

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

We want to get to know you!

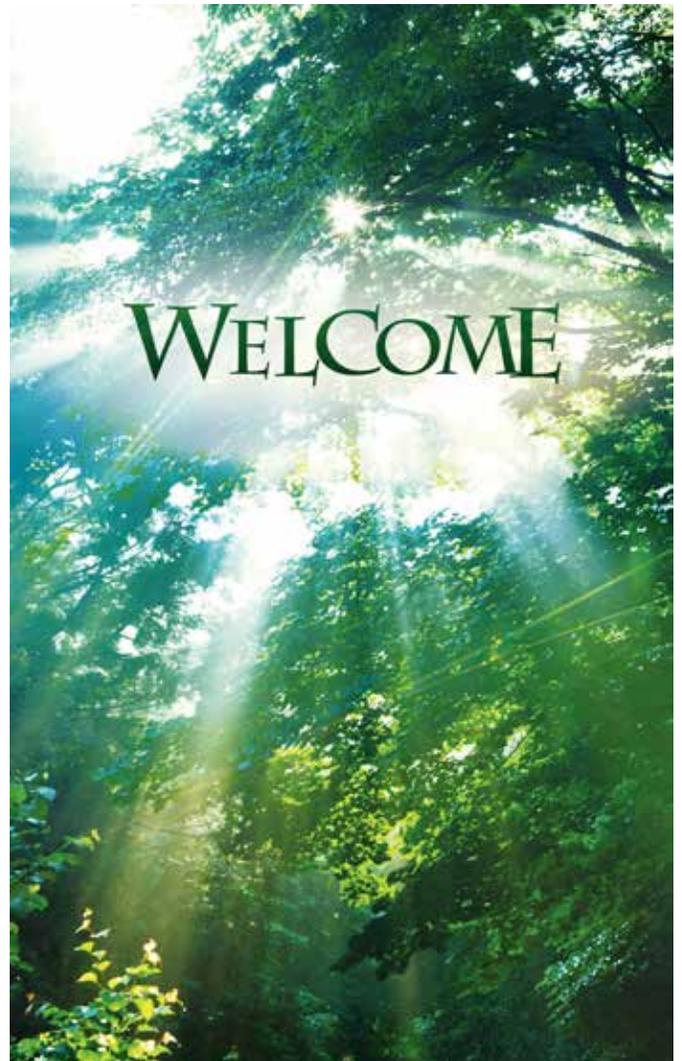
- Fill in the Friendship Pads; please use a name tag.
- Introduce yourself to your pew mates and one of the pastors.
- Join us for coffee and conversation in Westminster Hall.
- Trouble hearing? Try a hearing device at the back of the Sanctuary.
- Large-print hymnals are on the back table.
- Wheelchairs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

Children, Youth & Families

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.

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.

August 19, 2018
13th Sunday after Pentecost
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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

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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 Karen Collier

Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell

Greeting & Announcements

Minute for Ministry – Jesus Is the Way Steve Gritten

♦**Call to Worship** (adapted from *Psalm 111*)

One Praise the LORD!

Many Let us give thanks to the LORD with our whole heart.

One The LORD has shown his people the power of his works.

Many The works of his hands are faithful and just;

One Holy and awesome is his name.

Many The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

One Let us praise the LORD forever.

♦**Hymn 281** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

♦**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** (from *Feasting On the Word*)

All-knowing God, we are your children, but we have turned away from your wisdom and walked in our own ways.

We have lived carelessly and squandered time.

We have been foolish and failed to try to understand your will.

We have been drunk with the wine of this world and consumed by our own desires.

Forgive us our sin and fill us with your Spirit.

Clear our minds from clutter that we may discern what is right and walk in your ways. 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 333** *Seek Ye First*

Act of Friendship (Learn the names of your pew mates.)

Please complete Prayer Request Card.

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Jean René Balekita and Bomoyi

9 Doxology #592; Prayer of Dedication

9**Children's Time**

Prayer for Illumination

As a Child Rests in its Mother's Arms (from the *Glory to God* hymnal)

As a child rests in its mother's arms, so will I rest in you.

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God's Good News from the Old Testament

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14 (OT pg. 304)

9**Anthem** *Be Still My Soul*

Ronnie Jones, soloist

God's Good News from the Epistles

Ephesians 5:15-20 (NT pg. 194)

One This is the Word of the LORD.

