

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!

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- 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 Children's Corner in Westminster Hall. 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
- 11:15-12:15 Children attend The Gathering worship with family

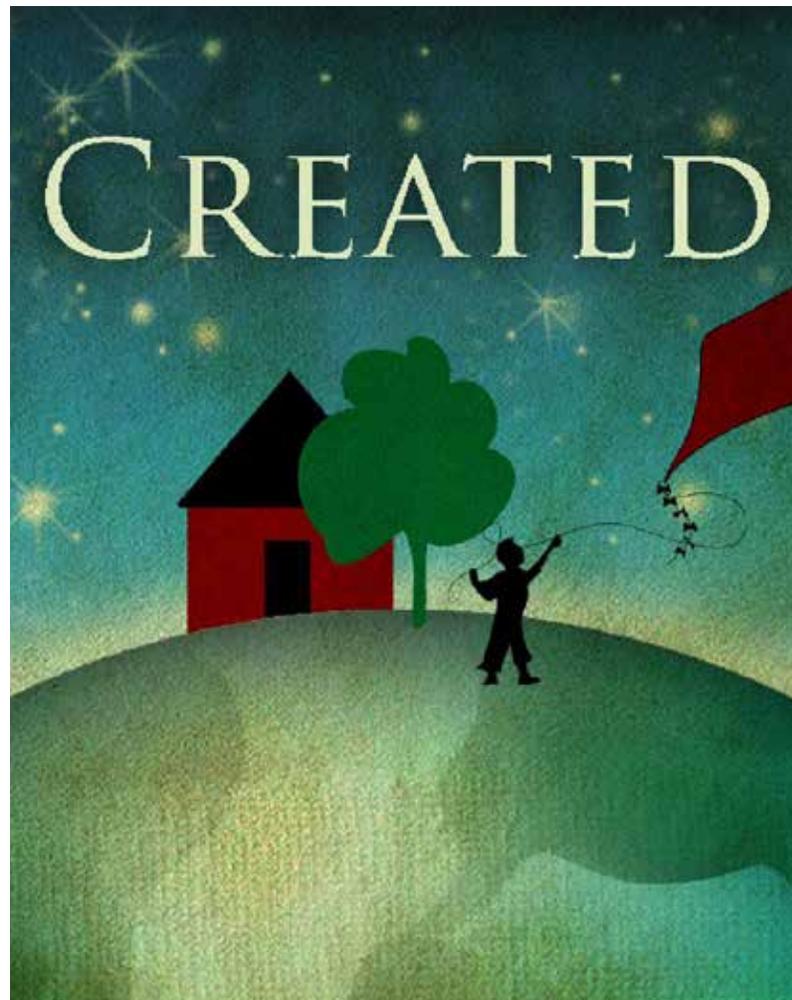
Contact our Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, **Mindy Watts-Ellis** (mindy@firstpres.church) for more information.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

May 19, 2019
5th Sunday of Easter
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.

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des écouteurs à l'arrière du sanctuaire.

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

Richard Rossi

Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell

Greeting & Announcements

Minute for Ministry – Environmental Clemmie Ackermann

9Introit *Morning Has Broken* (Glory to God hymnal #664)

◆**Call to Worship** from *Psalms 148:1-14* (see screen)

◆**Hymn #35** *Praise Ye the Lord the Almighty*

◆**Call to Confession**

Let us call upon God to forgive and heal us.
Let us confess our sin.

◆**Prayer of Confession**

(by Fyodor Mikhailovich Dostoevsky 1821-1881)

**Forgive us our sin, Lord God;
especially forgive us for taking your creation for granted.**

**May we love all your creation,
all the earth and every grain of sand in it.
May we love every leaf, every ray of your light.**

**May we love the animals;
you have given them the rudiments of thought and joy untroubled.
let us not trouble it;
let us not harass them,
let us not deprive them of their happiness,
let us not work against your intent.**

**For we acknowledge unto you that all is like an ocean,
all is flowing and blending,
and that to withhold any measure of love from anything in your universe
is to withhold that same measure from you.
Amen.**

◆**Assurance of Pardon**

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

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

The old life is gone;

The new life has begun.

