

**That in your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to you.**

❖ **Postlude Processional** Grayson Ives (b. 1948)
(If you wish to be seated for the postlude, you may.)

❖ Please stand if able

World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA in 1933 where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor. It spread very slowly at the start. It was during the Second World War that the spirit caught hold. World Wide Communion symbolizes the effort to hold the world together. It emphasizes that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world.

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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Children, Youth & Families

Please sign your child in at the Welcome Center in Westminster Hall. There you will receive a name tag for your child/ren and a matching identification label to be used by the parent or guardian at pick up. Children who wish to attend Sunday School will meet their teachers at the baptismal font following worship. The teachers will lead the children to their classrooms in the Education Building across the alley. Our child care rooms for children 4 years and under are open from 8:45 AM-12:15 PM each Sunday. The Christian Education hour is 10:15-11:05 AM. Pick up children in the Education Building from their classrooms. Nursery through Kindergarten children are located on the first floor. First grade through High School classes are located on the second floor.

Schedule

- 8:45-9:00 Children check-in at the Welcome Center and gather in the children's corner
- 9:00-10:00 Children attend traditional worship with family or pew partners
- 10:00-10:15 Children follow their teachers to classrooms for fellowship and snack
- 10:15-11:05 Educational lessons in the classrooms
- 11:05 Children dismissed to parents
- 11:00-11:30 Children's Choir rehearsal in the chapel (starting 9/23)
- 11:15-12:15 Children attend The Gathering worship with family

Contact our Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, **Mindy Watts-Ellis** (mindy@firstpres.church) for more information.

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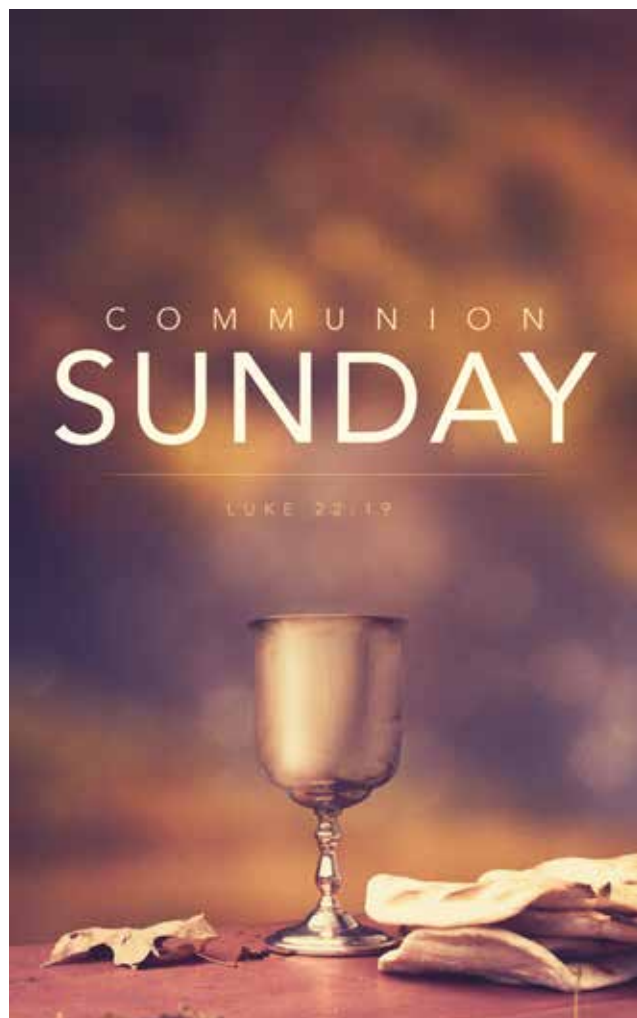
October 7, 2018

World Communion Sunday

20th Sunday after Pentecost

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 *Festival Voluntary, Op. 87* Flor Peeters (1903-86)

Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell

The Greeting and Announcements

Minute for Ministry –

2018 Raindrop Project Thank You from Jeff and Christi Boyd

Drawing Near to God

Introit Elect of God

Call to Worship

One We have come together to praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Many **We dwell in the house of God all the days of our lives as one people; we will sing songs of praise and give thanks for God's steadfast hope in us.**

One Who today will bless God for God's surpassing greatness?

Many **Let everything that breathes worship and praise God!**

❖ **Hymn 343** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

❖ **Call to Confession**

One God is eager to hear our "I'm sorry" prayers.

