

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 the following week; video is available at www.firstpres.live

Children, Youth & Families

Please sign in your child in the education building. There you will receive a name tag for your child/ren and a matching identification label to be used by the parent or guardian during pick up. Our nursery and toddler rooms (birth - 2yr) are open from 8:45 AM-12 PM each Sunday. The Sunday School education hour for K-8th grade is during the 9 AM worship service. The education hour for Confirmands and High School students is from 10:10-11 AM.

Schedule

- 8:45-9:00 Children check-in and gather in the chapel
- 9:00-9:15 K-5 grades in worship, then class in the Education Building until 10 AM
- 9:00-10:00 Preschool and Middle School lessons in their classrooms
- 10:00-10:30 Children's Choir in the Chapel
- 10:00 Parents pick up children in the family library on the first floor of the Education Building
- 10:10-11:00 High School Class, Confirmation Class (runs October 1-May 20)
- 11:00 Parents pick up of youth at Education Building entrance
- 11:00-12:00 Nursery and toddler rooms still available for child care

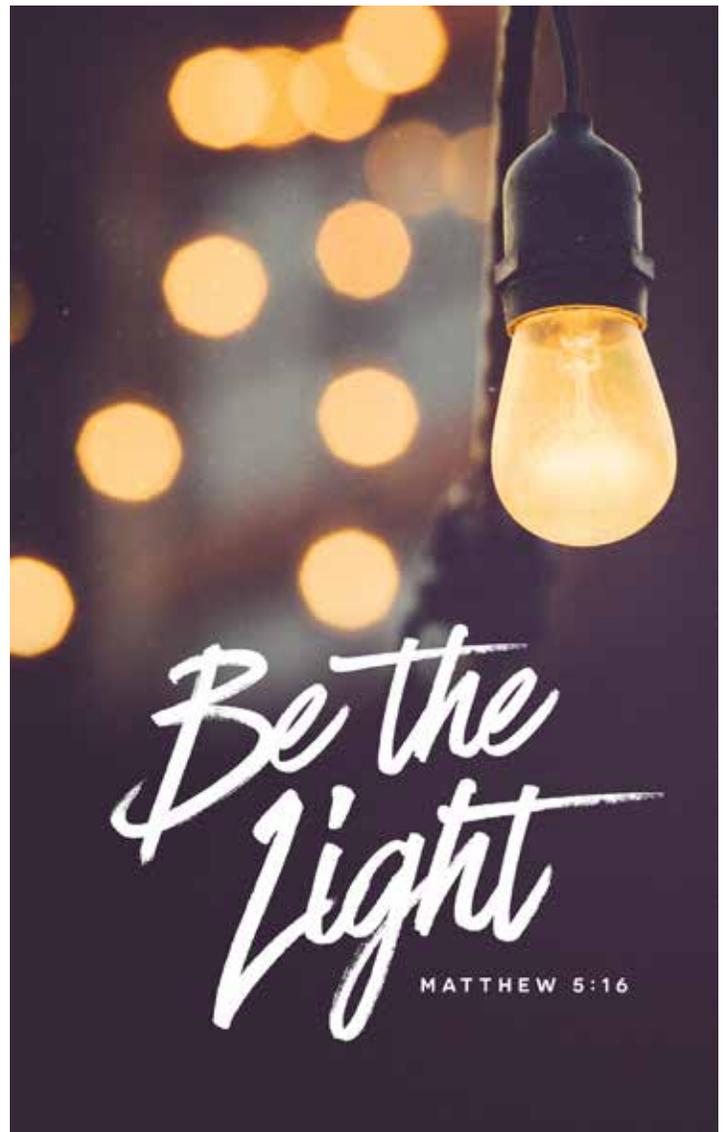
Contact our Director of Children, Youth, and Families, **Mindy Watts-Ellis** (mindy@firstpres.church) for more information about children and youth education and family events.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

March 11, 2018

8 & 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

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Service for the Lord's Day

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

Prelude Karen Dohme
Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell
Greeting

9Introit *O Worship the Lord* Hal Hopson

Call to Worship

One In this place, the community of faith is reminded of the promise:

Many God's love endures forever!

One In spite of our impatient grumbling, despite our attraction to the shadows:

Many Christ's light shines in us!

One When we think our hands are empty, when we have no music in our souls:

Many The Spirit fills us with glad songs, and creates us for good works!

◆Hymn 376 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

9Children's Sermon

Call to Confession

One All too often, we are impatient, irritated, grumbling, disobedient children, demanding our way. But God, who is good and kind and gentle, comes to transform us, by grace, into the people we are meant to be. Let us open ourselves to the One who overflows with love for us, as we confess our sins to God.

◆Prayer of Confession

The Light of the world has come, Ceaseless Creator, but we admit we love the shadows all around us.

