

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!

- If you would like to hear the service in French, please pick up headphones and a receiver at the back of the Sanctuary. Si vous souhaitez que le service soit traduit en français, procurez-vous un récepteur et des écouteurs à l'arrière du sanctuaire.
- 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 in the back.
- 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 this summer.

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 Family Ministries, **Mindy Watts-Ellis** (mindy@firstpres.church) for more information.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

June 23, 2019
2nd Sunday after Pentecost
8 and 9 AM



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church
Bienvenue à La Première Eglise Presbytérienne de Champaign
Bienvenidos a La Primera Iglésia Presbiteriana

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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

9Introit *O Come, Let Us Sing* James Rivers

♦**Call to Worship** (inspired by *John 13:34*)

Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

In worship this day, we testify to God's love shown perfectly in Jesus Christ.

We recommit ourselves to love one another as a community of faith.

O taste and see that the Lord is good!

Come, let us worship the Lord!

♦**Hymn #488** *I Was There To Hear Your Borne Cry*

♦**Call to Confession** (*1 John 1:8-9*)

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

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

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

♦**Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, we are rattled by much distraction. Many things vie for our attention, and we confess that we become easily out of sorts. We follow in the direction of your Son until our attention shifts to more pressing but less important matters. Forgive these and other sins. Help us to be centered and grounded in You in all things, and guide our steps even when we forget who and whose we are. In Christ's name we pray, AMEN.

♦**Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are God's forgiven people.

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 #1 *Holy, Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

(vs. 4, see screen)

9Hymn #301 *Let Us Build a House/All Are Welcome*

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 #54 *Make a Joyful Noise to God!*

(vs. 1, see screen)

9Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

9Anthem *O My Dove*

Michael Montgomery

Prayer for Illumination #291 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

(refrain, see screen)

A Reading from the Gospels

Luke 6:17-31 (NT pg. 64)

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

Message *Blessed To Be a Blessing*

A dialogue sermon by Matt and Rachel Matthews

An Affirmation of Faith from Romans 12

Let love be genuine;

hate what is evil,

hold fast to what is good;

love one another with mutual affection;

outdo one another in showing honor.

Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.

Rejoice in hope,

be patient in suffering,

persevere in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints;

extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you;

bless and do not curse them.

Rejoice with those who rejoice,

weep with those who weep.

Live in harmony with one another;

do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly;

do not claim to be wiser than you are.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.

If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God;

If your enemies are hungry, feed them;

if they are thirsty, give them something to drink;

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

9Call to Prayer *O Thou Who Hearest Prayer*

James Rivers

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal pg. 35)

♦**Hymn #700** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

♦**Charge and Benediction**

♦**Congregational Choral Benediction**

#692 Spirit, Open My Heart (vs. 3, refrain, see screen)

♦**Postlude**

Richard Rossi

(You may wish to be seated for the postlude.)

♦Please stand if able.

This Week

Sunday, June 23

- 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
- 11:15 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 11:15 AM French Bible Study/Room 204
- 1:00 PM VBS/CE Building
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Parlor
- 4:00 PM International Taste of First Pres/Centennial Hall

Monday, June 24

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204, 205, Café
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 5:30 PM DREAAM/Café
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, June 25

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204, 205, Café
- 10:30 AM Staff Mtg/Parlor
- 4:30 PM High School Pool Party/Crystal Lake Pool
- 5:30 PM DREAAM/Centennial Hall
- 6:30 PM Community Mission Deacons/Parlor

Wednesday, June 26

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 10:00 AM DREAAM Insurance Bd Mtg/Matt's Office
- 11:00 AM ESL Picnic/Schoeffmann's Home

Thursday, June 27

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast/Library
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Board/Westminster Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204, 205, Café
- 2:00 PM DREAAM/Centennial Hall

Friday, June 28 Church Office Closes at Noon

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

Saturday, June 29

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

The church office will close at noon on Fridays throughout the summer months (Memorial Day through Labor Day.)

Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Tom Ulen** at the 8 AM service and **Jane Seiler** 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.

•This is a great time to join the **choir**. In the summer, we do not rehearse on Wednesdays! Singers from middle school through "very experienced" are welcome. Sunday rehearsal is at 8:15 AM.

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 this morning at 10:15 AM in the Parlor. **Dr. Joe Grant** will present a *Summer Sing Along*.

•**Vacation Bible School** continues today at 1 PM for children who have just completed Kindergarten through 5th grade. We could still use a friendly greeter at the education building door. Contact **Lizz Pippin** to volunteer and for more information.

•**Highlighting our musicians around CU...**The **Matt Storey** saxophone duo along with Reggie Lewis will play at the Iron Post in Urbana at 8 PM on Wednesday, June 26. This will be preceded by jazz department head, Chip McNeil on saxophone and piano at 6 PM.

Serve

•**Take a turn with coffee hour...**If you enjoy the coffee hour between services, perhaps you can volunteer to make coffee or clean up after coffee hour, one Sunday soon. Please contact **Tom Gilmore**, gilmoretom9@gmail.com or **Nancy Brombaugh**, n.brombaugh@gmail.com, if you are willing to help.