

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-Kinder-garten-first floor; 1st-High School-second floor. The 6-7th grade meet in the family library on the first floor.

Schedule

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| 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

October 20, 2019
19th 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 Stewardship Kevin Kim

Introit *This Is the Day* Harold Flammer

◆Call to Worship

Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

◆**Hymn of Praise #667** *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, when our "personal" experience of God allows no room for others,

help us to seek your forgiveness.

When "church" becomes a sanctuary only and never a launch pad,

help us to seek your forgiveness.

When our children are to be seen but not heard,

help us to seek your forgiveness.

When worship becomes simply a resting place before brunch,

help us to seek your forgiveness.

Forgive us, Holy God, for the ways we seek a personal relationship with you to the exclusion of the whole world.

Hear our prayer.

Open us to new friendships.

Hear our prayer.

Inspire us to be curious about ways of thinking differently than our own.

Hear our prayer.

Forgive our pride that proclaims "my way is the best way."

Hear our prayer.

Help us to listen *and* to hear.

Hear our prayer.

Help us repair our community with hospitality and friendship, in the manner of Jesus.

Hear our prayer.

Grow our kinship with the world you love and have so graciously redeemed in Jesus Christ.

AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

Through the grace of God in Jesus Christ, God frees us from the sin that impairs our ability to be the people God created us to be.

Alleluia!

Know that in Christ you are forgiven and be at peace.

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)

◆**Hymn #408** *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit In This Place*

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 #609 *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

(See screens)

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Anthem *The Prayer of St. Francis* René Clausen

Prayer for Illumination #456 *Listen, God Is Calling* (See screens)

A Reading from the Old Testament

Genesis 18:1-15 (OT pg. 14)

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

Message *Angels Unawares* Pastor Matt Matthews

An Affirmation of Faith from Romans 12

Let love be genuine;

hate what is evil,

hold fast to what is good;

love one another with mutual affection;

outdo one another in showing honor.

Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.

Rejoice in hope,

be patient in suffering,

persevere in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints;

extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you;

bless and do not curse them.

Rejoice with those who rejoice,

weep with those who weep.

Live in harmony with one another;

do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly;

do not claim to be wiser than you are.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.

If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God;

If your enemies are hungry, feed them;

if they are thirsty, give them something to drink;

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Call to Prayer *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord* Harold Flammer

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal pg. 35)

◆**Hymn #767** *Together We Serve*

◆**Benediction**

◆**Congregational Choral Benediction**

#300 *We Are One In the Spirit* (See screens)

◆**Postlude**

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

Richard Rossi

◆Please stand if able. Remain seated if need be.

This Week

Sunday, October 20

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 204, 212
- 10:15 AM Sunday School/Education Building
- 10:15 AM AfterWord/Parlor
- 11:00 AM Children's Choir/Chapel
- 11:15 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 12:00 PM Fair Trade Rug Show/Westminster 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, October 21

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204,205,206, Café
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 3:30 PM Environmental Team/Library
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 7:00 PM Cuba Study/Matthew's home

Tuesday, October 22

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204,205,206, Café
- 9:00 AM PW Coordinating Team/Westminster Hall
- 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
- 7:00 PM Outreach Focus/Parlor

Wednesday, October 23

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204,205,206, Café
- 1:30 PM PEB Study/Parlor Dining Room
- 2:30 PM CYF Meeting/Family Library
- 3:00 PM 10 Commandments Class/Westminster Hall
- 3:00 PM DREAAM/Centennial Hall & Gym
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Thursday, October 24

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Library
- 9:00 AM Circle of Joy/Baytowne
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor
- 9:00 AM CCP Roundtable/Westminster Hall
- 1:00 PM Circle of Faith/Parlor
- 5:30 AM Cuba Steering Committee/Parlor
- 5:30 PM YoungLives/Centennial Hall
- 7:00 PM Circle of Peace/Parlor

Friday, October 25

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 9:00 AM ESL Informational Mtg/Café

Saturday, October 26

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

The church office will close at noon on Fridays beginning in November.

Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Miriam Chenault**. 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.

•There will be a **Congregational Meeting** this morning following the 9 AM service of worship. The purpose of this meeting is to hear a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee and vote on officers for the coming year. (See insert.) Nominations from the floor are allowed, given prior approval.

•**All Saints' Day**, when we give thanks to members of the community of faith who have died in the past year, will be celebrated Sunday, November 3. Please share any names to be remembered with the church office by October 25.

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) or call the church office.

•Join us for **AfterWord** this morning at 10:15 AM in the Parlor. Stick around after the 9 AM service to get in the "last word"...a time to focus on the scripture of the day and discuss the sermon.

•The **RUG Event** continues today in Westminster Hall. Stop by and check out the sale following this morning's service.

•**Charles Milazzo** celebrated his 100th birthday on Friday, October 18. Join Chuck, his family and friends this afternoon from 1-3 PM at Windsor Court for a belated celebration.

•What would it feel like to fill our pews as an intercultural congregation of all nations? Your **Outreach Committee** wants your input. Join us in the Parlor on Tuesday, October 22, from 7-8:30 PM. Can't come? Talk to **Bob Kirby** at 217-621-5915 or rwk3213@gmail.com.

Serve

•Volunteers are needed for **Trunk or Treat** on October 27 with decorated cars and candy for the kids from 5-6 PM and a soup supper from 6-7 PM. If you decorate your car, come at 4:30 and set up. You can also make some soup or help serve. Hot soup should be brought to Centennial Hall in a crock pot by 5:30. If you are unable to volunteer, we will accept bags of candy individually wrapped by the manufacturer brought to the church office by October 25. Contact mindy@firstpres.church to volunteer.