

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.

Pastors:

Eric Corbin

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We want to get to know you!

- Fill in the Friendship Pads; please use a name tag.
- Introduce yourself to 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; video is available at www.firstpres.live

Children, Youth & Families

There is no Sunday School this morning but most weeks...

Please sign in your child in the education building. There you will receive a name tag for your child/ren and a matching identification label to be used by the parent or guardian during pick up. Our nursery and toddler rooms (birth - 2yr) are open from 8:45 AM-12 PM each Sunday. The Sunday School education hour for K-8th grade is during the 9 AM worship service. The education hour for Confirmands and High School students is from 10:10-11 AM.

Schedule

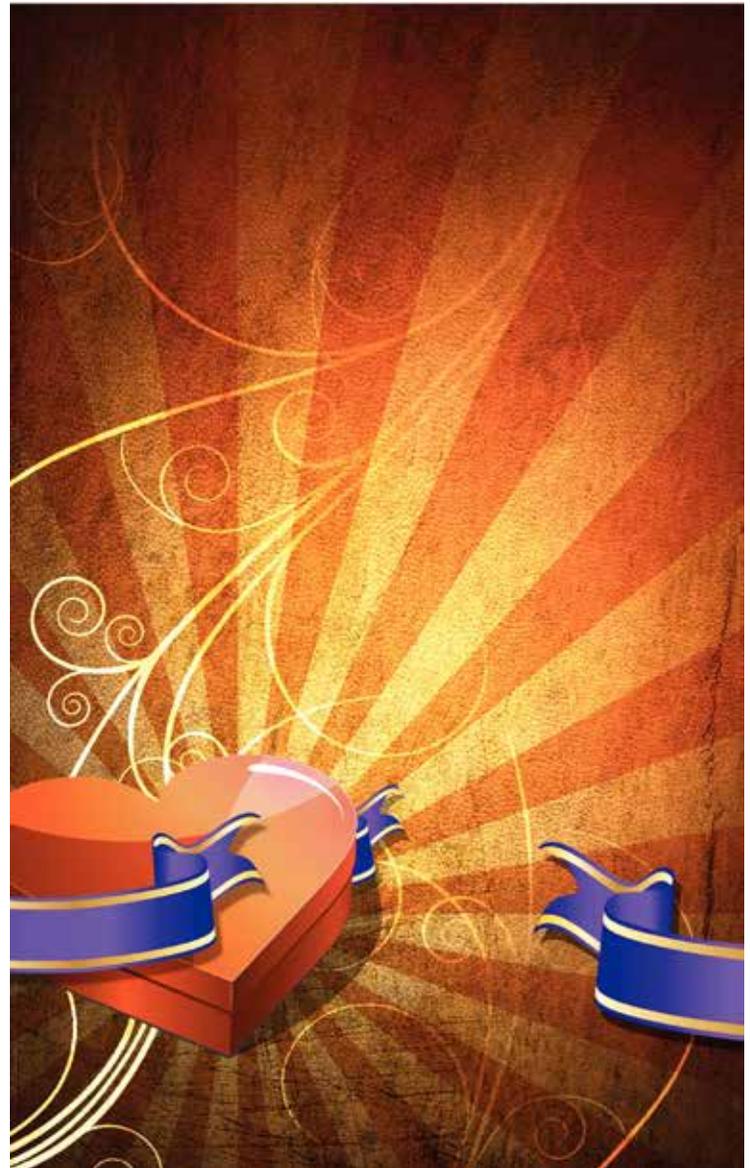
- 8:45-9:00 Children check-in and gather in the chapel
- 9:00-9:15 K-5 grades in worship, then class in the Education Building until 10 AM
- 9:00-10:00 Preschool and Middle School lessons in their classrooms
- 10:00-10:30 Children's Choir in the Chapel
- 10:00 Parents pick up children in the family library on the first floor of the Education Building
- 10:10-11:00 High School Class, Confirmation Class (runs October 1-May 20)
- 11:00 Parents pick up of youth at Education Building entrance
- 11:00-12:00 Nursery and toddler rooms still available for child care

Contact our Director of Children, Youth, and Families, **Mindy Watts-Ellis** (mindy@firstpres.church) for more information about children and youth education and family events.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

November 26, 2017 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

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Service for the Lord's Day

A special welcome to those at our church for the first time.

Prelude Richard Rossi
Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell
Greeting

Introit Elect of God

Call to Worship (from Psalm 47)

Leader All of you nations, clap your hands and shout joyful praises to God.

People The Lord Most High is fearsome, the ruler of all the earth.

Leader God goes up to his throne, as people shout and trumpets blast.

People Sing praises to God our King, the ruler of all the earth!

Leader Let us worship God!

People The Lord's name be praised.

