

# 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

- 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.

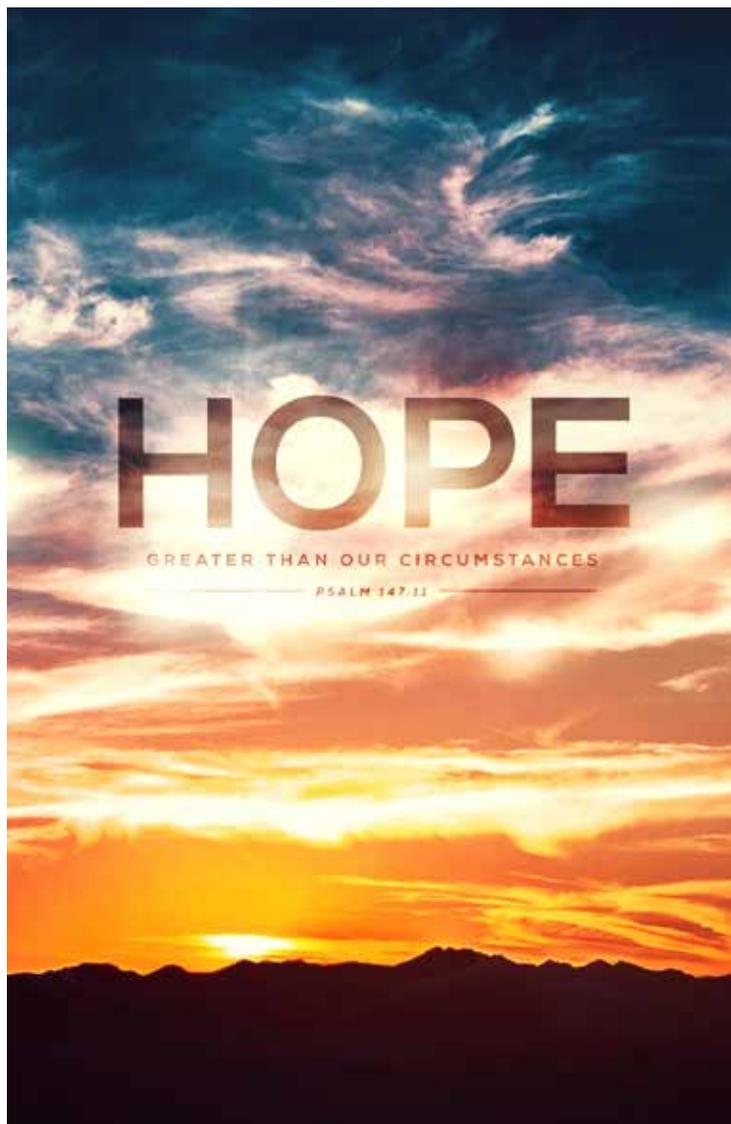
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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

**November 17, 2019**  
**23<sup>rd</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** Richard Rossi

**Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell**

**Greeting & Announcements**

**Minute for Ministry – ESL** Vern Snoeyink

**Introit** *Praise to the Lord, For God Is Good* Hal Hopson

♦ **Call to Worship** from *Psalm 98:4-6*

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
**break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,  
**with the lyre and the sound of melody.**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
**make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.**

Come, make a joyful noise, sing praise!  
**Come, let us worship the Lord!**

♦ **Hymn of Praise #275** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

**Call to Confession** from *Feasting on the Word*

The psalmist assures us that the Lord is near  
to all who call on God in truth.

So with that assurance of God's presence,  
God's steadfast love,

and God's overwhelming mercy,  
let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**Prayer of Confession** from *Feasting on the Word*

**Holy God, we come before you  
a broken people in a broken world.**

**We confess we have ignored, yet again,  
your assured presence.**

**We have forged our own paths and  
chartered our own waters.**

**In the name of independence  
we have ignored your aid,  
your comfort, and your peace.**

**We have called upon you in desperation  
rather than recalling your mighty and  
faithful acts in all times and places.**

**Forgive us.**

**You have been with us in exile and liberation;  
be with us even now. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

In the waters of Baptism, we are reminded that God redeems,  
sustains, and shepherds us.

**Alleluia!**

We are not alone. God's love is with us always. Be at peace  
and know you are forgiven by God to be the people you were  
called to be, gladly loving the world in the name and manner  
of Jesus Christ.

