

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

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

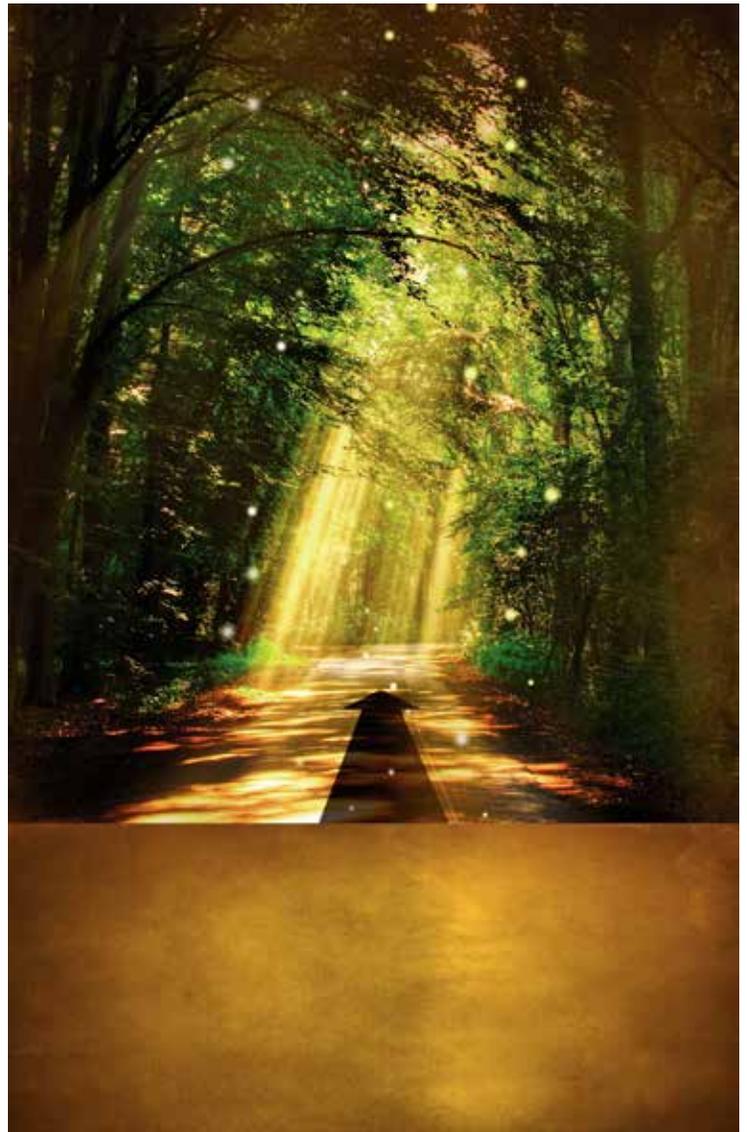
Contact our Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, **Mindy Watts-Ellis** (mindy@firstpres.church) for more information.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

April 28, 2019
2nd Sunday of Easter
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

Minute for Ministry – Spiritual Formation Pat Phillips

9Introit *Let the Peoples Praise You, O God* R. Rossi

◆Call to Worship

Light looked down and saw darkness.

“I will go there,” said Light.

Peace looked down and saw war.

“I will go there,” said Peace.

Love looked down and saw hatred.

“I will go there,” said Love.

So he, the Lord of Light,
the Prince of Peace,
the King of Love,
came down
and crept in beside us.

The LORD is risen!

He is risen, indeed.

Let us worship God

The LORD's name be praised.

◆**Hymn #240** *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

◆**Call to Confession** (from *John 20:19, 26*)

When we keep our fears and faults locked up inside us,
it is hard to be healed and receive new life.

So let us open ourselves to God in confession,
trusting the Lord's desire to give us peace.

