

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 6-7th 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

December 15, 2019
3rd Sunday of Advent

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 *Vom Himmel Hoch* (from *Heaven High*)
Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell

Greeting & Announcements

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Andrew Leakey, Lisa Ainsworth, Fiona and Hazel

Introit *Savior of the Nations Come* Richard Nance

◆Call to Worship

Today there is good news for us to behold!

**Those who feared that they were worth little to God
have found blessing in God's sight.**

For in the mercy and love of God, we shall be made whole.

Believe in the power of God in all things. AMEN.

◆Hymn #105 *People Look East*

Call to Confession

We confess our sins because only God can restore what becomes broken in our relationship with our Creator and with others. Let us pray humbly, gladly, and honestly.

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we confess that we have sinned against you.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us to
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 name. O Come, O Come,
Emmanuel. AMEN.**

Assurance of Pardon

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 #113 *Angels We Have Heard on High*
(See screens)

Act of Friendship and Sharing Prayer Concerns

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

Children's Time

Offering of Gifts and Tithes *Sheep May Safely Graze* J.S. Bach

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

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Prayer for Illumination #92 *While We Are Waiting, Come*
(see screens)

A Reading from the Gospels

Luke 1:46-56 (NT pg. 57)

This is the Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God.

Message *Mary's Song*

Pastor Matt Matthews

Magnificat *Antonio Vivaldi*

I. *Magnificat anima mea* (Chorus)

II. *Et exultavit* (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Chorus)

III. *Et misericordia* (Chorus)

IV. *Fecit potentiam; Deposuit potentes* (Chorus)

V. *Esurientes implevit bonis* (Soprano, Alto)

VI. *Suscepit Israel* (Chorus)

VII. *Sicut locutus est* (Soprano, Alto, Bass)

VIII. *Gloria Patri* (Chorus)

◆Hymn *What Child Is This?*

◆Benediction

◆**Postlude** *In Dulci Jubilo* Paul Manz (b. 1914)
(You may wish to be seated for the postlude.)

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

This Week

Sunday, December 15

- 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
- 11:15 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Room 204
- 2:00 PM Praise & Prayer Music Rehearsal/Centennial Hall

Monday, December 16

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 201,204,205,206, Café
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 3:30 PM Environmental Team/Library
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, December 17

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 201,204,205,206, Café
- 11:00 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Atkins Bldg, S. First Street-C.

Wednesday, December 18

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 201,204,205,206, Café
- 3:00 PM DREAAM/Centennial Hall & Gym
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Thursday, December 19

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Library
- 11:00 AM Compassion, Peace, Justice/Library
- 7:00 PM Session/Matthew's Home

Friday, December 20 Church Office closes at Noon

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 3:45 PM Senior High Advent Gathering/Hwu's Home

Saturday, December 21

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

Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Mary Jane Kelley**. Contact **Judi Geistlinger** 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.

•**Christmas poinsettias** will decorate our Sanctuary this coming holiday season. Poinsettias are \$13 per plant and can be given in honor or memory of someone. Include "poinsettia" on your check along with a note of who it is given for.

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.

•**Opportunities to give during Advent...**Angel Tree gifts are due TODAY!

•This year's **Advent Offering** will support Restoration Urban Ministry. Mark your check "Advent" in the memo and drop in the offering plate. Cash donations should also be marked and placed in a pew envelope. Thanks for your generosity!

•**Judi Geistlinger** will lead the Advent study *Christmas In the Four Gospel Homes* this morning at 10:15 AM in the Parlor.

•Keep up with the latest news...pick up a copy of the **December newsletter** from one of the kiosks.



December Worship

Sunday, December 22
9 AM Worship/Children's Pageant
...only ONE service

Tuesday, December 24
10 AM Worship/Chapel
4 PM Family Worship
8 PM Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 29
9 AM Worship...only ONE service

Sanctuary Choir

Soprano

Jamille Brewster*
Becky Grant
Kathy Havey
Celeste Kim
Brandi Lowe
Karin Vermillion

Alto

Tanya Deckert
Ann Finnegan
Kim File
Pam Knox
Mary Nicholas
Miranda Rowland*
Linda Sims
Jeannie Snoeyink

Tenor

Royce Brown*
Allan File
Kyle Knox
Dennis Sims

Bass

Jim Berger
Mike Havey
Morris Huck
Connor Stout*
Bob Twardock

*section leader/soloists

Joe Grant, Director
Richard Rossi, Organist
Leslie Thomas, Rehearsal Accompanist

Orchestra

Oboe

Evan Tammen
Angela Tammen

Violin I

Alex Malaimare
Amanda Ramey

Violin II

Eun Namkung
Ashley Fitzwater

Viola

YooBin Lee

Cello

Barbara Hedlund

Double Bass

Guilherme Zils

Styrofoam Sunday



The Green Team is taking advantage of the season with the hope you'll help us help the environment. Until January 5, please collect and save at home styrofoam block packaging, cups and food containers that are clean and dry and imprinted with a #6 and chasing arrow. Bring your styrofoam to church for recycling on Styrofoam Sunday.

Sunday, January 5, 2020

Westminster Hall 8 AM – 12 PM
Centennial Hall 10:30 AM – 11:15 AM
Recycling styrofoam containers, cups and block foam...NO packaging peanuts!

Food containers...

- Must be clean and dry
- Must have #6 Chasing Arrow
- Remove straws, lids, tape or any other non-foam material

Green Team members will collect your styrofoam and deliver it to DART.

When we use a styrofoam cup or take home our leftovers in a styrofoam container, we are using a product that will be with us for centuries - five centuries or more. Currently, 2.5 million cups are used per year in the US and most of these are thrown into the trash and then into our landfills.

REUSING items was the topic in last month's article and reusing styrofoam packing materials is a great idea. However, please don't use or reuse food styrofoam food containers. Benzene and styrene are among the chemicals used to manufacture styrofoam. Benzene is a known carcinogen and a threat to human health and reproductive systems while styrene is a suspected carcinogen. These chemicals can leach from containers into food when heated.

Recycling doesn't make the styrofoam go away. Recycling simply turns it into different styrofoam products. The environment wins because new styrofoam isn't produced and the original doesn't go into the landfill.

This event will be a first for our church and a gift for the environment. Thank you for your help and our committee wishes you a blessed holiday and a joyous New Year.