Believe the Gospel and be at peace:

**In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!**

◆**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 of Gratitude #240 *Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

9Hymn #14 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

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

Please complete Prayer Request Card.

9Children's Time

Offering of Gifts and Tithes Richard Rossi

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

(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 and Thanksgiving

9Anthem *For the Beauty of the Earth*

John Rutter

Prayer for Illumination #474 *As a Child Rests* (refrain)

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

A Reading from the New Testament

Revelation 21:1-6 (NT pg. 259)

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

Message *New Heaven, New Earth!*

Pastor Matt Matthews

An (Interrupted) Affirmation of Faith

from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (see screen)

9Call to Prayer *Worship the Lord*

Ann Kerr

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal pg. 35)

◆**Hymn #22** *God of the Sparrow*

◆**Charge and Benediction**

◆**Congregational Choral Benediction**

#748 *Go With Us, Lord*

**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**

Richard Rossi

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

◆Please stand if able.

This Week

Sunday, May 19

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 204
- 10:15 AM Sunday School/CE Building
- 10:15 AM Adult Ed/Parlor
- 11:15 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Chapel
- 3:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Chapel

Monday, May 20

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207; Café
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 3:30 PM Environmental Team/Library
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 7:00 PM Worship Team/Parlor

Tuesday, May 21

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/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.
- 4:30 PM World Mission Team/Parlor

Wednesday, May 22

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207; Café
- 3:00 PM Amateur Preacher's Info Mtg/Parlor
- 6:00 PM ESL Class/Café
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir/Bell Choir Room
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Thursday, May 23

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast/Library
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207; Café
- 5:30 PM Cuba Steering Committee/Parlor
- 6:00 PM YoungLives/Centennial Hall

Friday, May 24

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

Saturday, May 25

- 11:00 AM Lee Ann Wilder Memorial/Sanctuary
- 6:00 PM Praise & Prayer Gathering/Centennial Hall

Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Sandy Carr** at the 8 AM service and **Miriam Chenault** at the 9 AM service. Want to serve? Contact **Judi Geistlinger** at judgeistlinger@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.

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•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.

•Join us TODAY at 10:15 AM in the Parlor. **Maggie Dougherty-Roberts**, a Master Gardener and Master Naturalist will be our guest speaker.

•**Presbyterian Women** cordially invite all women to join us for our monthly circle meeting on Thursday, May 30. 9 AM at Baytowne Apartments, 1 PM in Mae Chapin Parlor or 7 PM in Mae Chapin Parlor. PW's Spring Gathering is fast approaching! Plan to attend on June 6, at 11:30 AM. **Susan Ingels**, Mary Gritten's cousin, will speak about her inspiring Indonesian trip.

Serve

•**Amateur Preachers** invites you to learn more about their work. **Pastor Matt** will lead a discussion of how we write and think about sermons. We'll worship together and end with dinner. **Wednesday, May 22, 3 PM.**

•**Youth Triennium Envelope Fundraiser** kicks off TODAY and runs through Sunday, June 2. Stop by the bulletin board in Westminster, pick up an envelope, and learn about the students going to Triennium. Return the envelope with your donation the next Sunday.

Graduation Celebration

May 26 (during coffee hour)
honoring High School and College graduates

If you know of someone graduating,
we would love to honor them.
Send a picture and a few sentences
about what they will be doing after graduation to
Diane Mortensen and cmimort@aol.com

We received the following from the Central Illinois Mosque & Islamic Center after receiving our notes of concern and prayer following the shootings at mosques in New Zealand...

*Somehow, just saying "thank you"
doesn't seem like enough.
But I hope you know
how much your kindness
has meant to me.*

Dear Rev. Matt Matthews & Congregation:

Thank you so much for your support and for the support of your congregation. We are grateful for having you all in our community and we are blessed to be your neighbors!

Imam Ousmane Sawadogo