

# 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

**June 17, 2018**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**8 & 9 AM**

## We want to get to know you!

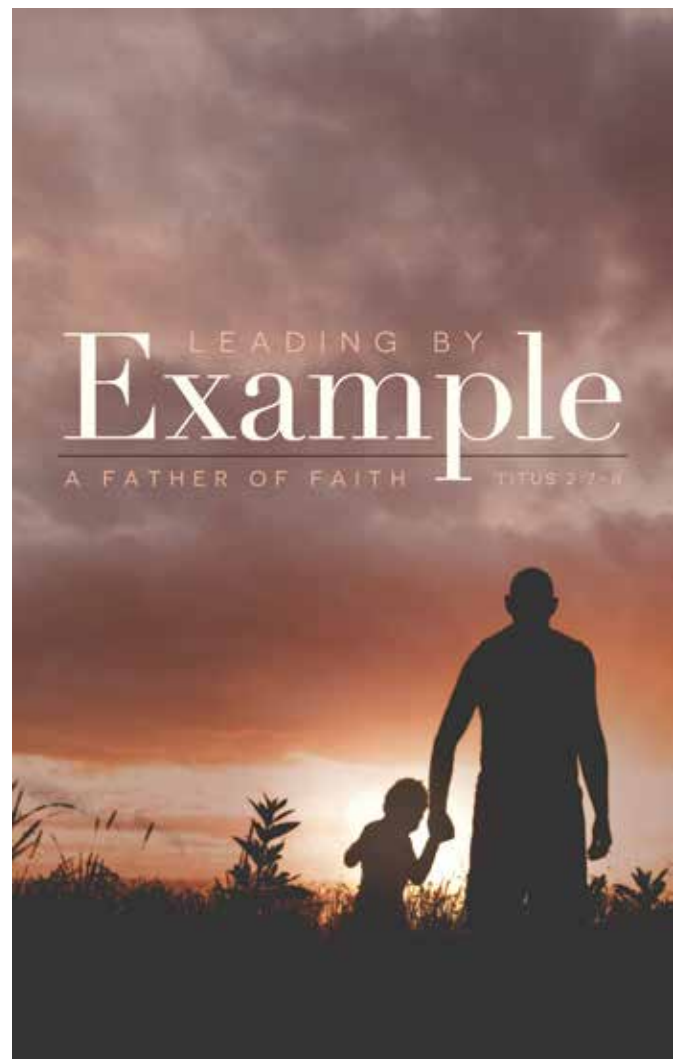
- Fill in the Friendship Pads; please use a name tag.
- Introduce yourself to one of the pastors.
- Join us for coffee and conversation in Westminster Hall.
- Trouble hearing? Try a hearing device at the back of the Sanctuary.
- Large-print hymnals are on the back table.
- Wheelchairs are available for in-church use.
- Printed sermons are available the following week; video is available at [www.firstpres.live](http://www.firstpres.live)

## Children, Youth & Families

Child care is provided for infants, toddlers, and preschool children in the Christian Education building directly across the alley during worship. Please check your children in with the attendants. There will be no Sunday School for Elementary, Middle School, or High School students concurrent with worship this summer. Children of these ages are encouraged to worship with their families. Activity boxes and books are provided for children who attend the service at the back of the sanctuary on the white shelves. Please return these items to the shelves when finished. For those needing to step out for a moment to console children and meet their needs, Westminster Hall, located directly below the Sanctuary, has a children's corner and a monitor showing the worship service. Restrooms with changing tables are located in the west hallway by Westminster Hall.

Vacation Bible School "Hero Central" will be offered July 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 1:30-4:30 PM in conjunction with the First United Methodist Church. Registration will begin June 3. A suggested donation of \$10 per child will help support the program. If you wish to sponsor a child for VBS, a donation can be made to our church with VBS written in the memo line.

Contact our Director of Children, Youth, and Families, **Mindy Watts-Ellis** ([mindy@firstpres.church](mailto: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.

We invite you to come to the Welcome Center in Westminster Hall (the room just below the Sanctuary) to learn more about First Presbyterian Church.

**Prelude** Michael Schmidt

**Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell**

**Greeting & Announcements**

**9Introit** *Praise the Lord* Hal Hopson

## ♦Call to Worship

One This is the day the Lord has made!

**Many Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

One Praise the Lord!

**Many The Lord's name be praised**

♦**Hymn 464** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

## ♦Call to Confession (1 John 1:8-9)

One If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**Many If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

One In confidence of God's enduring love and forgiveness let us confess our sins to God.

♦**Prayer of Confession** (United Church of Christ, *Book of Worship* 1986)

**God of all mercy, we know that you love us even when we are not sure that we love ourselves. Embrace us when frustration and failure leave us hollow and empty. Forgive our sins, and grant us forgiving hearts toward others. In the confession of our lips, show us now the promise of a new day, the springtime of the forgiven; through Jesus Christ, who is able to make all things new. Amen.**

## ♦Assurance of Pardon

One The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were yet sinners,

**Many Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.**

One The old life is gone;

**Many The new life has begun.**

One Believe the Gospel and be at peace:

**Many In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Alleluia!**

## ♦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 309** *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

**Act of Friendship**

**9Children's Time**

**Offering of Gifts and Tithes**

Michael Schmidt

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

**Prayer for Illumination** (Augustine [354-430])

One O loving God, to turn away from you is to fall, to turn toward you is to rise, and to stand before you is to abide forever.

