

❖ **Hymn #191** *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*

❖ **Benediction**

❖ **Congregational Choral Benediction**

God Be With You Till We Meet Again #542

**God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again**

❖ **Postlude**

Pierre Tang

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

❖ Please stand if able

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 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.
- If you would like to hear the service in French, please pick up headphones and a receiver at the back of the Sanctuary. Si vous souhaitez que le service soit traduit en français, procurez-vous un récepteur et des écouteurs à l'arrière du sanctuaire.
- 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

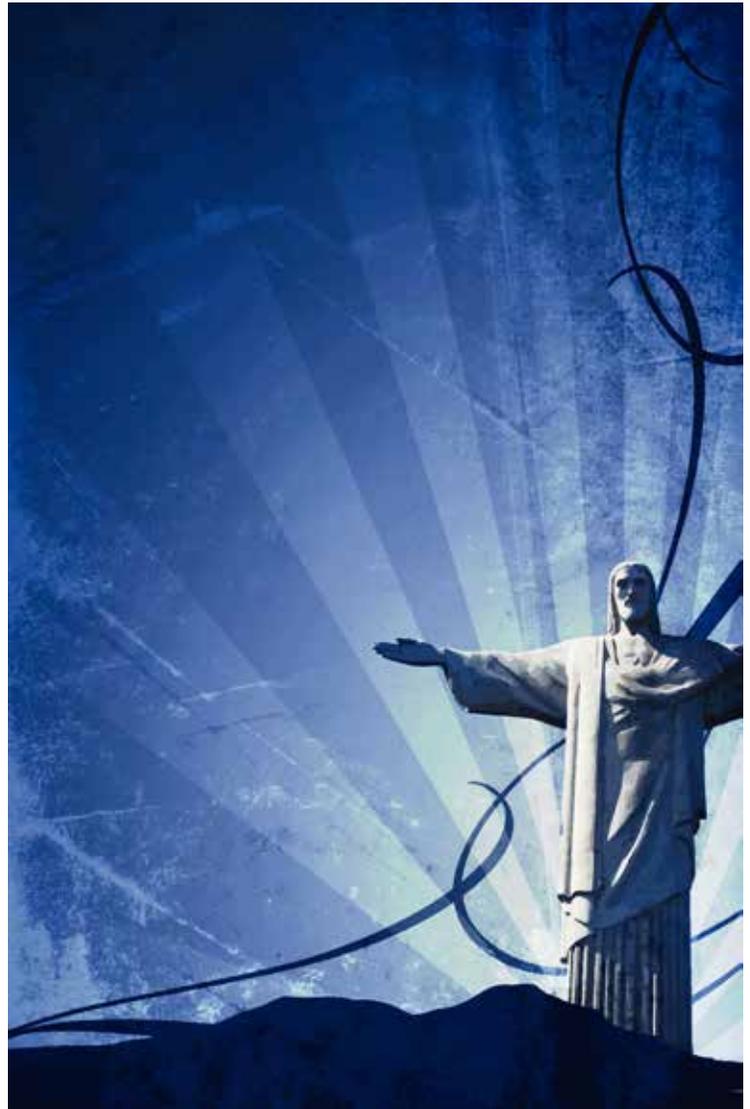
Please sign your child in at the Welcome Center in Westminster Hall. There you will receive a name tag for your child/ren and a matching identification label to be used by the parent or guardian at pick up. Children who wish to attend Sunday School will meet their teachers at the baptismal font following 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.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

March 3, 2019
Transfiguration of the Lord
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.

We'd love to connect with you this morning. Fill out the Friendship Pad when passed, then stop by our Welcome Center after the service to receive a small gift. Enjoy some coffee, meet new people, and learn how our church can become your home.

Prelude Pierre Tang

Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell

Greeting and Announcements

Moment for Ministry – Lenten Study Sandy Carr

9Introit *Holy, Holy, Holy* Franz Schubert

❖ Call to Worship

We gather together to worship God.

We gather because we have seen:

the bush was aflame,

and yet it was not consumed.

There were just five small loaves,

and yet there was bread leftover.

We gather because we have heard

God's voice in mighty thunder

and in sighs too deep for words.

God called Jesus "Beloved" on a mountaintop,

and God has called our names.

We have seen. We have heard.

God is here. Let us worship God together!

❖ **Hymn #667** *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

❖ Call to Confession

Sometimes we wait for God to astound us with whirlwinds of wonders, while God silently offers us grace. God waits to forgive us, so let us hold nothing back, but place our trust in the One who listens to our prayers and answers us with mercy. Join me as we pray together...

❖ Prayer of Confession

God of Mercy and Grace, you come to us in Jesus of Nazareth to break down the dividing walls of hostility between us, yet we maintain walls that separate and isolate. You give us the ministry of reconciliation, yet we nurse our wounds and withhold mercy and forgiveness. You invite us to join with Peter, James and John on the mountain of Transfiguration, yet we deny the wonders you have worked in our own lives. You ask us to acknowledge and share our wealth, yet we refuse to recognize and relieve the poverty around us. You bless our lives with boundless love, yet we fail to witness to that love, and so keep others from knowing you. Forgive our selfishness, we pray. Transform us by your Spirit and your Word into the people you have called us to be...(continue to pray in silence). Amen.

