

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.

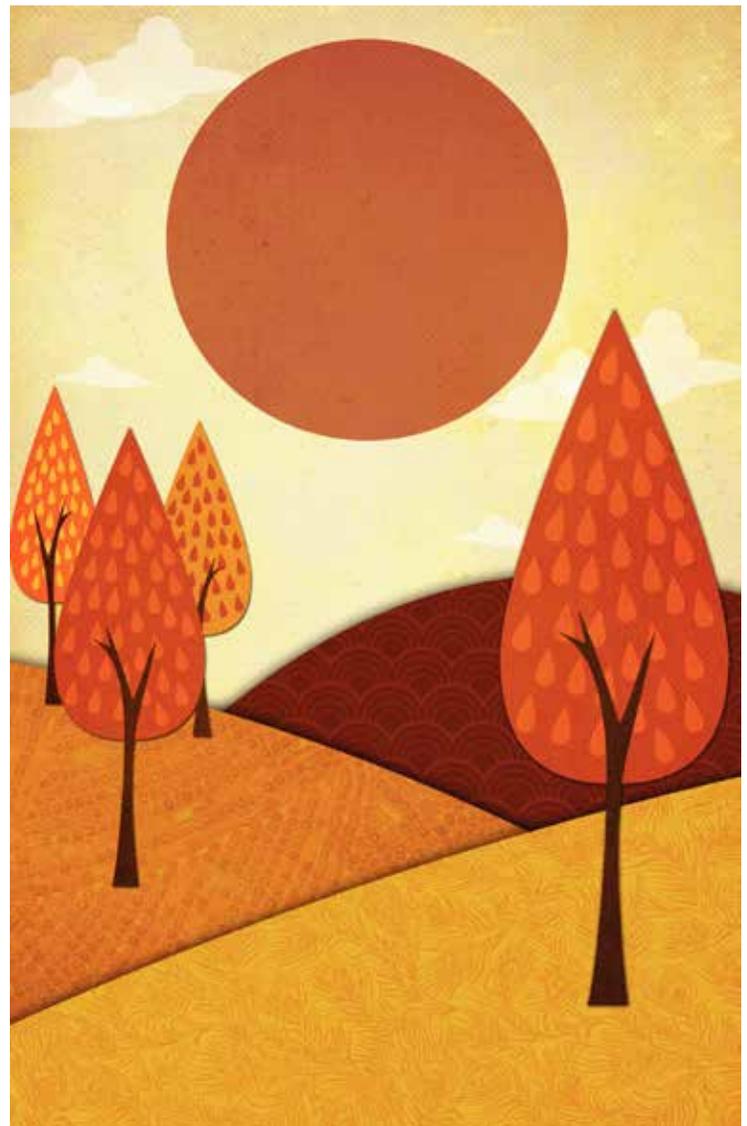
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

September 22, 2019
15th Sunday after Pentecost

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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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 – ESL Jeanette Pyne

Introit *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Glaser/Mason

◆**Call to Worship** (from *Psalms 27:1, 4-9*)

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,

to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

Praise the LORD.

◆**Hymn #687** *Our God, Our Help In Ages Past*

◆**Call to Confession**

Because of such great mercy,

God is ready to forgive all the ways we fail to live in faithfulness.

Relying on that mercy,

let us join in one voice as we confess our sin before God and one another.

◆**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. 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.

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 #701** *Lord, Prepare Me* (sing twice)

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 Jean René Balekita

Sung Response #54 *Make a Joyful Noise to God!* (vs. 1)

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

Anthem *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* Mark Andrews

Prayer for Illumination

A Reading from the Gospels *Luke 16:1-8* (NT pg. 79)

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

Message *A Practice Sermon About Stewardship* Matt Matthews

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 *Hear My Prayer, O God* Hal Hopson

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal pg. 35)

◆**Hymn #692** *Spirit, Open My Heart*

◆**Charge and Benediction**

◆**Congregational Choral Benediction**

#300 We Are One In the Spirit

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love,

by our love;

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

◆**Postlude** Richard Rossi

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

◆Please stand if able.

This Week

Sunday, September 22

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 204
- 10:15 AM Sunday School/Education Building
- 10:15 AM Faith in the Real World/Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM Contemporary Worship/Centennial Hall
- 12:15 PM Francophone Subcommittee/Parlor
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Chapel
- 2:00 PM Praise & Prayer Music Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 5:30 PM Youth Fellowship/Café

Monday, September 23

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204,205,206, Café
- 10:00 AM Louise Turpin Memorial Service/Sanctuary
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, September 24

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204,205,206, Café
- 9:00 AM PWV Study Leaders/Parlor
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Atkins Bldg, S. First Street-C.
- 4:00 PM Community Mission Deacons/Parlor

Wednesday, September 25

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204,205,206, Café
- 11:00 AM CYF Meeting/Chapel
- 1:30 PM Pakistan Study Group/Parlor Dining Room
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Thursday, September 26

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Library
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204,205,206, Café
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor
- 9:00 AM Circle of Joy/Baytowne
- 1:00 PM Circle of Faith/Parlor
- 5:30 PM Cuba Steering Committee/Parlor
- 7:00 PM Circle of Peace/Parlor

Friday, September 27

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel

Saturday, September 28

- 8:00 AM Adopt-a-Highway/CE Bldg Entry
- 4:00 PM Youth Club Reunion/Café
- 6:00 PM Praise & Prayer Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 7:00 PM Bob Nutt Tribute Concert/Virginia Theater

Worship

- Liturgist this morning is **Sandy Carr**. Contact **Judi Geistlinger** at judgeistlinger@outlook.com to serve as a liturgist.
- 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.
- Join us for **Faith in the Real World** this morning at 10:15 AM in the Sanctuary. Today's speaker is **Tracy Dace**, director and founder of DREAAM.
- Pick up a copy of the **Fall/Winter 2019 Small Group & Adult Education Opportunities** from one of the kiosks or at the Welcome Center to find a small group study this fall.
- Matthew Storie** and **Chris Hartley** will play with Peter Tijerina's Nonet, Saturday, September 28, at the Iron Post at 6 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/>.
- 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).
- The Call** is an inter-church ministry striving to see C-U come together to live out God's call to love and care for orphans. Visit <https://fb.com/thecall.cu> to learn more.

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**.

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