

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

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

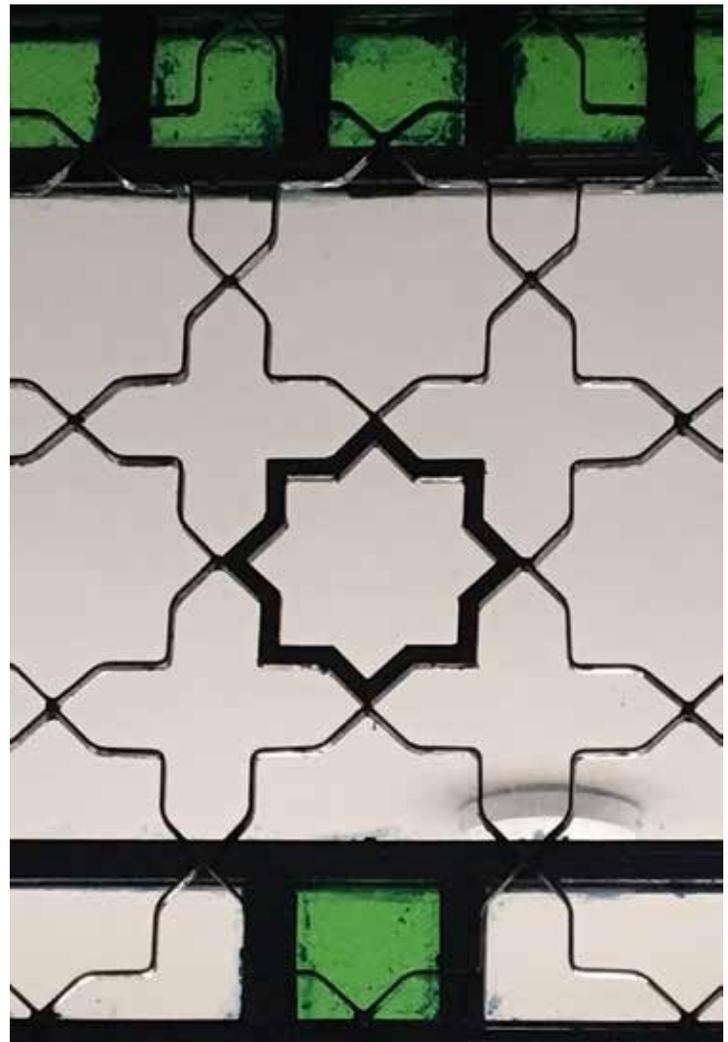
Contact our Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, **Mindy Watts-Ellis** (mindy@firstpres.church) for more information.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

January 27, 2019
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
8 and 9 AM



Picture from the Forman Christian College in Lahore Pakistan focusing on the star from the East image.

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'd love to connect with you this morning. Fill out the Friendship Pad when passed, then stop by our Welcome Center after the service to receive a small gift. Enjoy some coffee, meet new people, and learn how our church can become your home.

Prelude Pierre Tang

Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell

Greeting & Announcements

Minute for Ministry

Spiritual Formation Peter Yau

Pakistan Pat Phillips

9Introit *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* J. Zundel

✳️**Call to Worship** (adapted from *Psalm 136*)

○ give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

○ give thanks to the God of gods,

God's steadfast love endures forever.

○ give thanks to the Lord of lords,

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Who alone does great wonders,

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Who created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them,

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Who delivered God's people from the captivity of despots,

God's steadfast love endures forever.

It is the LORD our God who remembers us in our low estate,

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Who rescues us from our foes,

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Who gives good to all flesh,

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Shukria, thank you, O God of heaven!

God's steadfast love endures forever!

✳️**Hymn #15** *All Creatures of Our God and King* (vs. 1,2,4)

✳️**Call to Confession**

✳️**Prayer of Confession**

Glorious Light, you pierced the darkness of greed and oppression when you entered our lives as one of us and loved us. Though power in the world despised you, you continued to love us anyway. This is your way. Your path is lit yet we continue to live as though we were in darkness. Forgive us. Turn us around. Let your light guide us as it did the wise men to a place of humility, generosity, wisdom, and love. In Christ's name we pray.