**Many Grant us, dear God, in all our duties your help;**

One In all our uncertainties

**Many Your guidance;**

One In all our dangers

**Many Your protection;**

One And in all our sorrows

**Many Your peace. Amen.**

**A Reading from the Scriptures**

*Mark 4:26-34* (NT pg. 38)

**9Anthem** *O God We Kneel Before Your Throne* arr. Roy Hopp

**Message** *My Father's Garden, and an Update on the Progress of the Central Illinois Mammoth Sunflower Crop*  
Matt Matthews

**9Call to Prayer** *The Lord Will Receive Our Prayer* Hal Hopson

**Prayers for Ourselves and Others**

**The Lord's Prayer**

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

♦**Benediction**

♦**Congregational Choral Benediction**

**The Spirit sends us forth to serve to scatter joy like seed  
And all our days to cherish life to do the loving deed.  
Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.  
God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.**

9♦**Choral Benediction** *The Lord Will Keep Your Going Out*  
Hal Hopson

♦**Postlude** Michael Schmidt  
(If you wish to be seated for the postlude, you may.)

♦Please stand if able.

# This Week

## Sunday, June 17

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:10 AM Feasting on the Word 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

## Monday, June 18

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204 & 205
- 9:00 AM SAFE House Class/Chapel
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 4:30 PM World Mission/Westminster Hall
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

## Tuesday, June 19

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204 & 205
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 1:00 PM ESL Advisory Team/The Café
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 5:30 PM Contemporary Worship Team/Parlor

## Wednesday, June 20

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204 & 205
- 12:00 PM CYF Team/Chapel
- 12:00 PM Organist Search Team/The Café
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 5:00 PM Prayer Circles(French)/Various Homes
- 5:45 PM Covenant Study/Centennial Hall

## Thursday, June 21

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast/Library
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204 & 205
- 11:15 AM ESL Informational Mtg/The Café
- 12:00 PM Prayer Circles (French)/Various Homes
- 6:00 PM Session Education/Westminster Hall
- 6:30 PM Session/Westminster Hall

## Friday, June 22 Church Office closes at 12 noon

- 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, June 23

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

**The church office will close at 12 noon on Fridays throughout the summer.**

# Worship

- Liturgist this morning is **Rachel Matthews** at the 8 AM service and **Sam and Henry Laufenberg** 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.

# Connect

- We are glad you're here!** If you want to learn more about becoming a member of First Pres., contact **Pastor Matt** or **Pastor Eric** or **Linda Peterson** from the Membership Team (membership@firstpres.church) or call the church office.
- Feasting on the Word**, adult Spiritual Formation drop-in class, meets each Sunday at 10:10 in the Parlor. Bring your coffee and join us! More information? Contact **Judi Geistlinger** 217-493-5462 or judigeistlinger@outlook.com
- Spiritual Formation team is piloting an **8-week summer study** on Wednesday evenings. We invite you to join us each Wednesday at 5:45 for dinner (RSVP to **Claudia Kirby** claudia.a.kirby@gmail.com) followed by the study at 6:30. Materials cost \$30. We also recommend having the Common English Study bible. Scholarships are available.
- International Taste of First Pres.**, June 24, 4–6 PM, Centennial Hall. Bring a dish representing your ethnic heritage to share. Plan to have your dish there by 4. We want everyone to enjoy the different tastes from around the world and your own home. We will also have fun things for the kids, music, dancing and stories to share. Hope to see you on the 24<sup>th</sup>!
- Game Night!** June 26, 6:30–8:30 PM in the Café. Join us for a fun night of card games for all ages on themes like bean farming, pizza making, cats playing jazz, flea circuses, and much more! Popcorn provided. This family-friendly event is hosted by the **Lowes**. Childcare is available upon request for infants to pre-K. If you require childcare, please RSVP beth@firstpres.church by June 19.
- Don't miss *Hero Central* this July! **Vacation Bible School** is July 8, 15, 22, & 29 from 1:30-4:30 PM. This action-packed series teaches that real heroes have heart, wisdom, hope, & power that comes from the Holy Spirit! Children age 4 & in preschool through children who just completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to attend. A \$10 donation per child is requested at the time of registration. Register online at <https://hc.cokesburyvbs.com/PresFUMC>. Contact **Mindy** at mindy@firstpres.church to volunteer or sponsor a child.
- Matt & Rachel Matthews** invite you to attend with them *The Better Angels Conference/Using the Power of Community to Change the World*, October 8-11, at the Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, NC. See the following link for more info <http://www.montreat.org/better-angels/>

# Serve

- Kemmerer Village** requests curtains and valances for the staff building Mission Possible is remodeling. The plan is to make them in C-U. If you wish to help, please contact **Judy Gamble...** 217-384-0461 and leave a message.