

# 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!

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- 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

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 Children's Corner in Westminster Hall. 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

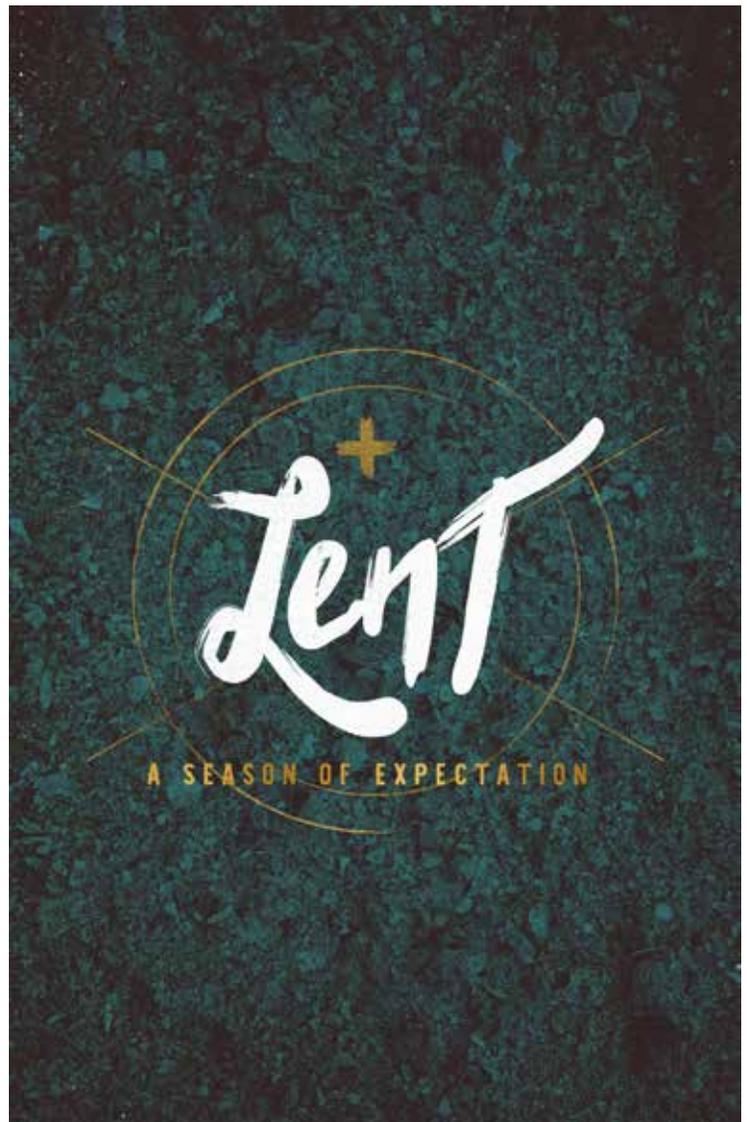
Contact our Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, **Mindy Watts-Ellis** (mindy@firstpres.church) for more information.

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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

**March 31, 2019**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**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 & Announcements

## Minutes for Mission

### ECIRMAC

Lisa Wilson, Executive Director

## 9Introit *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

Ken Barker

## ◆Call to Worship (*Psalms 100*)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord is God.

**It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,  
**and his courts with praise.**

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

**For the Lord is good;  
God's steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

## ◆Hymn #401 *Gather Us In*

## ◆Call to Confession

As the thief on the cross next to Jesus called upon Jesus, let us call upon him for mercy.

#227 *Jesus, Remember Me* (A sinner's prayer, sung)

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

## ◆Prayer of Confession

Father, you make us and you keep us in being. But we are ungrateful and do what comes easiest. Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, you show God's will to stay with us as friends. But we run away out of fear and of habit. Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit, your fire gives true light and courage and vision. But we prefer comfort or meaningless squabble. Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

O God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – you are eternally with us and eternally beyond,

**forgive and free us from our sins,  
from all that makes us flee from life,  
and comfort us with divine, abiding love. Amen.**

## ◆Assurance of Pardon

God who hears our prayers of confession is eager to forgive. Hear the good news and be at peace:

**In Jesus Christ, by the grace of God, our sins are forgiven. Alleluia!**

## ◆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 of Gratitude #447 *We Are Forgiven*

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.**

**Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.**

**Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

## 9Hymn #302 *When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace*

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

Please complete Prayer Request Card.

## 9Children's Time

## Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Pierre Tang

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

*(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 and Thanksgiving

## 9Anthem *See Now the Lamb of God*

Gottfried Homilius

## Prayer for Illumination #474 *As a Child Rests* (refrain)

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

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

## Psalm *Psalms 90:1-2* (Complete Jewish Bible)

This is the Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Message

8 *The LORD Is Our Dwelling Place*

Pastor Matt Matthews

9 *A Conversation With Max Libman*

Pastor Matt Matthews

## 9Choral Response to the Sermon

*Even When God Is Silent*

Michael Horvit

Text found on basement wall in Cologne after WWII.

Composed in 1988 for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kristalnacht.

## Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

**The Lord's Prayer** (Hymnal pg. 35)

## ◆Hymn #372 *O For a World*

## ◆Charge and Benediction

## ◆Congregational Choral Benediction

#542 *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

**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

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

Pierre Tang

◆Please stand if able.

# This Week

## Sunday, March 31

- 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 Lenten Study/Parlor
- 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/Chapel
- 5:30 PM Youth Group/CE Bldg.

## Monday, April 1

- 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, April 2

- 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.
- 6:00 PM Church & State Bell Ringers/Sanctuary

## Wednesday, April 3

- 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
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

## Thursday, April 4

- 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 Care Deacons/Parlor
- 5:30 PM Spiritual Formation/Library
- 6:00 PM YoungLives/Centennial Hall

## Friday, April 5

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Family Library
- 9:30 AM Church Women United/Westminster Hall

## Saturday, April 6

- 8:00 AM Adopt-a-Highway/CE Bldg Entry
- 6:00 PM Praise & Prayer Gathering/Centennial Hall

# Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Eric Stickels** at the 8 AM service and **Henry Laufenberg** 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. The CYF committee has provided green pew cards with tips on the back for guiding children in worship.

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

•**Spring flowers will decorate our Sanctuary for Easter.** Each plant is \$13. If you would like to contribute in memory or honor of someone, place your check along with the notation "Easter flowers" in the offering plate. Please include a note who the plant(s) are given in memory or honor of.

# 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.

•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.

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

•**Cuba Two Step...Sunday, May 5.** Salsa dancing at 4 followed by Cuban dinner at 5 PM. Tickets available. \$20 donation suggested. Proceeds support the work of the Presbyterian Reformed Church of Cuba.

# Serve

•April 6 is the next **Adopt-a-Highway**. New and continuing volunteers need to sign waivers available in the church office or at the Welcome Center. We will meet at the entrance to the Education Building on April 6 at 8 AM. Questions, contact **Nancy Brombaugh** 356-2817.

•**Help is needed throughout the year for empty tomb food deliveries.** First Pres has long partnered with *empty tomb* in providing groceries to those in need. Stop by the Welcome Center to volunteer and learn more.

•The **East Central Illinois Refugee Mutual Assistance Center** (ECIRMAC) will hold their Fundraising Banquet on Saturday, April 27, at the Round Barn Banquet Centre. Contact the center at 344-8455 or [admin@ecirmac.org](mailto:admin@ecirmac.org) if you would like tickets or inquire about making a donation. Board President **John Muirhead** would be happy to assist you in securing tickets.