

# 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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## 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.

### 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

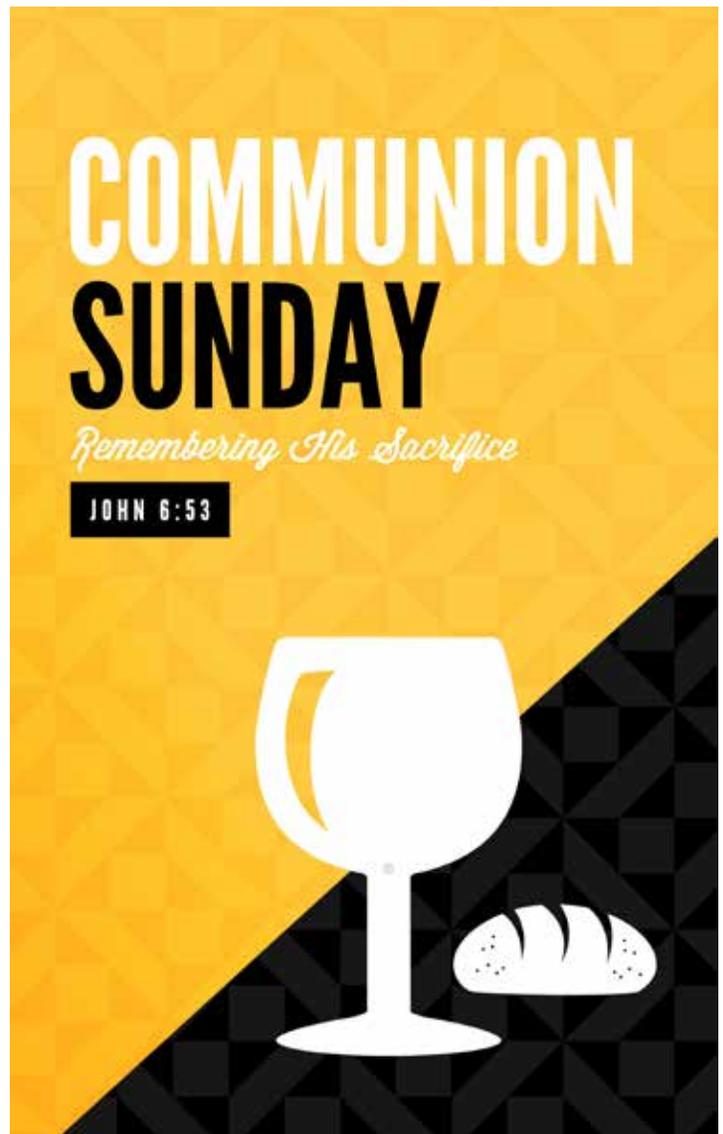
Contact our Director of Children, Youth, and Families, **Mindy Watts-Ellis** (mindy@firstpres.church) for more information about children and youth education and family events.



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

## September 3, 2017

### 8 and 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

# Service for the Lord's Day

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

## The Welcoming

**Prelude** Richard Rossi  
**Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell**  
**The Greeting and Announcements**  
**Moment for Ministry – Spiritual Formation Team**  
**Moment for Ministry – Pastor Nominating Committee**

## Drawing Near to God

### Call to Worship

**Leader** Gathered as God's people, we come to worship together:  
**People** **Singing praises to the One who loves us, opening our hearts to the One who calls us.**  
**Leader** Called to be God's people, we come to share our lives together:  
**People** **To celebrate the joys of our hearts, to mingle our tears with God's.**  
**Leader** Challenged to follow Jesus to the end, we come to learn how to be disciples:  
**People** **Denying ourselves, taking up our crosses, and following him.**

