pardon

One Friends, do not despair: God renews us by the word of truth,

Many **That we might become the first fruits of God's creation. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

❖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*

9Children's Sermon

Act of Friendship and Offering of Gifts and Tithes

A Table Set By God

David Lantz

Please complete Prayer Request Card

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

A Reading from the Epistles

James 1:17-27 (NT pg. 229)

A Reading from the Gospels

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (NT pg. 42)

One This is the Word of the Lord.

Many **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *Mirror, Mirror on the Wall*

Eric Corbin

The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical version; see screen)

Responding to God's Word

Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We are Invited

We give Thanks (*sung to Day Is Done – Ar Hyd Y Nos*)

For the fruit of all creation, Thanks be to God.

For the gifts to every nation, Thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us, For the truths that still confound us.

Most of all that love has found us, Thanks be to God...

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

The Meal is Set

The Meal is Shared

We Close in Prayer

❖Hymn 391 *Take My Life*

❖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 *Toccata*

J. Pachelbel

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

❖Please stand if able

This Week

Sunday, September 2

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:10 AM Feasting on the Word/Parlor
- 11:00 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 12:00 PM New Americans & Session/Parlor
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Chapel
- 3:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall

Monday, September 3 Office Closed for Labor Day

- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, September 4

- 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
- 9:30 AM Big Event Planning Team/Library
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 6:30 PM Cuba Study/Matthews' Home

Wednesday, September 5

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204-207, Café
- 10:00 AM Pakistan Study/Parlor
- 5:30 PM Covenant Bible Study/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Thursday, September 6

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast/Library
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204-207, Café
- 12:00 PM Care Deacons/Westminster Hall
- 5:30 PM Spiritual Formation/Library
- 6:00 PM YoungLives/Centennial Hall

Friday, September 7

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

Saturday, September 8

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

Worship

- Liturgists this morning are **Gloria Read** at the 8 AM service and **Jeannie Snoeyink** at the 9 AM service. Want to serve? Contact **Judi Geistlinger** at judgeistlinger@outlook.com.
- We are pleased to welcome this morning **Long-Tao (Pierre) Tang** as our new **organist**.
- 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).
- This **flowers** in the Sanctuary this morning are from the memorial service for **Stanley Bush**.
- 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) 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!
- The **Sanctuary Choir** is ready to get up and running and we want YOU to join us. Rehearsals are each Wednesday from 7-8 PM and we would love to have you with us. Singers from middle school up are welcome to be a part of our group. Drop by and join the fun!
- Check out the opportunities for adults 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 available through email to info@firstpres.church and by phone to the church office at 217-356-7238.

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
- 11:15-12:15 Contemporary Worship

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- 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. •
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- Contact Ann Stout at mrsas2003@gmail.com with questions, to volun- •
- teer, or if you have a pop-up tent you can loan. •
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