

# 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

### July 16, 2017 8 and 9 AM

## 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; audio can be found early the following week on the church website.

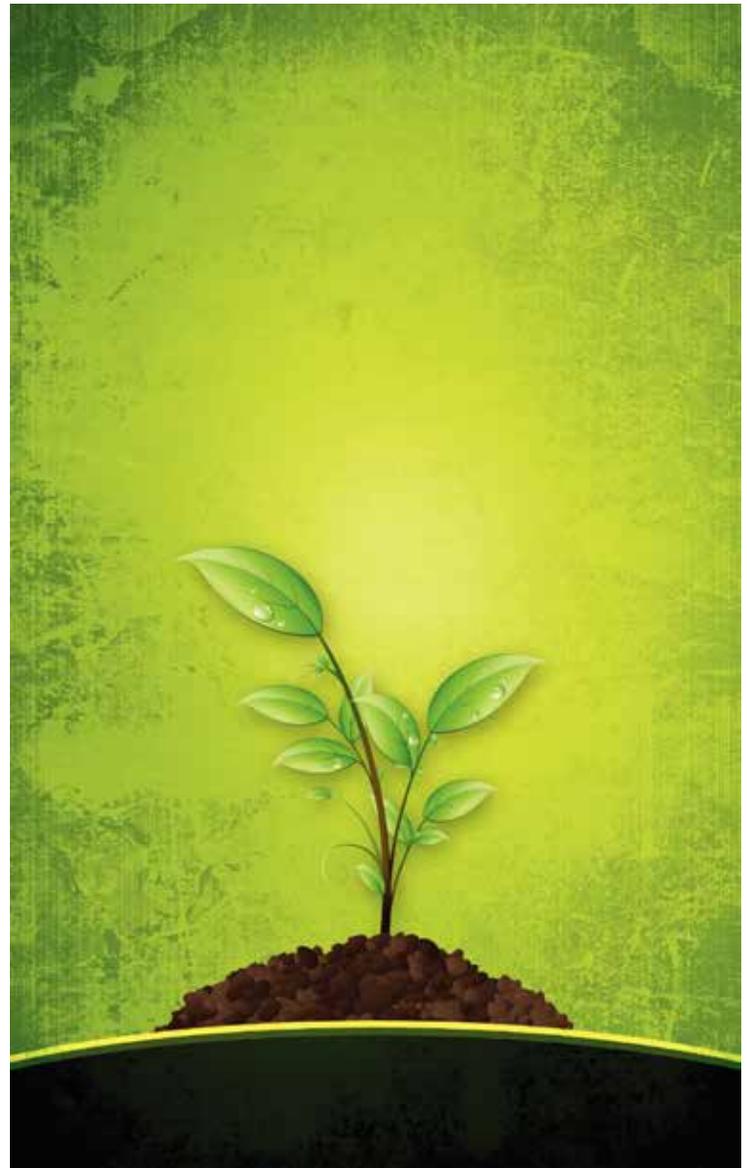
## Children, Youth & Families

Please sign in your infant or toddler in the Education Building. Our Nursery and Toddler Rooms (birth – 2 years) are open from 8:45 – 11:30 AM each Sunday. There you will receive a nametag for your child and a matching identification label to be used by the parent during pick up. **Sunday School classes for other ages are not being held on Sunday mornings for the month of July.** Children 3 yrs old to entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to attend Vacation Bible School Sunday afternoons from 1-3:30 PM. VBS will be held July 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. Registration is required.

### Schedule

- 8:50-9:00 Children check-in  
10:20-10:30  
9:00-10:00 Child care for infants and toddlers  
10:30-11:30  
10:00 Parents pick up Infants and toddlers in the classroom in the Christian Education Building.  
11:30

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.



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**

**9Minute for Mission – Go & Serve Report**

**Greeting and Announcements**

**9Introit** *O Be Joyful in the Lord* Hal Hopson

## Call to Worship

Leader Out of the blue

**People God comes to us.**

Leader In the midst of turmoil

**People Jesus walks toward us.**

Leader As darkness closes in

**People The Holy Spirit lights a way for us.**

Leader Out of the blue

**People Jesus comes through.**

Leader When times are tough

**People God is enough.**

Leader As questions arise

**People The Holy Spirit is wise.**

Leader Let us raise our voice in song;

**All May our praise be loud and strong!**

◆**Hymn 430** *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

## ◆Prayer of Confession

Leader The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit (*Psalm 34:18*). Let us admit our brokenness to God: Lord, we have betrayed you by following our own way.

**People We have denied you by fearing to follow in your path.**

Leader We have not taken your sacrificial act of love on the cross seriously.

