

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.

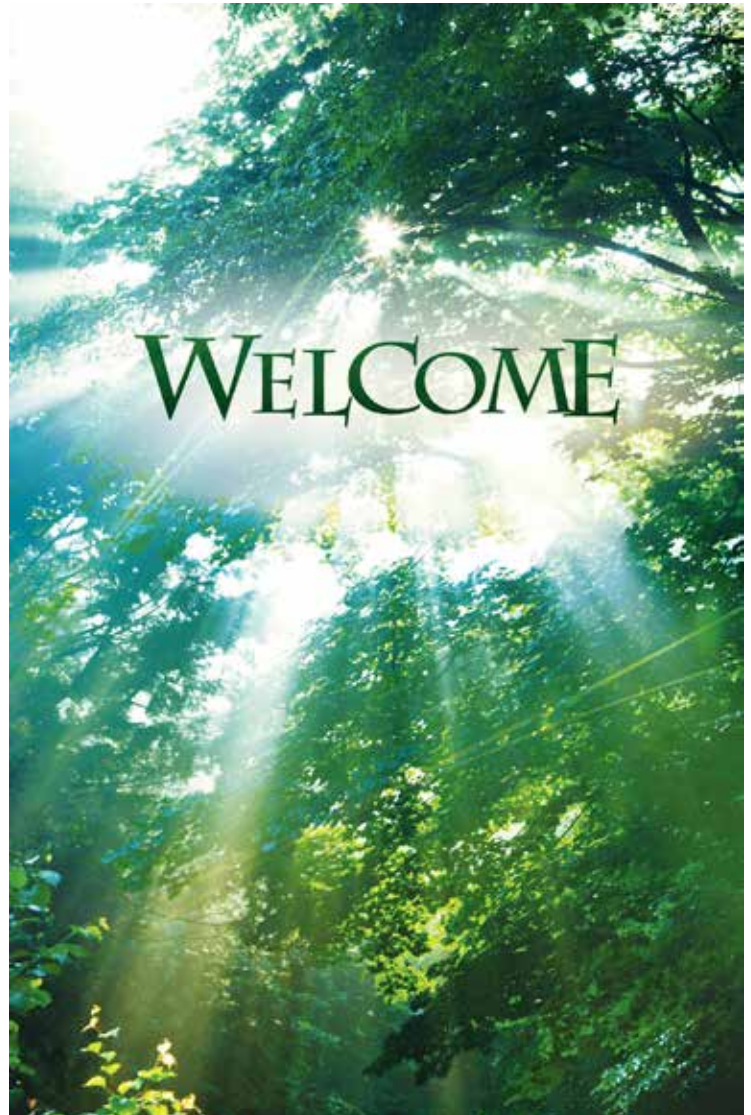
Contact our Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, **Mindy Watts-Ellis** (mindy@firstpres.church) for more information.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

August 11, 2019
9th 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

삼페인 제일 장로교회에 오신것을 환영합니다.

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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

Minute for Ministry – Presbyterian Women

Annilee Shaul and Leland Andrews

◆Call to Worship

In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began,

God was.

Here and now among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth for the purpose of heaven,

God is.

In the future, when we have turned to dust and all we know has found its fulfillment,

God will be.

Not denying the world, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but redeeming it, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

God is, God was, God will be. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

◆Hymn #767 *Together We Serve*

◆Call to Confession

God knows our sin
and is eager to hear our confession.

**By amazing grace,
God hears and forgives.**

Let us confess our sins to God.

◆Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

◆Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel: Because of God's amazing grace, in Jesus Christ, we are God's forgiven people.

Hallelujah!

We are washed and ready to serve anew.

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!*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

**All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth and sky and sea.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

9Hymn #783 *When We Are Tested*

Act of Friendship and Collection of Prayer Concerns

(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!*

Make a joyful noise to God!

All creation sings your praise!

**Great your wonders here displayed,
unexcelled throughout our days.**

**Glorious is your sacred name,
ages old, yet still the same.**

9Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Anthem *I'll Fly Away*

Royce Brown and Connor Stout

Prayer for Illumination #291 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* (refrain)

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,

blow through the wilderness, calling and free.

Spirit, spirit of restlessness,

stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

A Reading from the New Testament

Colossians 3:13-15 (NT pg.201)

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

Message *Reckless Love*

Matt Matthews

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal pg. 35)

◆Hymn #754 *Help Us Accept Each Other*

◆Benediction

◆Congregational Choral Benediction

#692 *Spirit, Open My Heart*

**May I weep with those who weep;
share the joy of sister, brother.**

In the welcome of Christ,

may we welcome one another.

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.

As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.

Spirit, open my heart.

◆Postlude

Richard Rossi

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

◆Please stand if able.

This Week

Sunday, August 11

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 204
- 11:15 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 11:15 AM French Bible Study/Room 204
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Chapel
- 2:00 PM Praise & Prayer Music Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM Sholem Fest/Centennial Park

Monday, August 12

- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 1:00 PM Prayer Ministry Team/Library
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 6:30 PM Epilepsy Support/Westminster Hall

Tuesday, August 13

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Centennial Hall
- 10:30 AM Staff Mtg/Parlor
- 1:00 PM 10,000 Villages Planning Mtg/Westminster Hall
- 5:30 PM Contemporary Worship Team/Parlor
- 7:00 PM Worship Team/Parlor

Wednesday, August 14

- 8:30 AM SEA Group/Parlor

Thursday, August 15

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Library
- 11:00 AM Compassion, Peace, Justice/Library
- 7:00 PM Session/Westminster Hall

Friday, August 16 Church Office Closes at Noon

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 9:00 AM ESL Informational Mtg/Café
- 4:00 PM Youth Assist 1st Urbana/ Twice As Nice Thrift Shop

Saturday, August 17

- 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.)



Please join us TODAY for
Sholem Fest

- 6 PM Picnic at Centennial Park
- 8 PM Swimming at Sholem Pool

Main dish provided; bring a side dish or dessert to share.
Bring lawn chairs!

Worship

- Liturgist this morning is **Eric Stickels** at the 8 AM service and **Ginny Waaler** 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.
- Beginning Sunday, September 1**, there will be only **one traditional service at 9 AM** each week.

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.
- The **Sunday morning TED Talks/Adult Ed** are on hiatus for the month of August. Watch for upcoming announcements about new and exciting classes beginning Sunday, September 8.
- Food, fun and fellowship...**join us this afternoon for our annual **Sholem Fest** at Sholem Aquatic Center. Potluck picnic will begin at 6 PM in the Centennial Park pavilion. Main entree will be provided; bring a side dish to share. Free event open to everyone!
- Chris Hartley, Contemporary Worship guitarist**, will play with the Peter Tijerina Nonet at the Iron Post, Urbana Thursday, August 22 at 7 PM.
- Saturday September 28. **Senior High "Youth Club" alumni** (1965-1985) are having a reunion! We're meeting for dinner at 5 PM in The Café (the old 2nd floor youth lounge), then walking over to the Bob Nutt Memorial Concert at The Virginia Theatre. This concert is being underwritten by First Presby. Learn more about the concert at [Facebook/bobnuttconcert](https://www.facebook.com/bobnuttconcert). Tickets for the concert must be purchased through the Virginia Theatre box office (\$15 and \$25). **Carol Arnould** is the registrar for the Youth Club event (caarnould@yahoo.com). Please notify her if you plan to attend and/or want learn more about the reunion. When you respond provide her with your email. Please spread the word and reserve your place at this event.

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.