Many **We confess our sins trusting God's grace in Christ to heal us from sin.**

One Lord, listen to your children praying.

Many **Lord, hear our prayer.**

❖ **Prayer of Confession**

One Jesus, we know the ways in which sin separates us from God.

Many **Forgive us, LORD.**

One Jesus, we confess our unwillingness to claim the sin in our lives.

Many **Forgive us, LORD.**

One Sometimes the greatest sin of all is our own complicity with what is wrong in the world.

Many **Forgive us, Lord.**

One We want to love as you commanded, Jesus, but too often catch ourselves justifying the injustice of hunger, poverty, war, and all the prejudices we didn't know we had.

Many **Forgive us, LORD.**

One Forgive us so that the lessons we learn at the Spirit's nudging may help bring the peace and love you seek in our families, the church and the world.

Many **Forgive us, LORD. Guide our steps. AMEN.**

❖ **Assurance of Pardon**

One Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Many **Alleluia!**

One Know that in Christ you are forgiven and be at peace.

Many **Thanks be to God.**

❖ **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 (Learn the names of your pew mates.)

Children's Sermon

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Fresh Outpouring

The Gathering Band

Please complete Prayer Request Card

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

O Lord, Hear My Prayer (from the *Glory to God* hymnal)

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.

When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer.

O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

A Reading from the Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 29:4-7 (OT pg. 731)

A Reading from the Epistles

Ephesians 4:1-6 (NT pg. 193)

One This is the Word of the Lord.

Many **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *The Welfare of the City*

Matt Matthews

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional 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

O Taste and See

Richard DeLong

We Close in Prayer

❖ **Hymn 439** *In Christ There Is No East or West*

❖ **Benediction**

❖ **Congregational Choral Benediction**

Go With Us, Lord (from the *Glory to God* hymnal)

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way

Through this and every coming day,

This Week

Sunday, October 7

- 9:00 AM Combined Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English/Room 204
- 10:15 AM Sunday School/CE Building
- 10:15 AM Adult Education/Parlor Living Room
- 11:00 AM Children's Choir/Chapel
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Chapel
- 3:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 5:30 PM High School Youth Group/Café

Monday, October 8

- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 1:00 PM Prayer Ministry Team/Library
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 6:30 PM Epilepsy Support/Westminster Hall

Tuesday, October 9

- 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
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/U of I Atkins Bldg.
- 12:00 PM Mission Team/Westminster Hall

Wednesday, October 10

- 8:30 AM SEA Group/Parlor
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204-207, Café
- 11:30 AM Stephen Ministry Support/Parlor
- 11:30 AM PEB Potluck/Neelma's
- 12:00 PM CYF Team/Chapel
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Thursday, October 11

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast/Library
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204-207, Café
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor
- 4:30 PM Finance Team/Library

Friday, October 12

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

Saturday, October 13

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

Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Ginny Waaler**. Want to serve? Contact **Judi Geistlinger** at judgeistlinger@outlook.com.

•**Communion will be celebrated this morning.** Please help those around you who might have difficulty passing the communion plates. We traditionally hold the bread until all are served then eat together. Please note to avoid spilling, pass the plate then take a piece of bread or a cup of juice.

•We celebrate **World Communion** with flags of the world. We attempt to represent the countries of our members/attendee's birth. If we left off a flag that represents your homeland, please let the church office know.

•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. 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 **Mindy Watts-Ellis** (mindy@firstpres.church).

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

•In order to make room for our new **Glory to God** hymnals, we are retiring *The Presbyterian Hymnal* (our old blue hymnal) on Sunday, October 14. The retired hymnals will be returned, as best as we are able, to the families who donated them. Our new hymnals will be dedicated on Sunday, October 21. God has given us a song to sing! Alleluia!

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!

•Wondering what an octogenarian son of a Mississippi sharecropper has in common with a California surfer who plays rock and roll for a living? Come find out on Sunday mornings, October 7-November 18, 10:15 - 11:05 in Mae Chapin Parlor as we read and discuss **One Blood** by John M. Perkins.

•All **high school youth** are invited to join our **new youth group** for weekly activities and bible study. We meet every Sunday from 5:30-7 PM in the education building. For questions or more information contact **Lizz Pippin** at lizz@firstpres.church.

Serve

•The **Nominating Committee** is now seeking names for 2019 Church Officers for Elders, Deacons and the Nominating Committee. Forms to nominate someone you know or even yourself can be found in the kiosks around the church, the Welcome Center and online.