**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 #101** *No Wind At the Window* (vs. 1,2,4)

**Act of Friendship and Collection of Prayer Concerns**

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

**Children's Time** *Amazing Grace*

Children's Choir; Connor Stout, director

**Offering of Gifts and Tithes**

Richard Rossi

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

**Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

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

**Anthem** *Sing to the Lord of Harvest*

arr. Healy Willan

**A Reading from the Gospels**

*Luke 20:27-38* (NT pg. 84)

This is the Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message** *Questions, Promises, Hope, Home* Pastor Matt Matthews

**Call to Prayer** *The Lord Will Receive Our Prayer*

Hal Hopson

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern**

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

♦ **Hymn #649** *Amazing Grace*

♦ **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, November 17

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 204, 212
- 10:15 AM Sunday School/Education Building
- 10:15 AM Adult Ed/Parlor
- 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 Robert Tuchel Memorial Service/Sanctuary
- 2:00 PM Praise & Prayer Music Rehearsal/Chapel
- 5:30 PM Youth Fellowship/Café

## Monday, November 18

- 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
- 6:30 PM Epilepsy Support/Westminster Hall
- 7:00 PM Cuba Study/Matthews' home

## Tuesday, November 19

- 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.
- 4:30 PM World Mission Team/Parlor

## Wednesday, November 20

- 11:00 AM ESL Thanksgiving Potluck/Centennial 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, November 21

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Library
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204,205,206, Café
- 9:00 AM Circle of Joy/Baytowne
- 1:00 PM Circle of Faith/Parlor
- 5:30 PM Cuba Study/Parlor
- 6:00 PM YoungLives/Centennial Hall
- 7:00 PM Session/Westminster Hall
- 7:00 PM Circle of Peace/Parlor

## Friday, November 22 Church Office closes at Noon

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

## Saturday, November 23

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

**The church office will close at noon on Fridays.**

# Worship

- Liturgist this morning is **Miriam Chenault**. Contact **Judi Geistlinger** [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.
- The flowers this morning are given in loving memory of **Robert Tuchel** by his family. There will be a Celebration of Life service this afternoon at 2 PM in the Sanctuary for Mr. Tuchel.

# 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 **Matt Matthews** this morning in the Parlor at 10:15 AM as we move towards the upcoming Advent Season. Pastor Matt will lead a Bible Study focusing on the Nativity scripture in Luke. A prayer walk with pre-Advent stations will also direct our thoughts toward Christianity's Holy Season.
- First Pres Champaign is a **"Matthew 25 Congregation,"** which means, in part, we attempt to be keenly aware of serving all comers, especially those whom Jesus calls "the least of these." **Hunger and Homelessness Awareness** week is November 16-24.
- Movie Night with New Covenant Fellowship**, 124 West White Street, Champaign. Thousands of Central Americans have relocated to Champaign-Urbana. *Harvest of Empire* is a fascinating documentary of how U.S. policy has led to migration. Join us Monday, November 18, at 7 PM New Covenant Fellowship. (*Film includes images of death, war and troubling torture.*)
- The **Circles of Presbyterian Women** meet a week early this month, next Thursday, November 21, to share fellowship and discussion of Lesson 3 in the *Words of Love* study, "Keep Sabbath". All women are invited to gather at 9 AM at Baytowne, 1 PM or at 7 PM in the Parlor at the church.
- Keep up with the latest news...pick up a copy of the **November newsletter** from one of the kiosks if you did not receive an email or mail copy.

# Serve

- Consider becoming a **confirmation mentor** to support a confirmation student as they explore their faith and discern what they believe. Contact **Mindy Watts-Ellis** at [mindy@firstpres.church](mailto:mindy@firstpres.church) to express your interest in mentoring. Mentors will communicate with their student once a week to get to know each other and pray for one another. We also encourage mentors to attend the service on May 31 in which the confirmands will be received by the congregation.
- DREAAM** is looking for math, science and English tutors weekdays between 10-12 noon. The students are enrolled in the DREAAM Day Reporting Center and need help with high school courses. Scheduling is flexible and based on your availability. Contact [volunteer@dreem.org](mailto:volunteer@dreem.org) for more information.