For there, we can boast of our achievements, rather than point to your grace; there, we can grumble of our unhappiness with you, instead of singing your praises; there, we can give into our anger, and not be touched by your call to be agents of peace and hope.

Forgive us, Eternal Love: Lead us from the shadows of sin into the light of your joy; raise us up, as your children, so we may kneel in service to others; shower us with the grace, the hope, the peace you have brought to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior...(continue to pray in silence.)

◆Assurance of Pardon

One Let the community of faith say:

Many God's love endures forever!

One Let those gathered in grace say:

Many God's grace endures forever!

One Let those gathered from all parts of the world say:

Many God's mercy endures forever!

One This is the good news for us:

Many We are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

◆Passing of the Peace

One The peace of Christ be with you.

Many And also with you.

One Please greet one another in the peace of Christ.
Response #576 *Gloria, Gloria*

9◆Hymn 461 *God Is Here!*

Act of Friendship & Updates

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Karen Dohme

9#592 Doxology; Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture *Psalm 107:1-22* (OT pg. 559)

9Anthem *Lamb of God, Grant Us Peace* Z. Randall Stroope

Scripture *John 3:16-21* (NT pg. 94)

Message *Come Into the Light of Love*
Pastor Eric Corbin

9Call to Prayer *Hear Us Lord* Hal Hopson

Prayers for Ourselves and Others
The Lord's Prayer

◆Hymn 411 *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

◆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 to Serve* Thomas Tallis

◆Postlude Karen Dohme

◆Please stand if able.

This Week

Sunday, March 11

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Sunday School (K-5th in worship until 9:15)/CE Bldg
- 10:00 AM Children's Choir/Chapel
- 10:10 AM Confirmation Class/Room 206
- 10:10 AM High School Class/The Café
- 10:10 AM Lent Study/Parlor
- 10:10 AM Feasting on the Word (French)/Room 204
- 11:00 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 12:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Chapel
- 4:00 PM Mission Possible Potluck/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM Youth Fellowship Event/The Café

Monday, March 12

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207
- 11:30 AM Stephen Ministry Support/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 1:00 PM Prayer Team/Library
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Westminster Hall
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 5:30 PM Compassion, Peace, Justice/Parlor
- 6:30 PM Epilepsy Support/Westminster Hall

Tuesday, March 13

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Mission Team/Westminster Hall
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Atkins Bldg.
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 7:00 PM Worship Team/Parlor

Wednesday, March 14

- 8:30 AM SEA Group/Parlor
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207
- 10:00 AM CYF Team/Chapel
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 1:15 PM Pakistan Study Group/Parlor
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Thursday, March 15

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Library
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 6:00 PM YoungLives/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM DREAAM/Gym
- 6:30 PM Session/Westminster Hall

Friday, March 16

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall

Saturday, March 17

- 11:00 AM Mary Ruth Garza Memorial/Sanctuary
- 3:00 PM Worship Prep/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM Praise & Prayer Gathering/Centennial Hall

Worship

•Liturgyists this morning are **Tanya Deckert** at the 8 AM service and **Linda Sandquist** at the 9 AM service.

•**This morning's sermon** is available online on Monday or printed copies can be found in the kiosks next Sunday.

•Thank you to the **Hinton Family** for providing the cake this morning during coffee hour in celebration of **Jean Hinton's** 90th birthday.

Connect

•There are several opportunities over the next few weeks to **"Meet the Matthews."** You can sign up to attend at firstpres.church/meetthematthews or by contacting the church office.

•**Lent is here!** Observation of the season is not merely about giving up chocolate. We are offering *Holy Solitude* by Heidi Haverkamp. There is an online forum with daily reflections and spiritual discipline of the day. Each Sunday during Lent at 10:10 in the Parlor there will be a drop-in session. Join us for one or both. Books available in the Welcome Center for \$12 or at your favorite online bookstore. Website: lentenholysolitude2018.blogspot.com where comments are encouraged.

•To help our new Senior Pastor (and others!), we would love to have a **photo of each member/active participant** in the church database. If you have a photo that you would like to use, email it to photos@firstpres.church (or you can add it yourself through the church management software at www.firstpres.info).

•Copies of the **2017 Annual Report** are available in the kiosks or on the church website.

Serve

•There will be an informational potluck for **Mission Possible 2018** this afternoon from 4-6 PM in Centennial Hall. Bring a dish to share; meat will be provided.

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, March 25

- 8 & 9 AM Traditional Worship
- 11 AM Contemporary Worship

Maundy Thursday, March 29

- 7 PM Communion

Good Friday, March 30

- 12 noon Joint Worship/First Methodist Church

Easter Sunday, April 1

- 8 & 9:30 AM Traditional Worship
- 11 AM Contemporary Worship

There is NO Sunday School on Easter Sunday.