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

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
11-11:05  Children dismissed
11:11-11:30  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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Bienvenue à La Premiere Eglise Presbytérienne de Champaign
Bienvenidos a La Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana

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January 19, 2020
2nd Sunday after the Epiphany
9 AM

Be the Light
MATTHEW 5:16
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

Introit  Praise To the Lord, the Almighty  arr. Paul Sjolund

Call to Worship
God of the prophets, call to us today.
Call us into Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.
God of the poets, remind us again how much You love us.
Sing to us Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.
God of the disciples, teach us how to follow You.
Teach us Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.
God of all creation, help us to know Your ways.
We gather to hear Your call,
to sing Your praise,
to teach each other,
to pray and worship as the Body of Christ.

Hymn #339  Lift Every Voice and Sing

Call to Confession
It is clear that God wants to hear our prayers and forgive us, for God is willing to lean close to our hearts to listen to our failures, our poor choices, all the things we have done wrong. Please join me as we pray...

Prayer of Confession
Most holy and merciful God: we acknowledge and confess our slowness to do good, our blindness to injustice, and our complicity in deferring the dreams and hopes of the oppressed. We have too often refused to heed your call to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you, our God.
We condemn racial injustice in our pronouncements, yet often cling to the privileges derived from inequity. All too often we are blind to our complicity in maintaining systems of oppression and deferring the hopes and dreams of the oppressed for freedom. Help us to name our sin, to claim responsibility for our actions, and to change our behavior. Shake us from our sleep with your imperative to do justice, move us to action with the compassion of your grace, and give us the courage to pay the price that your justice may be done, on earth as in heaven...
(Continue to pray in silence.) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon
Come, dear friends and receive God’s grace; follow Jesus, as he leads you closer to God.
I will sing of God’s gracious love for me; I will sing a new song of hope and wonder. Thanks be to God! Amen.

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 #240  Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks (See screens)

Hymn #318  In Christ There Is No East or West

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
You Are All I Need  Jean René Balekita
Sung Response #609  Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination  #472  Kum ba Yah (vs. 1)
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!
O Lord, kum ba yah!

A Reading from the Psalms  Psalm 40 (OT pg. 513)

Anthem  When the Morning Stars  arr. Benjamin Harlan

A Reading from the Prophets  Isaiah 49:1-7 (OT pg. 679)
This is the Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God!

Message  A Light In the Darkness  Pastor Eric Corbin

Call to Prayer  Will Be Done  Paul Sjolund

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

Hymn #379  We Shall Overcome

Benediction

Congregational Choral Benediction #765  May the God of Hope Go With Us (See screens)

Postlude  Richard Rossi
(If you wish to be seated for the postlude, you may.)

Please stand if able. Remain seated if need be.
This Week

Sunday, January 19
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 Francophone Music Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
5:30 PM Youth Retreat/Gym, Café, Chapel

Monday, January 20
Office Closed MLK Holiday
5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, January 21
7:00 AM Men’s Breakfast Study/Centennial Hall
9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 201, 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.
3:30 PM Environmental Team/Library
4:30 PM World Mission Team/Westminster Hall

Wednesday, January 22
9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 201, 204, 205, 206, Café
1:30 PM Pakistan Study/Parlor
3:00 PM DREAAM/Centennial Hall, Gym
6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
6:30 PM Holocaust Presentation/Countryside School
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Thursday, January 23
7:30 AM Men’s Breakfast Study/Library
9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 201, 204, 205, 206, Café
9:00 AM Women’s Bible Study/Parlor
9:00 AM Circle of Joy/Baytowne
10:30 AM DREAAM/Library
1:00 PM Circle of Faith/Parlor
5:30 PM Cuba Steering Committee/Parlor
6:00 PM YoungLives/Café
7:00 PM Circle of Peace/Parlor

Friday, January 24
Church Office closes at Noon
8:30 AM Men’s Prayer/Chapel
9:00 AM ESL Informational Mtg/Café

Saturday, January 25
6:00 PM Praise & Prayer Gathering/Centennial Hall

Worship
• Liturgist this morning is Judi Geistlinger. Contact Judi Geistlinger judigeistlinger@outlook.com or visit firstpres.church/liturgist 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.

Connect
• We are glad you’re here! If you want to learn more about becoming a member of First Pres, contact Pastor Matt or Pastor Eric or call the church office.
• Stick around after the 9 AM service to get in the “last word.” Join us in the Parlor Dining Room for a bite to eat and a time to focus on the scripture from this morning and discuss the sermon. Faith in the Real World returns February 2 in the Sanctuary.
• Keep up with the latest news...pick up a copy of the January newsletter from one of the kiosks. We are starting a new feature in our newsletter next month tentatively called “What’s up at FPCC?” If you have a question about the church, send to info@firstpres.church with “What’s up” in the subject line. Look for the answers in the newsletter.
• Photos from some of the Christmas services and other activities are now available on our Facebook page at http://fb.com/firstpreschampaign/photos. Sharing photos and information about your church is a great way to tell your friends about how God is working at First Pres! Enjoy!
• On Tuesday, February 18, Pastor Matt and the Ulens will lead a small group trip to the Art Institute of Chicago. We’ll leave the Church at 8 AM in the church van, get to the Art Institute by opening time (10:30), explore the museum by audio tour or on your own, gather by Chagall’s “White Crucifixion” for discussion led by Pastor Matt, and eat lunch together. There will be some free time in the afternoon before we re-gather at Fourth Presbyterian Church and go for a dinner nearby. After dinner, we’ll drive back arriving by 9:30 PM. Cost will be modest; you’re responsible for lunch and dinner. Participants must be mobile enough to get in and out of the church van. Wheel chairs are available for use inside the Art Institute. More details to fol-low. Contact Matt, Julia or Tom, or Patty in the church office if interested.
• The Refugee Center (formerly ECIRMAC) will hold its thirteenth Annual Fundraising Banquet on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at 6 PM at the I-Hotel. Ticket pricing: $80 per person or $600 per Table of Eight. Contact the Center at 344-8455 or John Muirhead at 398-1048. Unable to attend? Please consider making a donation to help support the work of The Refugee Center online at www.therefugeecenter.org or mail a check. They are a 501(c) (3) organization, so your donation is tax deductible.

Serve
• CYF is seeking faith-filled adults to pair with our confirmands to serve as mentors. We have 6 female and 1 male student currently in the class. Contact Mindy Watts-Ellis for more details and to volunteer.

The Holocaust:
Remembering the Past as We Stand
Together for a Brighter Future

Wednesday, January 22 6:30 PM Countryside School
4301 West Kirby Avenue-Champaign
Max Libman, Presenter, Countryside 8th grader

A moving, powerful evening including a documentary created by Max, short film “A Star” (original screenplay by Max), community panel and discussion and Holocaust-inspired artwork and poetry by Countryside’s 7th and 8th graders.

All are welcome!