

# 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 23, 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.

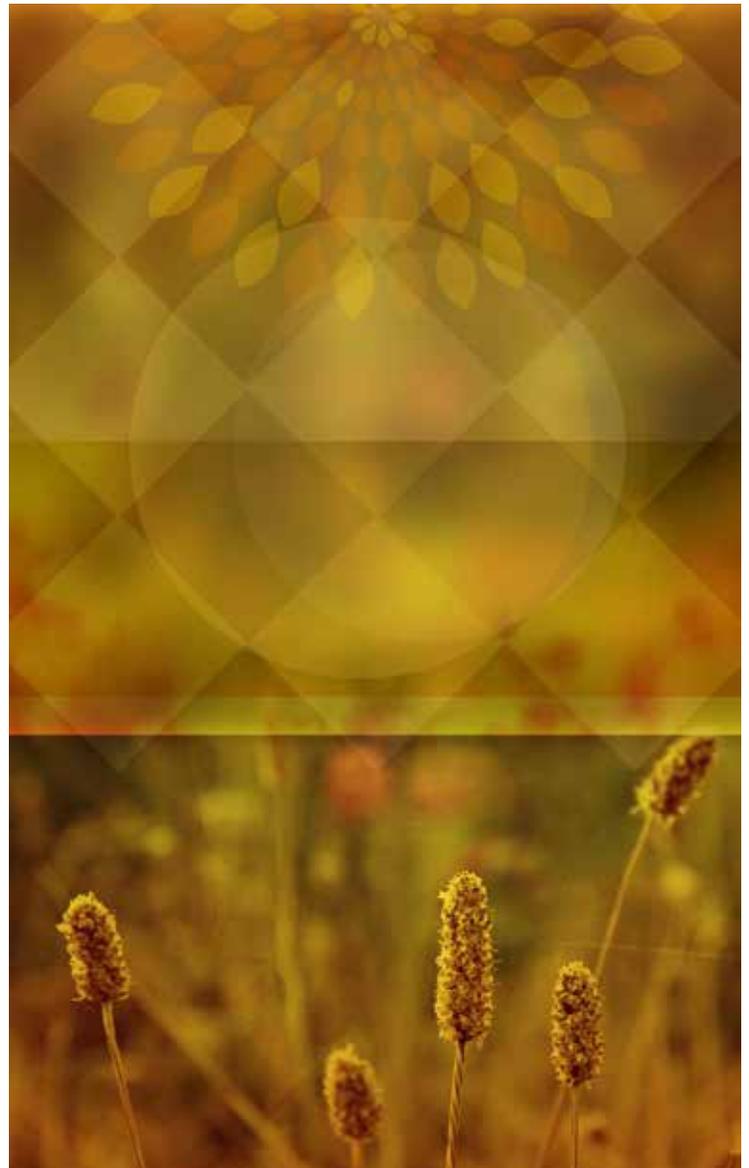
## Children, Youth & Families

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.



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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 and Announcements**  
**9Minute for Mission – Outreach** Gary Peterson  
**9Introit** *O Come, Let Us Sing* James Rivers

## Call to Worship

**Leader** We come with thanksgiving for the wonders of this warm and sunny season.  
**People** **Let us praise the God of the harvest.**  
**Leader** We come with anticipation for all that lies ahead at home, at church, and in our community.  
**People** **Let us praise the God who bequeaths to us a banquet of blessing through life.**  
**Leader** We come with joy in the knowledge that God's Spirit remains constant throughout the seasons of life.  
**People** **Let us praise our God who watches constantly over us no matter the season of life that we are passing through.**  
**All** **Let us sing our praise to God!**

◆**Hymn 293** *This Is My Father's World*

## ◆Prayer of Confession

**Lord, but for the constancy of your grace, we all would fall away from our faith in a moment. Thus, when we think of those who have been among us who may have done so, it is with no sense of superiority. We ask you to help us to see where we might have failed to communicate your truth to others who have walked with us, or failed to encourage them, or how we may have caused some to stumble. Lord, we all stand in need of your mercy. When our hearts are inclined to stray, and when we do, enable us to find our way back to you...**  
(silent confession)

## ◆Assurance of Pardon

**Leader** We believe in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who for our sake shared human life and human death, even death on a cross.  
**People** **We believe in the love of God, who is the source of all life and whose power raised Jesus from the dead.**  
**Leader** We believe in the community of the Holy Spirit, who works without ceasing to unite believers of every time and place in their one Lord, Jesus Christ.  
**All:** **As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. 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

9**Children's Sermon**

9◆**Hymn 2036** *Give Thanks* (from *Sing the Faith* hymnal)

**Offering of Gifts and Tithes**

Richard Rossi

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

**Scripture** *Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24* (OT pg. 577)

9**Anthem** *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Arnold B. Sherman

**Scripture** *Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43* (NT pg. 14)

**Message** *What Just Happened?* Pastor Chuck Carlson

9**Call to Prayer** *O Thou Who Hearest Prayer* James Rivers

**Prayers of the People**

*The Lord's Prayer*

8**Minute for Mission – Outreach** Gary Peterson

◆**Hymn 434** *Today We All Are Called to be Disciples*

◆**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** *May the Grace of Our Lord Be Upon You*  
James Rivers

◆**Postlude** Richard Rossi

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◆Please stand if able.

# This Week

## Sunday, July 23

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 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 24

- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

## Tuesday, July 25

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 5:45 PM Contemporary Worship Planning/Parlor

## Wednesday, July 26

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 10:00 AM Stephen Ministry Training/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Inclusion Ministry Team/Parlor
- 7:00 PM Contemporary Rehearsal/Centennial Hall

## Thursday, July 27

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Hardees on South Neil
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 5:30 PM Cuba Steering Committee/Parlor

## Friday, July 28 Church Office closes at noon

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel

## Saturday, July 29

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

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

# Worship

- Liturgist this morning is **Kathy Kinzer** at the 8 AM service and **Bill Gamble** at the 9 AM service.
- The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are giving in loving memory of **Robert E. Brunson** by his family.
- 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.

# 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 *Paradox in the Parable of the Weeds* led by **Gary Peterson**. 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.
- Sholem Fest...**All are welcome Sunday, August 13, 2017 at 6:30 PM at Centennial Park Pavilion and Sholem Pool. Enjoy live music, fun and fellowship. Fried chicken, hot dogs and water provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Parents must accompany their children.
- 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

- Support **DREAM House** by eating at El Toro II on Thursday July 27! 20% of bill will be donated to the DREAM House and will help us serve boys throughout the school year with after school programming. Find a flyer at the Welcome Center and join us at 723 S Neil Street in Champaign on Thursday!

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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*