Many Thanks be to God.

Message *Politics As Usual*

Matt Matthews

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal pg. 16)

♦**Hymn 554** *Let All Things Now Living*

♦**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.

♦**Postlude**

Karen Collier

(If you wish to be seated for the postlude, you may.)

♦Please stand if able.

This Week

Sunday, August 19

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Congregational Meeting/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Teacher Training/Chapel
- 10:10 AM Feasting on the Word/Parlor
- 11:00 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Chapel
- 3:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM Picnic & Pool Party/Sholem Aquatic Center

Monday, August 20

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204-207, Café
- 9:00 AM SAFE House Class/Chapel
- 10:00 AM Warren Wessel's Memorial/Sanctuary
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 3:30 PM Environmental Team/Parlor
- 4:30 PM World Mission/Westminster Hall
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, August 21

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204-207, Café
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 5:00 PM DREAAM Program Orientation/Centennial Hall

Wednesday, August 22

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204-207, Café
- 11:30 AM Interfaith Alliance/Westminster Hall
- 1:15 PM Pakistan Study/Parlor
- 4:00 PM Quarterly Calendar Planning/Westminster Hall

Thursday, August 23

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast/Library
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204-207, Café
- 11:15 AM ESL Informational Meeting/Café
- 4:00 PM Cuba Steering Committee/Parlor

Friday, August 24 Church Office closes at 12 noon

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM Jesus is the Way Fundraiser/Laborer's Hall Urbana

Saturday, August 25

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

Worship

- Liturgist this morning is **Jeff Henderson** at the 8 AM service and **Mark Schoeffmann** at the 9 AM service. Want to serve? Contact **Judi Geistlinger** at judgeistlinger@outlook.com.
- This morning's **sermon** is available online on Monday or printed copies can be found in the kiosks next Sunday.
- There will be a **Congregational Meeting** this morning immediately following the 9 AM service for the purpose of transitioning **Eric Corbin** from Covenant Associate Pastor to Associate Pastor.

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 AM in the Parlor. Bring your coffee and join us!
- **I Surrender**, a four song CD featuring Sister Laetitia, is available today in Westminster for \$15. Five dollars of this will be donated to Build Congo Schools (<http://buildcongoschools.org/>), a project of the PC-USA Congo Mission Network.
- We'll end the summer with a **church-wide picnic and pool party** later today at Sholem Aquatic Center. Bring a food dish to share for the picnic at 6 PM in Centennial Park (chicken and hotdogs will be provided), then stay for a swim at 8 PM. Everyone is welcome at this free event. Swimming is optional.
- Our annual **Cuba Study** begins on September 4. Enroll today in Westminster Hall.

Serve

- We had over fifty people at last week's field trip to **Salt & Light**. Thanks for coming. Remember when we shop for groceries there, we are helping ease poverty in our C-U community. Thanks for your continued support.

Fall Worship Schedule

The Sunday morning schedule will be adjusted this fall to allow a dedicated block of time for the Sunday School from 10:15 to 11:05 AM. **Beginning September 9, 2018**, the Contemporary (The Gathering) worship service time will move to 11:15 AM.

Fall Schedule September 9

- 8:00-8:45 Contemplative Worship
- 9:00-10:00 Traditional Worship
- 10:00-10:10 Fellowship
- 10:15-11:05 Sunday School/Adult Education
- 11:15-12:15 Contemporary Worship

- Want to be a part of something BIG in our church community? Don't miss Hearts, Hands & Voices: A Community Together on Sunday, September 16, from 10:15 AM to 12:45 PM. We'll experience creative worship, sing uplifting music, and share a meal together. The mission portion of our "big event" will involve all of us working together to provide supplies to local mission agencies (Courage Connection, Salt & Light, Jesus is the Way, and others). Your opportunity to assist begins today! There will be a table in Westminster Hall for three Sundays where you can donate supplies that can be packaged to be distributed to our agency partners. Or, if you prefer, cash donations will be used to buy these (and many other) supplies. We especially need women's full sized body wash, lotion, or face wash, any brand.
- Contact Ann Stout at mrsas2003@gmail.com with questions, to volunteer, or if you have a pop-up tent you can loan.