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

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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◆**Prayer of Confession** (from *John 20:19-27*)

**God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts,
when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world,
forgive us and help us to find our voice.**

**When we are afraid to forgive and to love again,
forgive us and give us the power to forgive.**

**When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority,
join with the weak to make us all strong.**

**When we are confined by our hurts,
touch us with your wounded hands and set us free.**

**When we are locked behind our doubts and fears,
pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and
give us peace. Walk with us on our Emmaus Road.**

Amen.

◆**Assurance of Pardon**

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

Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

The old life is gone;

The new life has begun.

Believe the Gospel and be at peace:

In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

◆**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 #240 *Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

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9Hymn #254 *That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright*

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 Jean René Balekita

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

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

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A Reading from the Gospels *Luke 24:13-35* (NT pg. 90)

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

Message *Just Another Miracle on the Emmaus Road*

Pastor Matt Matthews

Affirmation of Faith “Apostles Creed” (Hymnal pg. 35)

9Call to Prayer *O God Be Gentle To Us and Bless Us* R. Rossi

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal pg. 35)

◆**Hymn #762** *When the Poor Ones*

◆**Charge and Benediction**

◆**Congregational Choral Benediction**

#748 *Go With Us, Lord*

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way

through this and every coming day,

that in your Spirit strong and true

our lives may be our gift to you.

◆**Postlude**

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

Pierre Tang

◆Please stand if able.

This Week

Sunday, April 28

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 204
- 10:15 AM TED Talk/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 Building

Monday, April 29

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207; Café
- 11:30 AM ESL Advisory Committee/Café
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 1:15 PM PEB Study/Westminster Hall
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, April 30

- 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.
- 7:00 PM Called Session Meeting/Westminster Hall

Wednesday, May 1

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

Thursday, May 2

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast/Library
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Family Library
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207; Café
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor
- 11:00 AM Compassion, Peace, Justice/Library
- 11:15 AM ESL Info Mtg/Café
- 12:30 PM Congregational Care Deacons/Parlor
- 5:30 PM Spiritual Formation/Library
- 6:00 PM YoungLives/Centennial Hall
- 7:00 PM Transportation Team/Parlor

Friday, May 3

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

Saturday, May 4

- 9:00 AM Cuba Forum/Westminster Hall
- 9:30 AM DREAAM Saturday School/Room 212
- 1:00 PM Wedding Shower/Parlor
- 6:00 PM Praise & Prayer Gathering/Centennial Hall

Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Bruce Rainey** at the 8 AM service and **Kurt Ruthsmandorfer** 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.

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•You have another chance to contribute to the **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering** this morning. A gift to OGHS enables the PCUSA to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. Drop your donation into the OGHS offering envelope or simply mark your check "OGHS."

•This morning's **sermon** is available online this next week 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.

•Join with others in viewing and discussing a 20 minute TED Talk TODAY in the Parlor at 10:15. The **Reverend Tom Honey** is an English vicar with a reputation for thoughtful sermons that disdain cliché or easy answers. He addresses a classic problem in theology: How can the existence of evil be reconciled with a God who is supposed to be all-loving, all-knowing and all-powerful? Is God in control? Does God order each moment? Does God have a plan for each of us? Do the wind and waves obey him?

•Saturday, May 4, **Annual Cuba Forum**, Centennial Hall 9-11 AM featuring **Professor Ellen Moodie** and a report of the 2019 trip to Havana by the **Matt and Rachel Matthews, Robert Ferrer and Judi Geistlinger**.

•**Cuba Two Step...Sunday, May 5.** Salsa dancing at 4 followed by Cuban dinner at 5:30 PM. Tickets available. \$20 donation suggested. Proceeds support the work of the Presbyterian Reformed Church of Cuba.

Serve

•**Amateur Preachers** invites you to learn more about their work. **Pastor Matt** will lead a discussion of how we write and think about sermons. We'll worship together. We'll conclude with a dinner to which our families will be invited. **Wednesday, May 22, 3 PM.**

We invite you to be our guest on

Sunday, May 12 9:00 am

as our Sanctuary Choir presents

Mozart's Missa Brevis in C

Only one traditional service that day.

Contemporary Service will be held at 11:15 am.