**People Lord, we are lost. Let your forgiveness find us.**

Leader Hold us in your strong arms and grant to us your salvation life.

**All Live in and be with us day by day, that together we live to the praise of your glory.**

## ◆Assurance of Pardon

Leader Hear the words of Psalm 103: "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**People God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

Leader For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him."

**All: Let us thank God who through Jesus Christ demonstrates God's abundant mercy and grace! Amen.**

## ◆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*

Act of Friendship

9Children's Sermon

9◆**Hymn 2055** *You Are My Hiding Place*  
(from *Sing the Faith* hymnal)

**Offering of Gifts and Tithes**

Richard Rossi

9#592 **Doxology; Prayer of Dedication**

**Scripture** *Psalm 119:105-112* (OT pg. 569)

9**Anthem** *Abide With Me* arr. Moses Hogan

**Scripture** *Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23* (NT pg. 13)

**Message** *What Kind of Soil Am I?* Pastor Chuck Carlson

9**Call to Prayer** *Give Ear Unto Our Prayer* Hal Hopson

**Prayers of the People**

*The Lord's Prayer*

◆**Hymn 371** *Lift High the Cross*

◆**Benediction**

8◆**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.**

9◆**Choral Benediction** *Go Forth in the Light of the Lord*  
Hal Hopson

◆**Postlude** Richard Rossi

◆Please stand if able.

# This Week

## Sunday, July 16

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Go & Serve Trip Sharing/Parlor
- 10:30 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 10:30 AM Summer Drop-In Study/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Pastor Nominating Committee/Parlor
- 1:00 PM Vacation Bible School/CE Building

## Monday, July 17

- 11:00 AM GROW/Chapel
- 11:00 AM Pastor Nominating Committee/Parlor
- 1:30 PM SAFE House Class/Westminster Hall
- 3:30 PM Environmental Team/Parlor
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 5:30 PM World Missions/Westminster Hall

## Tuesday, July 18

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor

## Wednesday, July 19

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 10:00 AM Stephen Ministry Training/Parlor
- 7:00 PM Contemporary Rehearsal/Centennial Hall

## Thursday, July 20

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Hardees on South Neil
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 6:30 PM Session/Westminster Hall

## Friday, July 21 Church Office closes at noon

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel

## Saturday, July 22

- 11:00 AM Bob Brunson Memorial Service/Sanctuary

**The church office will close at noon on  
Fridays throughout the summer.**

# Worship

- Liturgist this morning is **Dick Coddington** at the 8 AM service and **Linda Sandquist** at the 9 AM service.
- Please consider donating to the **Raindrop Project** which benefits Courage Connection. Courage Connection serves survivors of domestic violence. Either drop your donation into the plate or donate in Westminster Hall at the Raindrop Project table. Please mark "Raindrop Project" in the memo of your check.
- Earlier this summer letters and emails were sent out to get your thoughts on the **Sunday morning schedule**. (If you missed receiving the survey and letter, please let us know.) The communication included a brief survey which can be returned to the box provided in Westminster Hall, the church office or emailed to [marcia@firstpres.church](mailto:marcia@firstpres.church). To fill out the questionnaire online, please go to [www.firstpres.church/sundayschedule](http://www.firstpres.church/sundayschedule).

# Connect

- Join us this morning from 10:30-11:30 AM in the Parlor for the first of our **Summer Drop-In Classes**. Today's topic is *Parable of the Sower and a Fruitful Life* led by Cesar M'Nynamapara. No sign up is needed...materials provided each week.
- Dinners for 7,8 or 9** provide a great fellowship between our worshippers, neighbors and friends. Scheduled four times per year with participants and hosts rotating so you meet different people in a different home each time. Sign up forms and more information are available at the Welcome Center. Deadline for sign up is August 7.
- Gospel Jazz Fest**, supporting men's and women's SAFE houses, August 27 from 3-7 PM in Hessel Park. The event will be in memory of **Willie Summerville**.
- Annual Reports for 2016** are available in the kiosk at the Welcome Center or online.

# Serve

- DREAAM House** is in need of gift cards to local grocery stores or financial help in providing swim passes for the boys. Gift cards may be dropped off at the church office or you can simply write a check to the church marked "DREAAM." The DREAAM House staff will purchase the gift cards or swim passes. Thanks for your continuing generosity!

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*Dale and Ginny Tulje*  
*would like to invite you to join them*  
*Saturday, August 19, 2017*  
*in Westminster Hall between 2 and 4 PM*  
*to celebrate their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and Dale's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

*RSVP to the church office 217.356.7238*  
*or [info@firstpres.church](mailto:info@firstpres.church)*