✳️**Assurance of Pardon**

✳️**Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please greet one another in the peace of Christ.)

Response 586 *Alleluia*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

9*Hymn #305 *Come Sing, O Church, In Joy!*

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

Please complete Prayer Request Card.

9Children's Time

Honoring Donors of Sangla Hill Scholarships

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Praise to God! Alleluia! C. Saint-Saens/arr. Barker

9Sung Response *All Creatures of Our God and King* #15

(Lyrics adapted)

**All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing: Alleluia, Alleluia.
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

9Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination

God's Good News from Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12 (NT pg. 2)

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

Message *Thank You for the Gift to the World*

The Rev. Rachel Matthews

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal pg. 35)

✳️**Hymn #298** *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

✳️**Benediction**

✳️**Congregational Choral Benediction** *Go With Us, Lord* #748

**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, January 27

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 204
- 10:15 AM Adult Education/Parlor Living Room
- 10:15 AM Sunday School/CE Building
- 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 Youth Group/CE Bldg.

Monday, January 28

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207; Café
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor
- 1:15 PM PEB Study/Westminster Hall
- 2:00 PM HR Mtg/Library
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, January 29

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207; Café
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/U of I Atkins Bldg.
- 1:00 PM Calendar Planning Mtg/Westminster Hall
- 5:30 PM Officer Training/Centennial Hall

Wednesday, January 30

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207; Café
- 5:30 PM Covenant Bible Study/Westminster Hall
- 6:00 PM ESL Class/Café
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir/Bell Choir Room
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Thursday, January 31

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast/Library
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207; Café
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor

Friday, February 1

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

Saturday, February 2

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

Worship

- Liturgists this morning are **members of our Pakistan Study Group**. Want to serve? Contact **Judi Geistlinger** at judi-geistlinger@outlook.com.
- We **welcome children** of all ages to worship. The CYF committee has provided green pew cards with tips on the back for guiding children in worship. If you are interested in serving as a pew partner, an adult who will help sit beside and guide unaccompanied children through worship, please contact **Mindy Watts-Ellis** (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) or call the church office.
- Looking for ways to deepen your spiritual life in the new year? Check out the new *Winter-Spring Small Group & Adult Education Opportunities* brochure. These can be found in the kiosks at the back of the sanctuary and around the church.
- The **Classic Book Study group** will be starting *Grace: More Than We Deserve, Greater Than We Imagine* by Max Lucado. We would love to have others join us as we discuss this book on Tuesdays at noon in the Atkins building. Please contact **Ginny Waaler** or **Jeannie Snoeyink** if you would like to join us.

Serve

- YoungLives** is a worldwide, nondenominational Christian outreach ministry to teen moms and their children. Mentors share the love of Christ with teen moms as they try to navigate the ups and downs of adolescence while also raising a child. YoungLives meet in Centennial Hall every other Thursday at 6 PM. They begin each meeting with a meal. Please consider providing dinner, beverages and paper products for 30 on March 7. On Friday and Saturday, February 22-23, YoungLives is holding a retreat at First Pres. Maybe providing a meal that weekend would be easier. The group will start at 5:30 on Friday night with dinner then need some kind of breakfast and lunch the next day. Contact **Abby Hobbs** at hobbs.abby@gmail.com. Thanks.
- It is time to sign up for **7, 8 or 9 Dinners**. First Presbyterian has offered this fun activity in the past. This is great fellowship between our worshipers and neighbors and friends who might be interested in being a part of our church family. The dinners are adult gatherings. Activities for families will be scheduled at different times throughout the year. For more information or to sign up visit <http://firstpres.church/dinners789>. You may also pick up a sign-up form at the Welcome Center. Deadline to sign up is February 17, 2019. Any questions, contact **Linda Peterson** at lindakpete@gmail.com.