

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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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

January 1, 2017 10 AM

We want to get to know you!

- Fill in the Friendship Pads.
- 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 at the back of Sanctuary.
- Wheelchairs are available for in-church use.
- Printed sermons are available; audio can be found early the following week on the church website.

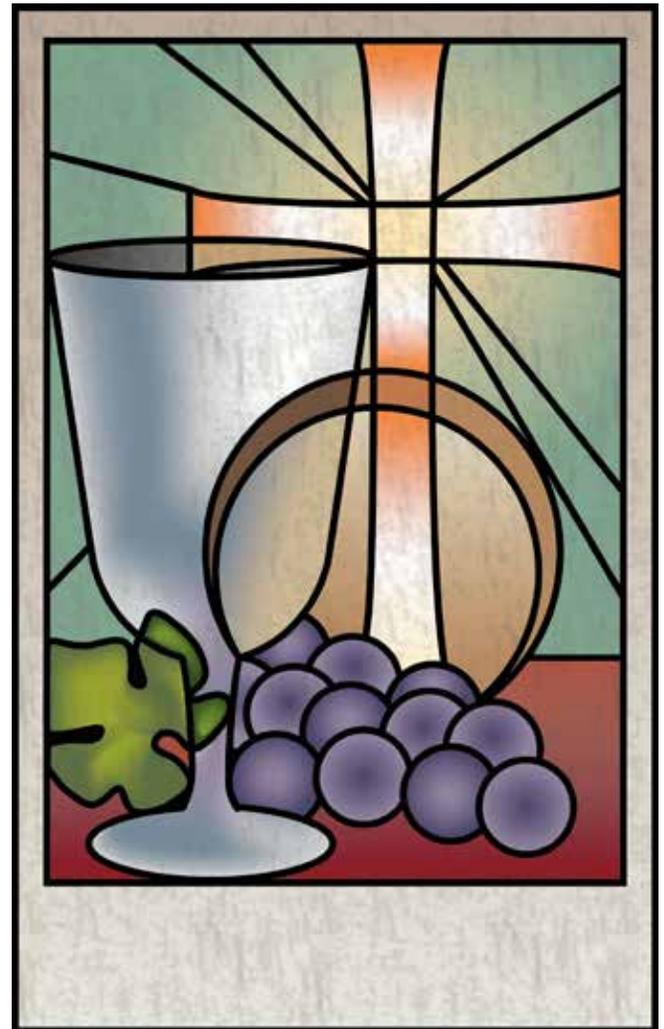
Children, Youth & Families

Please sign in your child in the Education Building. There you will receive a nametag for your child and a matching identification label to be used by the parent during pick up. Classes for Preschool-8th grade begin at 9 AM. High school youth Sunday school begins at 10:30 AM after worship. All classes are held in the Christian Education Building. Children will be served a snack in their class. Our Nursery and Toddler Rooms (birth – 2 years) are open from 8:45 – 10:30 AM each Sunday.

Schedule

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| 8:50-9:00 | Students check-in |
| 9:00-10:00 | Sunday School for Preschool – 8 th Grade |
| 10:00 | Parents may pick up Preschool children |
| 10-10:30 | Children's Choir practice or Mission project option (K-8) |
| 10:30 | Parents pick up students in the Chapel or Café in the Christian Education Building. |
| 10:30-11:30 | High School and recent grad group in the Christian Education Building |

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



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.

The Welcoming

Prelude

Karen Dohme

Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell

The Greeting and Announcements

Drawing Near to God

Call to Worship

Leader God is like the gentle shepherd.

People **Leading us beyond our wants through this New Year.**

Leader Leading us beyond our fears,

People **Leading us to a place of rest.**

Leader Leading us to a place where we sing the music of God's love and praise,

People **And feel new strength to walk through the heights, valleys and shadows the New Year will bring.**

Leader Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

All **Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host! Let us offer praise and worship the Lord!**

❖ **Hymn #63** *As With Gladness Men of Old*

❖ **Prayer of Confession**

Leader When we pray, we speak to God.

People **When we pray, God speaks to us.**

Leader Let us, therefore, enter into dialogue with our creator.

