

# 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-Kindergarten-first floor; 1<sup>st</sup>-High School-second floor. The 6-7<sup>th</sup> 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 27, 2019**  
**20<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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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** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* arr. Patricia Sanders Cota  
Upper Room Ringers; Karin Vermillion, Director

**Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell**

**Greeting & Announcements**

**Minute for Stewardship** Sabrina Hwu

**Introit** *Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord* Richard Rossi

## ◆Call to Worship

There is now a new creation,  
through the grace of Jesus Christ –  
**peace and reconciliation**  
**with the God of endless life.**

Let us worship the God who makes all things new in Jesus Christ!

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

◆**Hymn of Praise #159** *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem*

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, You have made of one blood all nations of women and men to dwell on the face of the earth;

**By your grace in Christ – though many – we are one body.**

Remind us in this hour that First Presbyterian Church is only one part of a vast fellowship.

**Blest be the tie that binds!**

Turn our thoughts outward and help us to build and foster a closer communion with the whole church – the church across the street and the church across the world.

**Help us, Lord.**

Thank you for your church.

**Thank you, Lord. Alleluia.**

Forgive us for taking your church for granted.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In Christ's name, hear our prayer!

**Amen and 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!**

Remember the cross of Jesus and know, because of God's grace in Jesus 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 #274** *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*

## 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

*Ode to Joy* arr. Guy Radcliffe  
Upper Room Ringers; Karin Vermillion, Director

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

### Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

**Anthem** *I Believe This Is Jesus* arr. Undine Moore

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

### A Reading from the Gospels

*Mark 15:16–26* (NT pg. 53)

This is the Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message** *Our Brother Simon, the African* the Rev. Bob Rice

### Affirmation of Faith from the Confession of 1967

(Three readers and congregation...Wait for cue)

**The risen Christ is the Savior for all people. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as his reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which began with the apostles and continues through all generations. Alleluia!**

**Call to Prayer** *Come Then, Let Us Bow Down and Worship* R. Rossi

### Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

*The Lord's Prayer* (Hymnal pg. 35)

◆**Hymn #774** *There Is Now a New Creation*

### ◆Charge and 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

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

# This Week

## Sunday, October 27

- 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/Westminster Hall
- 11:00 AM Children's Choir/Chapel
- 11:15 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Room 204
- 2:00 PM Praise & Prayer Music Rehearsal/Chapel
- 5:00 PM Trunk or Treat/Church Parking Lot
- 6:00 PM Soup Supper/Centennial Hall

## Monday, October 28

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204,205,206, Café
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 7:00 PM Cuba Study/Matthews' home

## Tuesday, October 29

- 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.

## Wednesday, October 30

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Curtis Orchard
- 1:30 PM PEB Study/Parlor Dining Room
- 3:00 PM 10 Commandments Class/Westminster Hall
- 3:00 PM DREAAM/Centennial Hall & Gym
- 4:00 PM Lord Wedding/Sanctuary
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

## Thursday, October 31

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Library
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor
- 11:00 AM Compassion, Peace, Justice/Library

## Friday, November 1 Church Office closes at Noon

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel

## Saturday, November 2

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

**The church office will close at noon on Fridays beginning November 1.**

**•Daylight saving time ends next Sunday, November 3. Remember to fall back one hour!**

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 • Come tonight for Trunk or Treat with decorated cars and candy for the kids from 5-6 PM followed by a SOUP SUPPER from 6-7 PM. If you are decorating 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.  
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# Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Jane Seiler**. 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.

•Today we welcome **Bob and Kristi Rice**, our mission coworkers in South Sudan. Join them for a conversation today in Adult Education at 10:15 AM in Westminster Hall.

**Bob and Kristi** began in January 2010 as mission workers of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where they served with the Presbyterian Community of Congo (CPC) as consultants and colleagues with an active involvement in visioning and implementing new initiatives in Christian education and evangelism, and assisting in the areas of reconciliation, care for vulnerable children, and helping community development initiatives seeking to lift up the poor. In May 2017, they began a new role and call in South Sudan. **Bob** serves as an instructor at Nile Theological College and teaches a broad range of courses in theology and biblical studies, with a specific focus in the academic disciplines of systematic theology, public theology, and ethics. **Kristi** serves as an economic and development advisor for the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church. She works to strengthen the identification, development, and management of church development projects that support the financial goals of the church and improve the health and wellbeing of the communities. They live in Juba, the capital city.

•**Hymn #274, You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd is a new one for us.** This new lyric (1984) to an ancient tune (17<sup>th</sup> century) gives us a lot to think about. When it was first published, the author called this text *Christus Paradox*, because so many attributes of Christ stand in tension with each other. Mindful of the works of Søren Kierkegaard, she drafted it on a commuter bus after “a particularly bad day” of prison ministry.

•**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.

•**Next Sunday, November 3**, you are invited to bring your **2020 financial pledge card** forward.

# 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.

•**Who are our neighbors without addresses?** Let's find out in a street walk on Saturday, November 9. We will meet at Café Kopi at 11 AM for prayer and preparation and return again by noon for prayer and reflection.