

**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

## 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 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

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. Sunday School for children resumes on Sunday, September 8, after the summer break. 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](mailto:mindy@firstpres.church)) for more information.

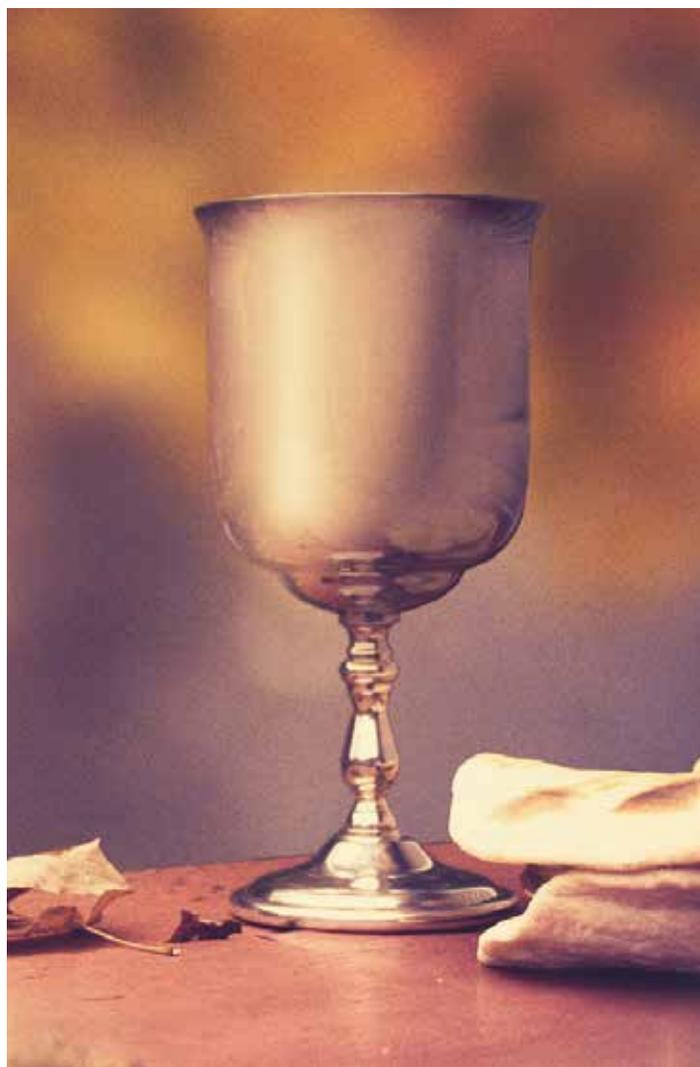
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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

**September 1, 2019**  
**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**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 and Announcements**

**Introit** *Enter His Gates With Thanksgiving* Hal Hopson

❖ **Call to Worship** (from *Psalms 107:1-9,43*)

O give Thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

**Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress; he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.**

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

**For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.**

Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

❖ **Hymn #301** *Let Us Build a House* (All Are Welcome)

❖ **Call to Confession #851** *Come, Bring Your Burdens to God*

**Come, bring your burdens to God;  
come, bring your burdens to God;  
come, bring your burdens to God,  
for Jesus will never say no. (Repeat)**

❖ **Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, forgive us our sins. Forgive us for those things we should have done but have left undone. Forgive us for those things we did, which we should not have done. Grant us strength to more faithfully follow your son, our Lord. 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.**

Let the waters of your baptism remind you that in Jesus Christ God claims, washes, redeems, and loves all creation.

Believe the Gospel and be at peace:

**In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.  
Alleluia!**

❖ **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!**

**Act of Friendship & Collection of Prayer Concerns**  
*(Learn the names of your pew mates; please complete Prayer Request Card)*

**Children's Time**

**Offering of Gifts and Tithes** *Celtic Laud* Craig Courtney

Sung 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.**

**Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**A Reading from the Old Testament** *Jeremiah 2:4-13* (OT pg. 699)

This is the Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** *When the Heavens Are Appalled* Matt Matthews

**Song for Centering** *Now the Silence*  
Joe Grant soloist

**Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**  
**We are Invited**

**We give Thanks** (sung to *Day Is Done* Ar Hyd Y Nos)

**For the fruit of all creation, Thanks be to God.**

**For the gifts to every nation, Thanks be to God.**

**For the wonders that astound us,**

**For the truths that still confound us.**

**Most of all that love has found us,**

**Thanks be to God...**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. Hear our prayer O Lord.**

**The Meal is Set**

**The Meal is Shared**

**We Close in Prayer**

Richard Rossi

❖ **Hymn #313** *Lord, Make Us More Holy*

❖ **Charge and 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.**

# This Week

## Sunday, September 1

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

## Monday, September 2 Office Closed for Labor Day

- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

## Tuesday, September 3

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204,205,206, Café
- 5:30 PM DREAAM/Café

## Wednesday, September 4

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204,205,206, Café
- 1:30 PM Pakistan Study/Parlor
- 4:00 PM Calendar Planning Mtg/Westminster Hall
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

## Thursday, September 5

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Library
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204,205,206, Café
- 11:00 AM Compassion, Peace, Justice/Library
- 11:30 AM Mission Team/Café
- 12:30 PM Care Deacons/Parlor
- 5:30 PM Spiritual Formation/Library
- 6:00 PM YoungLives/Centennial Hall

## Friday, September 6

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 9:00 AM ESL Info Mtg/Café
- 1:00 PM HR Mtg/Library

## Saturday, September 7

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

# Worship

- Liturgist this morning is **Sam Laufenberg**. Contact **Judi Geistlinger** at [judgeistlinger@outlook.com](mailto: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.
- The flowers this morning are given by **Dr. and Mrs. John Pollard** in celebration of their 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 3.
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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.
- September is here and **Choir** reconvenes NOW! This is an open invitation to you who have sung before to rejoin or to come sing with us for the first time. There were lots of strong voices at the summer hymn sings, so come join us on Wednesdays at 7 PM for rehearsal and let's *Make a Joyful Noise!*

# 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.
- Saturday September 28. **Senior High "Youth Club" alumni** (1965-1985) are having a reunion! We'll meet for dinner at 5 PM in The Café (2<sup>nd</sup> floor youth lounge), then walk over to the Bob Nutt Memorial Concert at The Virginia Theatre. This concert is being underwritten by First Pres (Facebook/[bobnuttconcert](https://www.facebook.com/bobnuttconcert).) Tickets for the concert must be purchased through the Virginia Theatre (\$15 and \$25). Contact **Carol Arnould** for the Youth Club event ([caarnould@yahoo.com](mailto:caarnould@yahoo.com)). 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](mailto:gilmoretom9@gmail.com) or **Nancy Brombaugh**, [n.brombaugh@gmail.com](mailto:n.brombaugh@gmail.com), if you are willing to help.
- YoungLives is looking for cooks!** Provide a meal to this vital ministry for young mothers as they meet for prayer, study, and support. Contact **Abby Hobbs** at [hobbs.abby@gmail.com](mailto:hobbs.abby@gmail.com) or 217-493-9428. Open dates are November 21 (traditional Thanksgiving dinner for teen moms and their families), December 5 and 12.

at the Virginia Theatre **a**  
**BOB NUTT and TRIBUTE**  
**BLYTHAM LTD CONCERT**  
Saturday September 28 **to benefit**  
2019 Seven till Eleven PM **C-U at**  
Featuring bands and musicians who **Home**  
worked with uncle Bob