All **We confess without reservation that our dialogue with you, Lord, is not really a dialogue. Most often this past year we asked without really listening and complained without offering thanksgiving. We have prayed and cannot understand why we get no response. Awake us to wonder in the New Year: If you called, would we answer? Or would you get a busy signal? Would you leave a message, and get no answer in return? We confess to impatience and an unwillingness to sit in the holy stillness of your presence. Forgive us and grant us grace to embrace a New Year willing to listen to your voice and try again. In this minute of silence, let us be still and practice listening to what you would say to us this day... (One minute of silent prayer)**

❖ **Assurance of Pardon** (Adapted from *Isaiah 63:9*)

Leader Even when we try and fail again and again,

People **God loves us still.**

Leader It is no messenger or angel that saves us but God's presence in Christ that saves us.

People **Through God's love and pity we are redeemed through Christ's birth, death and resurrection.**

Leader Through Christ God lifts us up and carries us in the waters of his salvation love.

All **In the riches of God's grace, we accept the peace and salvation of Christ, which passes all understanding.**

❖ **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 #579 *Glory Be To the Father*

Act of Friendship

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

I Wonder as I Wander

Joe Grant, soloist

Please complete Prayer Request Card

Hearing God's Word

Scripture *Isaiah 63:7-9* (OT pg. 693)

Matthew 2:13-23 (NT pg. 2)

Sermon *A Tricky Move*

Pastor Chuck Carlson

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Responding to God's Word

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation to the Table

The Thanksgiving

Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

The Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Karen Dohme

The Lord's Prayer (hymnal pg. 16, Traditional)

❖ **Hymn #53** *What Child Is This?*

❖ **Benediction**

❖ **Benediction Response**

May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever. Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor. Lift your eyes and see His face, and His grace forever. May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

❖ **Postlude**

Karen Dohme

❖ Please stand if able

This Week

Sunday, January 1

10:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary

Monday, January 2 Office Closed

5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, January 3

7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study/Centennial Hall

10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor

12:00 PM Classic Book Study/2nd Floor Atkins Bldg.

Wednesday, January 4

10:00 AM Path to Peace/Parlor

6:00 PM Bell Choir/Bell Room

7:00 PM Contemporary Rehearsal/Centennial Hall

7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir/Choir Room

Thursday, January 5

7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Hardees on South Neil

9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor

6:30 PM Officer Training/Westminster Hall

Friday, January 6

8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel

Saturday, January 7

3:00 PM Worship Prep/Centennial Hall

6:00 PM Praise & Prayer/Centennial Hall

Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Harry Bremer**.

Connect

•There will be a **Congregational Meeting** on Sunday, January 8, 2017 at 10 AM in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the following officers to serve beginning in 2017.

Session

Celeste Kim

Bill Marble

Pat Metcalf

Cesar Myampara

Gary Peterson

Ann Stout

Congregational Care Deacon

Kathy Kinser

Linda McKay

Jeannie Murray

Skip Pickering

Cathy Stickels

Community Mission Deacon

Nancy Brombaugh

Barbara Fuller Curry

Nominating Committee

Brandi Lowe

Eric Stickels

Bill Stout

•**Peace and Justice Seminar**, "Diversity: A Gift and Obligation" Saturday, January 14, 2017, 10 AM – 12:30 PM Westminster Hall. Purpose of the seminar is to engage in action-oriented dialogue that can lead to strategies to practice peace and justice at an individual and congregational level. Seminar will open with a brief worship and close in prayer. Facilitator: **Rev. Alonzo Johnson**, is coordinator for the Self-Development of People in the Compassion, Peace, Justice Ministry and convener of the Educate a Child, Transform a World national initiative of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

•**Pastor Chuck** will lead a study of our newest confession, the **Belhar Confession**, written in the context of the struggle with apartheid in South Africa. Belhar addresses the themes of unity, reconciliation, and justice. Join us for a 30 day journey through the confession. We will meet four Sundays starting January 29. at 10:30 in Centennial. On Sunday January 15, we are hoping to have a special orientation and presentation of the Belhar by our visiting pastor the Rev. Alonzo Johnson from Louisville, in Centennial at our Adult Education hour at 10:30 AM.