

# 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 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](http://www.firstpres.live)

## Children, Youth & Families

Please sign your child in at the Welcome Center in Westminster Hall. There you will receive a name tag for your child/ren and a matching identification label to be used by the parent or guardian at pick up. Children who wish to attend Sunday School will meet their teachers at the baptismal font following worship. The teachers will lead the children to their classrooms in the Education Building across the alley. Our child care rooms for children 4 years and under are open from 8:45 AM-12:15 PM each Sunday. The Christian Education hour is 10:15-11:05 AM. Pick up children in the Education Building from their classrooms. Nursery through Kindergarten children are located on the first floor. First grade through High School classes are located on the second floor.

### Schedule

- 8:45-9:00 Children check-in at the Welcome Center and gather in the children's corner
- 9:00-10:00 Children attend traditional worship with family or pew partners
- 10:00-10:15 Children follow their teachers to classrooms for fellowship and snack
- 10:15-11:05 Educational lessons in the classrooms
- 11:05 Children dismissed to parents
- 11:00-11:30 Children's Choir rehearsal in the chapel (starting 9/23)
- 11:15-12:15 Children attend The Gathering worship with family

Contact our Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, **Mindy Watts-Ellis** (mindy@firstpres.church) for more information.

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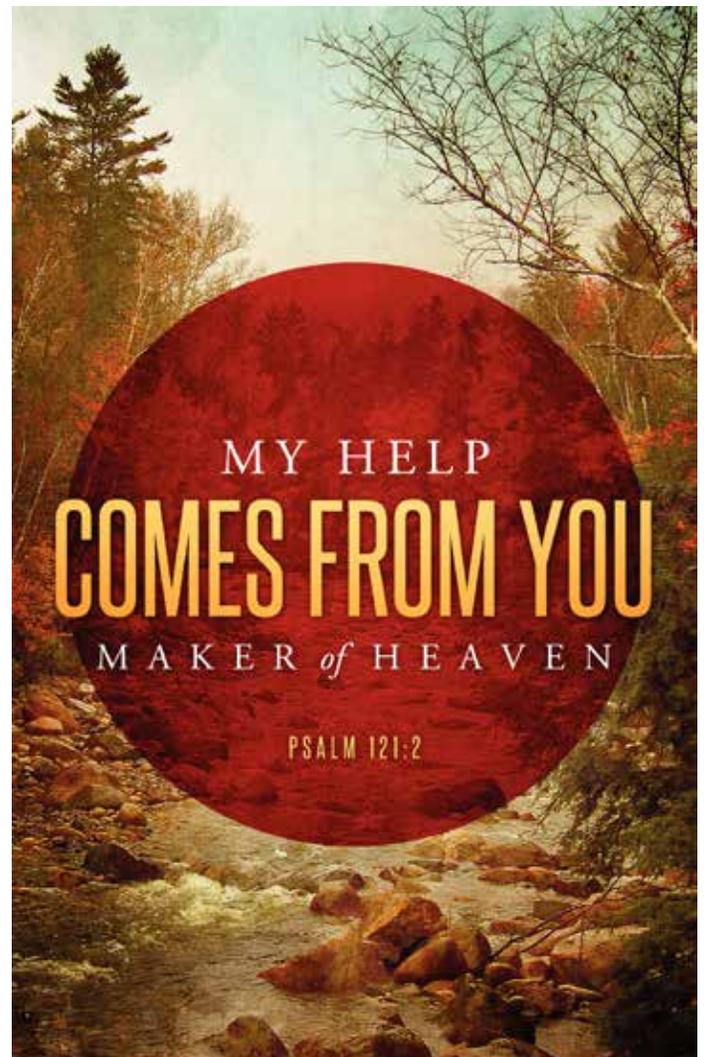
# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

## September 23, 2018

### 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

25<sup>th</sup> 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

# 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** Pierre Tang

**Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell**

**Greeting & Announcements**

**Minute for Ministry – ESL** Jeanette Pyne

**9Introit** *Praise Ye the Lord* Gordon Young

♦**Call to Worship** (from *Psalm 121:1-2*)

One I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?

**Many My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

One Let us worship the Lord with gladness!

**Many Praise the Lord!**

♦**Hymn 430** *Come Sing, O Church, In Joy*

♦**Call to Confession** (from *Psalm 51:1-12*)

One Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

**Many Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**

One Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

♦**Prayer of Confession**

**Lord Christ, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, for we have sinned:**

**We worship status.**

**We are hooked on the intoxicants of technology.**

**We are impatient in an age of immediacy.**

**We have forgotten we are finite and have pretended to be gods.**

**We are impatient with our God-given limits.**

**We talk justice and nod off when it's time to stand up.**

**We make friends with the popular and the expected.**

**We strive to be nice instead of holy.**

**We play it safe.**

**Forgive our sins, Lord God, and help us more fully claim who we are: your forgiven, beloved children.**

**Help us bear your grace to everyone and live bravely in the light of your grace and joy. In Christ's name we pray. 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 304** *Jesus Loves Me!*

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

Please complete Prayer Request Card.