❖ Assurance of Pardon

On mountaintops and in valleys, in our hopes and in our hearts, God knows us better than we know ourselves, and God forgives us when we cannot forgive ourselves!

By God's mercy, we are forgiven; by God's mercy, we are made whole; by God's mercy, we are equipped to serve others. Thanks be to God! Amen.

❖ Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please greet one another in the peace of Christ.)

Response #586 *Alleluia*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

9Children's Time

Offering of Gifts and Tithes Please complete Prayer Request Card

9Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal arr. Alice Parker

9Sung Response *All Creatures of Our God and King* #15

(Lyrics adapted)

All creatures of our God and King,

Lift up your voice and with us sing: Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,

And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

9Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination *Spirit of the Living God* #288

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Exodus 34:29-35 (OT pg. 81)

A Reading from the Gospels

Luke 9:28-43a (NT pg. 69)

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Punching Holes in the Darkness* Eric Corbin

Affirmation of Faith (by Rev. Dr. Barbara Hedges-Goettl)

The communion of saints, called from the entire human family, is united by God. As the people of God, we love one another. We experience, practice, and pursue community with one another. We give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another. We are a benefit and blessing to one another. We share one faith and have one calling. We are one body, and are of one soul and mind. We have one God and Lord. We are filled with one Spirit. We are baptized with one baptism. We eat of one bread and drink of one cup. We confess one name and are obedient to one Lord. We work for one cause and share one hope. Thanks be to God.

Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We are Invited

We give Thanks

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 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.

The Meal is Set

The Meal is Shared

We Close in Prayer

This Week

Sunday, March 3

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 204
- 10:15 AM Adult Education *Faith in the Real World*/Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM Sunday School/CE Building
- 11:00 AM Children's Choir/Chapel
- 11:15 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Chapel
- 3:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 5:30 PM Youth Group/CE Bldg.

Monday, March 4

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207; Café
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 1:15 PM PEB Study/Westminster Hall
- 4:00 PM HR Meeting/Library
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, March 5

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207; Café
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/U of I Atkins Bldg.

Wednesday, March 6 Ash Wednesday

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207; Café
- 5:30 PM Covenant Bible Study/Parlor
- 6:00 PM ESL Class/Café
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir/Bell Choir Room
- 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service/Sanctuary
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Thursday, March 7

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast/Library
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207; Café
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor
- 11:00 AM Compassion, Peace, Justice/Library
- 12:00 PM Congregational Care Deacons/Parlor
- 5:30 PM Spiritual Formation/Library
- 6:00 PM YoungLives/Centennial Hall

Friday, March 8

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

Saturday, March 9

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

•Copies of the **2018 Annual Report** are available in the kiosks throughout the church and on our website.

Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Richard Coddington** at the 8 AM service and **Sarah Laufenberg** at the 9 AM service. Want to serve? Contact **Judi Geistlinger** at judgeistlinger@outlook.com.

•We **welcome children** of all ages to worship. The CYF committee has provided green pew cards with tips on the back for guiding children in worship.

•If you would like to hear the **service translated into French**, please pick up a receiver and headphones from the back of the Sanctuary. Si vous souhaitez que le service soit traduit en français, procurez-vous un récepteur et des écouteurs à l'arrière du sanctuaire.

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

•**Lent begins March 6, with Ash Wednesday.** We will gather in the sanctuary at 6:30 PM for a brief service of worship, including music and the imposition of ashes.

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.

•**Looking for ways to deepen your spiritual life?** This week the Sunday morning series ***Faith in the Real World*** at 10:15 in the Sanctuary features **Christopher Capozziello** who will focus on *Scenes from America: Society, Justice*.

•Lent is an appropriate time to deepen our understanding and practice of forgiveness. Join **Sandy Carr** for ***Forgiveness: A Lenten Study*** Sunday mornings at 10:15 March 10-April 14. Books at \$10 each are on sale this morning in Westminster Hall.

•**Irene Lamkin** is turning 100 years old, on March 13. Irene's family would like to honor her with an **Open House** Saturday, March 9, from 1-3 PM at Windsor Court in the Activity room. If you can't go, she would love cards. Please NO gifts. Irene's address is: 401 Burwash Ave R167, Savoy, Illinois 61874.

•The U of I Black Chorus under the direction of **Dr. Ollie Watts Davis** will present ***Landmark***, a **black sacred music symposium**, March 10, 2019 at 5 PM at Follinger Great Hall. Tickets available at Krannert Center ticket office (217.333.6280).

•The **Mission Possible** trip this year is May 13-18. We will be helping Camp Carew in Makanda, IL refurbish several buildings as well as building a Monarch butterfly garden. Carpentry, painting/staining or general picking up skills are needed to make this a successful trip. Adults of all ages are welcome. Come the afternoon of March 24 from 4-6 for a potluck in Centennial Hall for details and a chance to hear more and maybe even join in.

Serve

•Please **help us welcome** our visitors and members/guests who are mobility challenged. Consider parking in the metered spaces on Sunday mornings. Parking is free on weekends! Stretch those legs, and leave the church lot spaces for visitors and for those who need to be closer to the ramp door.

High school Youth will host a

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, March 10

10-11 AM Centennial Hall

Enjoy pancakes, bacon and breakfast casserole.

Proceeds support High School youth summer trip to Triennium.