

# 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](http://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-Kinder-garten—first floor, 1<sup>st</sup>-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](mailto:mindy@firstpres.church)) for more information.

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## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

**September 29, 2019**  
**16<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** *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr: Patricia Sanders Cota  
Upper Room Ringers; Karin Vermillion, director

**Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell**

**Greeting & Announcements**

**Minute for Ministry – Hunger Walk** Confirmation Class

**Introit** *Praise Ye the Lord, O My Soul* Richard Rossi

## ♦Call to Worship

(Adapted from Rev. Dwight Andrews, Director, Atlanta Jazz Chorus)

Most merciful and ever-loving God, you have given your people the gift of creative expression to respond to your grace.

**We pray that you might teach us to appreciate the diversity of ways to praise your holy name.**

You have given us moans and arias, the 'field hollers' and shouts, the hymns, the songs, and the anthems.

**You have given us the spirituals and the blues, gospel, and jazz.**

You have given us the world of improvisation that we might be able to create in the moment of inspiration and discover our own individual voices.

**We thank you for the special voices who heard your call through jazz: Duke and Coltrane, Cannonball and Pharoah Sanders, Mary Lou Williams and Dave Brubeck.**

You spoke through promoters like Bob Nutt, and performers like Mahalia and Thomas Dorsey, through Aretha and Sam Cooke, through Jean René Balekita and James Taylor, John Rutter, Beethoven, Bach, and countless others.

**And you are speaking to us still, sometimes through song, sometimes through melody, sometimes through quiet stillness.**

Speak to us this day, Holy God.

**And hear our voices united in praise and thanksgiving! Alleluia!**

Let us worship God.

**The Lord's name be praised.**

♦**Hymn #641** *When In Our Music God Is Glorified*

## ♦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

**Lord Christ, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us for we have sinned.**

**We worship status.**

**We are hooked on the intoxicants of technology.**

**We are impatient in an age of immediacy.**

**We have forgotten we are finite and have pretended to be gods.**

**We are impatient with our God-given limits.**

**We talk justice and nod off when it's time to stand up.**

**We make friends with the popular and expected.**

**We strive to be nice instead of holy.**

**We play it safe.**

**Forgive our sins, Lord God, and help us more fully claim who we are: your forgiven, beloved children.**

**Help us bear your grace to everyone and live bravely in the light of your grace and joy. 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 #659** *Know That God Is Good*  
(See screens)

## 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** *Simple Gifts* arr: Patricia Sanders Cota  
Upper Room Ringers; Karin Vermillion, director

**Sung Response #609** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*  
(See screens)

## Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

**Anthem** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* arr: Moses Hogan

## Prayer for Illumination

**A Reading from the Gospel** *Mark 10:46-52* (NT pg. 47)

This is the Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message** *Did You Hear What Happened on the Road to Jericho?*

**Response to the Word** Randy Sadewater

**Call to Prayer** *The Lord Opens the Eyes of the Blind* Richard Rossi

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

♦**Hymn #300** *We Are One in the Spirit* Randy Sadewater

## ♦Charge and Benediction

♦**Congregational Choral Benediction**  
*#692 Spirit, Open My Heart* (vs. 3 and refrain) (See screens)

♦**Postlude** Richard Rossi  
(You may wish to be seated for the postlude.)

♦Please stand if able.

# This Week

## Sunday, September 29

- 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
- 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 30

- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 7:00 PM Cuba Info Mtg/Matthew's Home

## Tuesday, October 1

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204,205,206, Café
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Atkins Bldg, S. First Street-C.
- 4:00 PM Website Mtg/Parlor
- 5:30 PM DREAM/Café

## Wednesday, October 2

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204,205,206, Café
- 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, October 3

- 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
- 11:00 AM Compassion, Peace, Justice/CU at Home
- 11:30 AM PW Fall Gathering/Westminster Hall
- 5:30 PM Spiritual Formation/Library
- 6:00 PM YoungLives/Centennial Hall

## Friday, October 4

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel

## Saturday, October 5

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

•The **Confirmation Class** will be participating in the **CROP walk** to raise money for hunger relief through Church World Service. Look for the table in Westminster Hall this morning and October 6 to sponsor our youth in this effort or walk beside them. The walking date is October 13 at 2 PM with 3 and 6 mile options. For more information visit <https://www.crophunger-walk.org/champaign>

# Worship

- Liturgist this morning is **Bob Kirby**. Contact **Judi Geistlinger** at [judgeistlinger@outlook.com](mailto: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.
- Guest musician** this morning is **Randy Sadewater**. Randy is the author of *The Missing Ingredients* guitar book and founder of Randy's Guitar Clinic. Randy started playing and studying guitar at the age of 11. After working his way through college playing in coffeehouses and smoky bars, he toured with several bands. Randy now lives on Oak Island. Randy was a member of the church having joined as a part of the 1968 Communicant Class. He is in town for the Youth Club reunion.
- 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](mailto: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**, **Pastor Eric** or **Linda Peterson** from the Membership Team ([membership@firstpres.church](mailto: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 **Rebecca Ginsburg** of the Educational Justice Program (U of I and Danville prison).
- 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.
- Are you interested in the **Cuba Study or trip**? An informational meeting will be held at the Matthews house Monday September 30, 7-8:30 PM. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or contact the church office if you are interested in the study or the Spring 2020 Cuba trip.
- Matthew Storie** will play Wednesday, October 2, 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/>.

# Serve

- YoungLives is looking for cooks!** Provide a meal to this vital ministry for young mothers. Contact **Abby Hobbs** at [abby@gmail.com](mailto:abby@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**.

## Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering

Thursday, October 3 11:30 AM

Westminster Hall

Light lunch followed by the program

"For a Time Such as This"

Cindy Shepherd, story of Faith in Place