◆ **Hymn 142** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

Children's Sermon

Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne...(continue to pray in silence)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader However long we wander, however far we stray, God's steadfast love endures forever. Sisters and brothers, be assured: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People We will live as forgiven people, reconciled to God and each other. 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 #576 *Gloria, Gloria*

Special Music *Sing to the King*
The Gathering Band

Act of Friendship & Updates

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Richard Rossi

#592 Doxology; Prayer of Dedication

Scripture *Psalm 100* (OT pg. 552)

Anthem *Make a Joyful Noise* Don Kalbach

Scripture *Ephesians 1:15-23* (NT pg. 192)

Message *Thank God, Christ is King*

Litany

Leader Christ is King!

People Alleluia!

Leader Christ is the Lord of beginnings and endings.

People Christ is King! Alleluia!

Leader Christ is Lord of the atom and of the universe.

People Christ is King! Alleluia!

Leader Christ is Lord of the one and of the many.

People Christ is King! Alleluia!

Leader Christ is Lord of birth and of death.

People Christ is King! Alleluia!

Leader Christ is Lord of the seed and of the harvest.

People Christ is King! Alleluia!

Leader Christ is Lord of foundation and spire.

People Christ is King! Alleluia!

Leader Christ is Lord of baptism and requiem.

People Christ is King! Alleluia!

Leader Christ is Lord of the quest and of the return.

People Christ is King! Alleluia!

Leader Christ is Lord of history and of new beginnings.

People Christ is King! Alleluia!

Leader Christ is King!

People Alleluia. Amen. Alleluia.

Call to Prayer *Hear Our Prayer* Richard Rossi

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

◆ **Hymn 150** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

◆ **Benediction**

◆ **Choral Benediction** *Go Now in Peace* Richard Rossi

◆ **Postlude** Richard Rossi

◆ Please stand if able.

This Week

Sunday, November 26

- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM Congregational Meeting/Sanctuary
- 10:45 AM Reception/Westminster Hall
- 11:00 AM Advent Study/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Chapel

Monday, November 27

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204 & 207
- 12:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor
- 3:00 PM SAFE House Class/Westminster Hall
- 5:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, November 28

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204 & 207
- 9:00 AM PWV Coordinating Team/Westminster Hall
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Atkins Bldg.
- 12:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 6:30 PM Community Mission Deacons/Westminster Hall

Wednesday, November 29

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204 & 207
- 12:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 1:00 PM Pakistan Study/Parlor
- 5:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 6:30 PM Cuba Study/Bob & Claudia Kirby's home
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Thursday, November 30

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Hardees
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204 & 207
- 9:00 AM Circle of Joy/Baytowne
- 12:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 1:00 PM Circle of Faith/Parlor
- 5:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 7:00 PM Circle of Peace/Parlor

Friday, December 1

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 11:00 AM Prayer (French)/Centennial Hall
- 12:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Prayer (French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM Prayer (French)/Centennial Hall

Saturday, December 2

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

Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Ginny Waaler**.

•We welcome to our pulpit this morning the **PNC's candidate for Senior Pastor**. Immediately following the service there will be a Congregational Meeting for a vote by ballot on the candidate. There is no Sunday School this morning. The Adult Education Class will begin at 11 AM immediately after the Congregational Meeting.

•**Christmas poinsettias** will decorate our Sanctuary this coming holiday season. Poinsettias are \$13 per plant and can be given in honor or memory of someone. Include "poinsettia" on your check along with a note of who it is given for.

•**Advent Devotionals** by Henri Nouwen are available in the kiosks and at the Welcome Center. Share in a more personal Advent coming this season – the presence of Christ in our hearts in the here-and-now of grace-filled moments through the meditations.

Connect

•Please **join us for a study** of *God is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The class starts this morning for 4 weeks in Mae Chapin Parlor. Books are available for \$10. Facilitator is **Peter Yau**. This morning's class will begin at 11 AM immediately following the Congregational Meeting. The following Sundays the class will be held at 10:10 AM.

•The **Christmas Tea** hosted by Presbyterian Women will be held Thursday, December 7 at 12 NOON in Westminster Hall. Join us for *Stories of Christmas Carols*. A light lunch along with scrumptious Christmas sweets will be served.

•FPCC will continue the annual Christmas tradition of having an **Angel Tree**. Each ornament on the tree will represent an item on the wish list of a local agency. You may take as many ornaments as you wish! After you have purchased the item, please bring it to the church by Sunday, December 17. Monetary donations can be placed in offering plate during worship or sent to the office. Make check to the church with the agency's name in the memo line. The Angel Tree will be up starting next week.

Serve

•The Human Resource Committee is looking for volunteers. We meet the first Monday of each month at 5 PM. We are an active committee and at times can involve a few hours per week. We deal with staff issues, pastoral issues and act as an ombudsman when needed. Contact **Bill Marble** 217.621.7881 or **Ann Stout** 217.359.7487.