

# 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 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
- 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](mailto:mindy@firstpres.church)) for more information.

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## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

**May 5, 2019**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**Cuba Sunday**  
**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.

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# 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

### 9Introit *Sing a New Song to the Lord*

Hal Hopson

### ❖Call to Worship

The LORD is risen!

**He is risen, indeed.**

Let us worship God.

**The LORD's name be praised.**

### ❖Hymn #321 *The Church's One Foundation*

### ❖Call to Confession (from *Feasting on the Word*, Ps. 30:3)

When your soul is suffering in silence,  
call out to the Lord our God,  
who heals our brokenness,  
who lifts us up from the pit  
and restores our lives.  
Let us confess our sin.

### ❖Prayer of Confession (from *Feasting on the Word*)

**Lord God, in the light of your glory**  
**we see the evil we have done,**  
**the suffering we have caused,**  
**the good we have refused,**  
**and the truth we have denied.**  
**Heal us of our sin,**  
**wash us in your mercy,**  
**and feed us with your grace,**  
**so that we may follow your way**  
**and tell the good news of the gospel. Amen.**

### ❖Assurance of Pardon

Rise up from the dust!  
Cast off the shroud of sorrow  
and put on the joy of the Lord.  
In Jesus Christ we 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.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

### 9Hymn #497 *Bread of Life from Heaven* (vs. 1 and 5)

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

Please complete Prayer Request Card

### 9Children's Time

*Go Into the World*

Natalie Sleeth

Children's Choir; Pierre Tang, director

## Offering of Gifts and Tithes

*Bread of the World*

Daniel Burton

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

### 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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### Hope from the New Testament Acts 9:1-20 (NT pg. 127)

This is the Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

### Sermon *Reflections for Cuba Sunday*

Matt Matthews

### A Prayer from Cuba

### 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 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

### ❖Hymn #372 *O For a World*

### ❖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

Pierre Tang

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

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❖Please stand if able

# Church greetings from Luyano

*Dear sisters and brothers in First PC Champaign,*

*With joy and gratitude we give thanks to our risen Lord for the mutual bonds that bind us together in faith and mission, as a visible expression of the one body of Christ.*

*Our partnership had brought us together in different ways and in beautiful exchange trips, strengthening friendship and mutual understanding. We are grateful for your gracious ways in supporting different outreach programs our congregation is involved with.*

*Together we learn, we love, we laugh.*

*If there is any possible invitation I can dare to make, I will encourage you to be part of the evening programs. Taste the dancing and the cooking, at a Cuban style. Know that there is more of that here in the not so far Havana.*

*Despite the terrible situation between our two governments, we remain as bridges of hope, building relationships and approaching each other no matter what. That's a powerful testimony to the world.*

*May God bless you abundantly this Sunday as we worship together.  
May God bless His people always.*

**Rev. Daniel Izquierdo**

The **partnership between the First Presbyterian Church Champaign and the Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada de Luyano Havana** is a covenant relationship between our two congregations agreed upon by our session and their consistory. The covenant was formalized in November 2012 and embodies our unity in Christ by striving to be a faithful witness of Jesus in our families, our communities, and the world.

Our partnership endeavors to sensitize both our church families to critical situations in our societies and cooperates in the projects to which the church can make a substantial contribution to our joint mission of unity.

Those of us who have been to Cuba (and hosted Cuban guests here) are eager to invite you to learn more about the sacred ties that bind us together as brothers and sisters. Come to our Cuba party today! 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.

## Worship

- Liturgist this morning is **Mary Lou Bauer** at the 8 AM service and **Bob Kirby** 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.

## 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.
- Join with others TODAY in the Parlor at 10:15. **Dr. Joe Grant** will present a program about the Mass featured for this year's Spring Music Sunday, May 12, at 9 AM.
- Earth Day** will be celebrated by our church on May 19. Watch the ESC's bulletin board in Westminster's back hallway and the Church Newsletter for further announcements.

## 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.**
- Make the Mission Possible.** Additional volunteers are needed for the Mission Possible adult work trip to Camp Carew at Makanda, IL May 12-18, 2019. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please share this information. Questions? Call **Dave McNattin** at 649-1019. This is the last opportunity to sign up!

*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.*