9**Children's Time**

**Offering of Gifts and Tithes** Pierre Tang

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

**Prayer for Illumination**

*O Lord, Hear My Prayer* (from the *Glory to God* hymnal)

**O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.**

**When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer.**

**O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.**

9**Anthem** *Open My Eyes* K. Lee Scott

**God's Good News from the Gospels**

*Mark 9:30-37* (NT pg. 45)

One This is the Word of the LORD.

**Many Thanks be to God.**

**Message** *First Things First* Matt Matthews

**An Affirmation of Faith** (*Psalm 23*)

One The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**Many He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

One He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**Many Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

One Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

**Many Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

9**Call to Prayer** *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord* Edwin Fissinger

**Prayers for Ourselves and Others**

*The Lord's Prayer* (Hymnal pg. 16)

♦**Hymn 434** *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

♦**Benediction**

♦**Congregational Choral Benediction**

*Go With Us, Lord* (from the *Glory to God* hymnal)

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way**

**Through this and every coming day,**

**That in your Spirit strong and true**

**Our lives may be our gift to you.**

♦**Postlude** Pierre Tang

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

♦Please stand if able.

# This Week

## Sunday, September 23

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English/Room 204
- 10:15 AM Sunday School/CE Building
- 10:15 AM Adult Education/Parlor Living Room
- 10:15 AM Presbyterian 101/Parlor Dining Room
- 11:00 AM Children's Choir/Chapel
- 11:15 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Chapel
- 3:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 5:30 PM High School Youth Group/Café

## Monday, September 24

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204-207, Café
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

## Tuesday, September 25

- 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
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/U of I Atkins Bldg.
- 6:30 PM Cuba Study/Matthews' Home
- 6:30 PM Community Mission Deacons/Parlor

## Wednesday, September 26

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204-207, Café
- 10:00 AM Pakistan Study/Parlor
- 5:30 PM Covenant Bible Study/Westminster Hall
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

## Thursday, September 27

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast/Library
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204-207, Café
- 9:00 PM Women's Bible Study/Parlor
- 9:00 AM Circle of Joy/Windsor of Savoy
- 1:00 PM Circle of Faith/Parlor
- 4:00 PM Cuba Steering Committee/Parlor
- 7:00 PM Circle of Faith/Parlor

## Friday, September 28

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall

## Saturday, September 29

- 3:00 PM Worship Prep/Sanctuary
- 4:30 PM Game Night/Café
- 6:00 PM Praise & Prayer Gathering/Sanctuary

# Worship

•Liturgists this morning are **Karin Vermillion** at the 8 AM service and **Sam and Henry Laufenberg** at the 9 AM service. Want to serve? Contact **Judi Geistlinger** at [judgeistlinger@outlook.com](mailto:judgeistlinger@outlook.com).

•We **welcome children** of all ages to worship and we are so glad they are here to learn and grow in the faith. The CYF committee has provided green pew cards with tips on the back for guiding children in worship. We encourage the congregation to be patient as children learn. If you are interested in serving as a pew partner, an adult that will help sit beside and guide unaccompanied children through worship, please contact our Director of Children, Youth, and Families, **Mindy Watts-Ellis** ([mindy@firstpres.church](mailto:mindy@firstpres.church)).

•This morning's **sermon** is available online this next week 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](mailto: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!

•All **high school youth** are invited to join our **new youth group** starting today, September 23, 5:30-7 PM for weekly activities and bible study. For our first week we will do a scavenger hunt in downtown Champaign. We will meet every Sunday from 5:30-7 PM in the education building. For questions or more information contact **Lizz Pippin** at [lizz@firstpres.church](mailto:lizz@firstpres.church).

•Join us for our next **Game Night** on Saturday, September 29, at 4:30 PM in the Café. We'll have pizza, play euchre and other family friendly games.

•Join **Don Follis** October 2-3 for a retreat, **Getting to Silence (Meeting God in a Place Called 'Still')** hosted by the Chiara Center in Springfield, IL. For more information visit <http://www.e-websmartsites.com/filestore/GettingtoSilence.pdf>.

## ONE Service Sunday, October 7

Celebrate with us

**World Communion Sunday, October 7**

ONE service at 9 AM in the Sanctuary

Special music from our choirs.

Sunday School and adult education classes will be held as usual following the service.

# Serve

•The **Nominating Committee** is now seeking names for 2019 Church Officers for Elders, Deacons and the Nominating Committee. Forms to nominate someone you know or even yourself can be found in the kiosks around the church, the Welcome Center and online.