

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 available for children 4 years and younger in the education building 8:45 AM-12:15 PM. Parents must sign children in and out of the child care rooms directly. Please sign your children in for Sunday School at the Welcome Center in Westminster Hall (main level). You will receive a name tag for your child/ren and a matching identification label to be used by the adult responsible for them at pick up. Children meet their teachers in the south east children's corner of Westminster Hall. Teachers will lead children to their classrooms in the Education Building across the alley. Education hour is 10:15-11:05 AM. Children's Choir is in the chapel 11-11:30 AM. Children are to be picked up from their classrooms or from choir practice. Nursery-Kindergarten—first floor; 1st-High School—second floor. The 6-7 grade meet in the family library on the first floor.

Schedule

- 8:45-9 Check-in at the Welcome Center desk and gather in the children's corner
- 9-10 Children may attend traditional worship with a special children's sermon
- 10-10:15 Children meet their teachers in the children's corner and walk over to the classroom in the education building
- 10:15-11:05 Faith Education lessons in the classrooms
- 11:05 Children dismissed
- 11-11:30 Children's choir rehearsal in the chapel
- 11:15-12:15 Children may attend The Gathering worship service

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

September 15, 2019
14th 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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procurez-vous un récepteur et
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 – DREAM

Tracy Dace

Introit *Come Let Us Praise the Lord*

W.Byrd/H. Hopson

♦Call to Worship (see screens)

♦Hymn #664 *Morning Has Broken*

♦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.**

♦Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, you are working your purposes out in our lives. Because of your grace, we are growing in mind and spirit. Calm us when we become anxious about the change that accompanies growth. And forgive us when we resist your call to lead lives transformed by your power. Help us, in Christ's name we pray.
AMEN.**

♦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.

Thanks be to God.

By God's grace we are washed and made clean.

Alleluia.

By God's grace we are 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!

♦Hymn #240 *Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks*

Act of Friendship and Collection of Prayer Concerns

(Learn the names of your pew mates. Please complete Prayer Request Card.)

Children's Time

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Richard Rossi

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 #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 Old Testament

Genesis 1:1-3, 2:7 (OT pg. 1)

Anthem *I Am the Light of the World*

David Mennike

A Reading from the Gospels

Matthew 16:17-19 (NT pg.18)

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

Message *Zombies, Halitosis, and America* Rev. Dr. John Williams

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the live everlasting. Amen.**

Call to Prayer *Bow Down Your Ear, O Lord*

Fatyeff/H. Hopson

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern *The Lord's Prayer* (Hymnal pg. 35)

♦Hymn #248 *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

♦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.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.**

♦Postlude

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

Richard Rossi

♦Please stand if able.

Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Kevin Kim**. Contact **Judi Geistlinger** at judgeistlinger@outlook.com to serve as a liturgist.

•The **call to worship** is adapted from Ann Weems' *A Litany of Creation and Faith in Reaching for Rainbows* (1980:Westminster Press).

•We welcome to the pulpit today **John Williams**, Chaplain and Director of Church Relations at Austin College in Sherman, TX. He received a B.A. in History and Philosophy from Austin College with honors in History in 1984; a Masters of Divinity from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 1987; and a Ph.D. in Religious Studies from Southern Methodist University in 2004. His dissertation title was *Between the Labyrinth and the Abyss: Presbyterians and Schism, 1837-1861*.

Dr. Williams has spoken at hundreds of Presbyterian Youth and Adult events around the nation and has published articles about ministry with college students, youth, and young adults. He is founder and director of the Austin College ACtivators (the Austin College Mobile Youth ministry Team). Since 1995, the ACtivators program has involved more than 500 Austin College students who have traveled over 153,000 total miles to plan and lead 574 ministry events in 13 states involving over 46,000 youth, children, college students, and adults.

John is married to Linnea and they are the parents of Emily and Joseph.

•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.

•This morning's **sermon** is available online this next week or printed copies can be found in the kiosks next Sunday.

•We have collected the "**favorite hymns**" you have suggested and are working through the long list. If you forgot to turn in your favorite hymns, email the church office at info@firstpres.church.

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 **Classic Book Group** meets Tuesdays at noon in the conference room (2nd floor) of the Atkins Bldg., 1801 South First Street-C. We would love to have others join us.

•**Matthew Storey**, saxophonist, and a quintet will play Wednesday, September 18, at the Iron Post at 8 PM.

•**Salt & Light** offers computer labs in both their locations with no fees and no time limits. For those who need assistance with a project or just some general technical support, the labs are staffed with volunteers who can help. More info at <https://saltandlightministry.org/sign-up-for-classes/>. Sign up for the next session on Thursday, September 19.

•Saturday September 28. **Senior High "Youth Club" alumni** (1965-1985) are having a reunion! We'll meet for dinner at 4 PM in The Café (2nd floor youth lounge), then walk over to the Bob Nutt Memorial Concert at The Virginia Theatre. Contact **Carol Arnould** for the Youth Club event (caarnould@yahoo.com).

Serve

•**YoungLives is looking for cooks!** Provide a meal to this vital ministry for young mothers. Contact **Abby Hobbs** at hobbsabby@gmail.com or 217-493-9428. Open dates are November 21 (traditional Thanksgiving dinner), December 5 and 12.

•**Transportation Team Needs Drivers!** We have a number of children and adults who would like a ride to church. If you would like to know more or volunteer, please contact **John Muirhead** or **Mindy Watts-Ellis**.