❖ **Hymn 422** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

### ❖ Prayer of Confession

**Lord, perhaps your voice issuing forth from a burning bush is what we need to shake us from our complacency. We have a hard time comprehending your call to us because we feel so inadequate to respond in faithful service, so we sometimes look to others to do the work. We find ourselves content to support their efforts with our funds and our limited interest. Now, Lord, we need to take the next step into service in your name. Forgive our slowness of action and heart, O Lord. Quicken our spirits to accept the call you have for us. Give us courage and strength to do your will and help others in need...(continue to pray in silence)**

### ❖ Assurance of Pardon

**Leader** In our love for others, we discover God's love for us. In our forgiving of others, we learn once more how deeply God has forgiven us. Friends, this is the good news offered to us!  
**People** **We are God's children, called to be different, called to new behavior, called to live as new people. Thanks be to God. We are forgiven. 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 #579 *Glory Be To the Father*

### 9Children's Sermon

## Act of Friendship

### Offering of Gifts and Tithes

*How Great Thou Art* arr. Stuart Hine  
Joe Grant, soloist  
Please complete Prayer Request Card

## Hearing God's Word

**Scripture** *Psalms 26:1-8* (OT pg. 503)  
*Matthew 16:21-27* (NT pg. 18)

**Sermon** *A Bumpy Road* Pastor Eric Corbin

### 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

Richard Rossi

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

❖ **Hymn 84** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

### ❖ 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

Richard Rossi

❖ Please stand if able

# This Week

## Sunday, September 3

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 11:30 AM Teacher Training/The Café
- 12:00 PM Pastor Nominating Committee/Library
- 12:00 PM Multi-cultural Meeting/Westminster Hall
- 12:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Chapel
- 4:00 PM French Labor Day Celebration/Centennial Hall

## Monday, September 4 Office Closed for Labor Day

- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

## Tuesday, September 5

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

## Wednesday, September 6

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 10:00 AM Stephen Ministry Training/Parlor
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Waking Up White Book Study/Parlor
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

## Thursday, September 7

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Hardees on South Neil
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 12:00 PM Congregational Care Deacons/Westminster Hall
- 6:00 PM Young Lives/Centennial Hall

## Friday, September 8

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 5:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall

## Saturday, September 9

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

# Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Tanya Deckert** at the 8 AM service and **Jeannie Murray** at the 9 AM service.

•Session has determined the following **Sunday morning schedule beginning September 10...**

- o 8 AM - Contemplative Service
- o 9 AM - Traditional Service with children attending for first 15 minutes (approximately), departing right after children's sermon
- o 9:15 AM - Children's Sunday School
- o 10 AM - Children's Choir
- o 10:10 AM - Adult Education & High School Class
- o 11 AM - Contemporary Service

# Connect

•Copies of the **Small Group & Adult Education Opportunities** for Fall are now available in the kiosks around the church. Groups vary from book studies to following the weekly lectionary. Join a small group this Fall!

•**Presbyterians are responding to the needs of those affected by Hurricane Harvey.** You may go to the PCUSA website to contribute online or send a check, with "Hurricane Relief" in the memo line and mail to:  
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
P.O. Box 643700  
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

•Our church is blessed to have a **dedicated professional staff.** The bulletin board in Westminster Hall features most of the people who spend their week making sure that the church is running smoothly. You are encouraged to take a few minutes to check it out -- you might find some interesting "tidbits" you don't know about our staff. Also, when you encounter a member of our staff, be sure to give them a pat on the back and acknowledge a job well done.

•The next **electronics recycling event** will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2017 at Parkland College. Households attending the event must register online starting on September 5, 2017, at 8 AM CDT. Register online at: <http://goo.gl/mwmyyP>

*A celebration of appreciation for  
Chuck and Betty Carlson  
will be held Sunday, October 15, at City View  
(top floor of the Illinois Terminal Amtrak and Bus station)*

*All are invited to a catered lunch at noon  
following ONE church service at 10 AM.  
If you would like to donate toward a retirement gift for the  
Carlsons, please make your check out to the church with a  
memo for retirement.*

*Call office to reserve your seat!*