

# 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 30, 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.

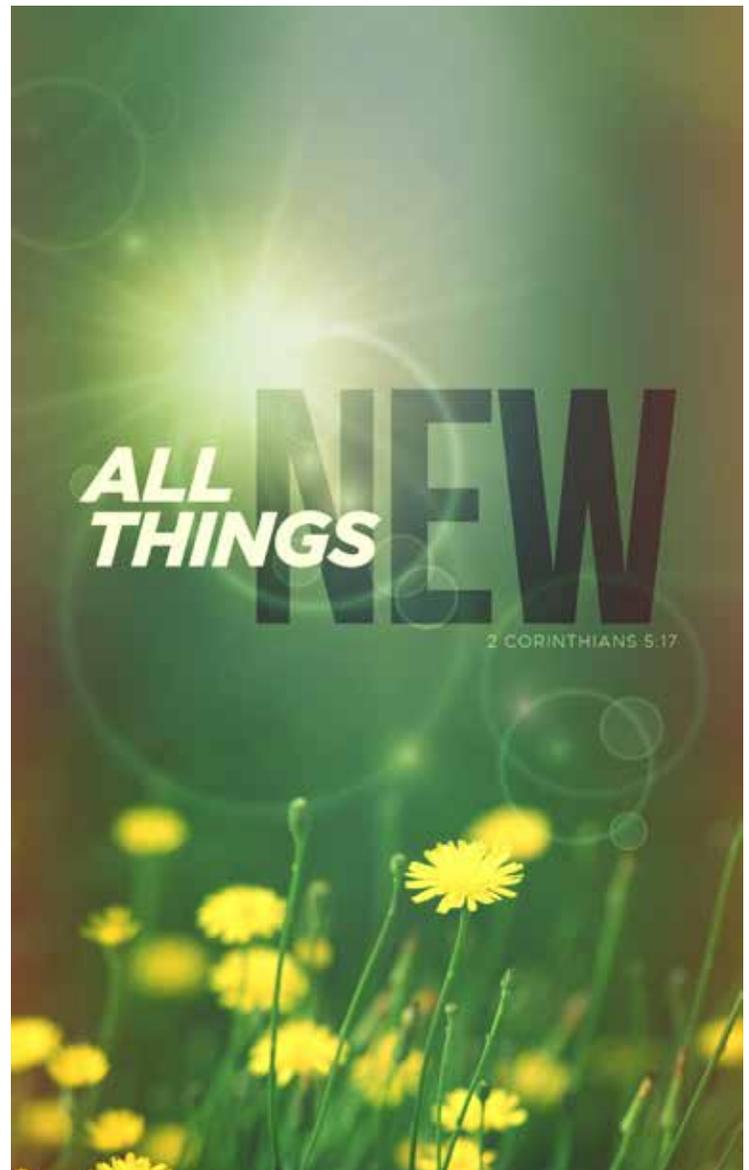
## Children, Youth & Families

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** Alexis Korbe  
**Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell**  
**Greeting and Announcements**

9**Introit** *Come, Let Us Praise the Lord* Byrd/arr. Hopson

## Call to Worship

**Leader** Come, all you weary and hurting.  
**People** **Here, we will find rest for our souls.**  
**Leader** Here, enter into the grace of forgiveness.  
**People** **Here, we will taste the living water of renewal.**  
**Leader** Set aside any anxious worry from the busy week.  
**People** **Here, we will find stillness before God.**  
**Leader** Lift up songs of praise to God.  
**People** **We will offer prayers that ease the restlessness of our souls.**  
**All** **Come and worship, for God is our Maker, our Defender and Guide.**

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

## ♦Prayer of Confession

Lord, you bless us with life in each new day; you fill our days with sunshine and joy. Yet we confess that we are more often inclined to notice the clouds and the disappointments. We allow the gray skies to move inside our souls and block out the rays of your grace. We let rain dampen our spirits and spoil the parade of your blessings. We give in to external circumstances and blot out the inner radiance of your love that constantly seeks to lift us into the hope of the gospel. Lord, open our eyes to see your beauty, possibilities and hope in everything. We open our hearts this morning to Christ's grace and acceptance. So now open our ears to hear your words of forgiveness as you call us by name. Deepen our trust in your will and way that we may be part of your ever expanding kingdom. Hear our silent prayers of confession...(silent confession)

## ♦Assurance of Pardon (adapted from Romans 8:31-39)

**Leader** What then are we to say about these things?  
**People** **If God is for us, who is against us?**  
**Leader** It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn?  
**People** **It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who intercedes for us.**  
**All** **Nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

## ♦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♦**Hymn 404** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

## Offering of Gifts and Tithes

*Come, You People, Rise and Sing* Kenneth Dake

## 9#592 Doxology; Prayer of Dedication

**Scripture** *Psalms 119:129-136* (OT pg. 569)

9**Anthem** Jean René Balekita and Bomoyi

**Scripture** *Matthew 13:31-33, 44-53* (NT pg. 14)

**Message** *Small Beginnings* Pastor Chuck Carlson

9**Call to Prayer** *Bow Down Your Ear, O Lord* Fatyeff/arr. Hopson

## Prayers of the People

*The Lord's Prayer*

♦**Hymn 386** *O For a World*

## ♦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** *Forth in the Name of Christ We Go*  
Schutz/arr. Hopson

## ♦Postlude

Alexis Korbe

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♦Please stand if able.

