

# 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  |

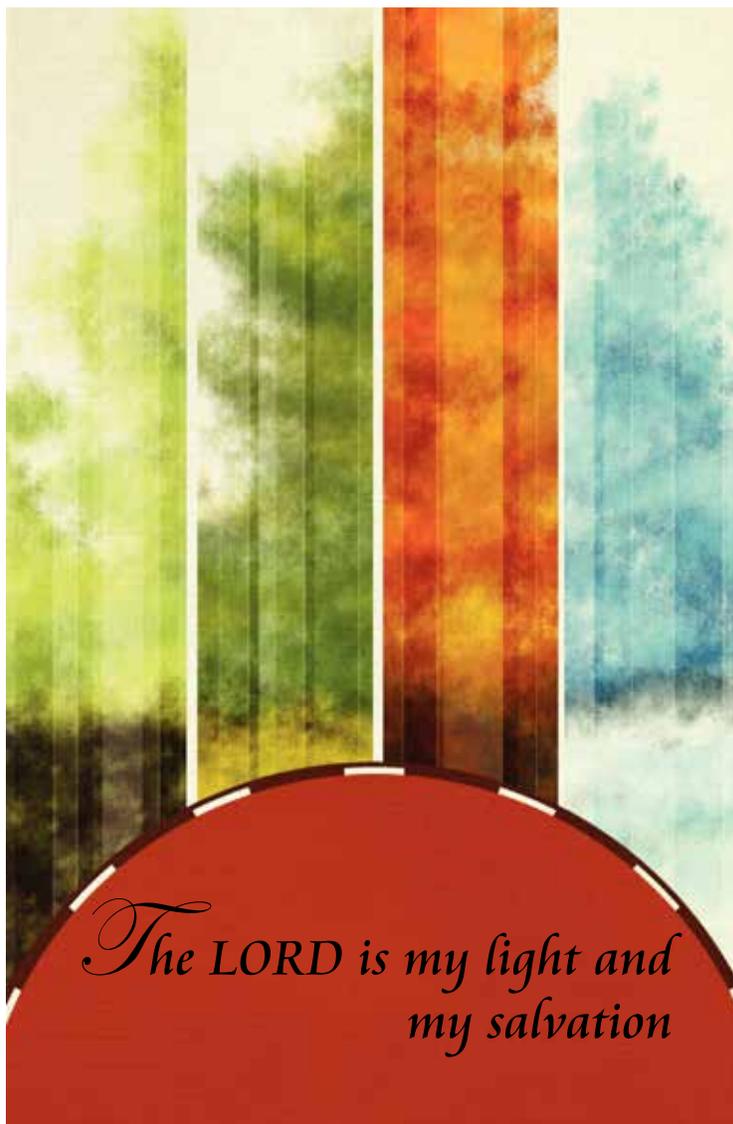
Contact our Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, **Mindy Watts-Ellis** (mindy@firstpres.church) for more information.

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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

**January 26, 2020**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**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**

**Introit** *Sing Praise to God* arr. Leland Sateren

## ❖ Call to Worship

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
**those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.** (*Isaiah 9*)

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
**The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?** (*Psalms 27*)

God's light shines in his son, Jesus the Christ.  
**Hallelujah. Let us worship God with thanksgiving and joy.**

❖ **Hymn #61** *I Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

## Call to Confession

If we say we have no sin,  
we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**If we confess our sins, He who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** (*1 John 1:8-9*)

In confidence of God's enduring love and forgiveness, and remembering our baptism, let us confess our sins to God.

## Prayer of Confession

**Holy and merciful God,**  
**in your presence we confess**  
**our failure to be what you created us to be.**  
**You alone know how often we have sinned**  
**in wandering from your ways,**  
**in wasting your gifts,**  
**in forgetting your love.**  
**By your loving mercy,**  
**help us to live in your light**  
**and abide in your ways,**  
**for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the gospel and be at peace.  
**Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation**  
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.  
Know that by God's grace in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
**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 #582

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* (See screens)

❖ **Hymn #721** *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

## 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** Richard Rossi  
**Sung Response #619** (vs. 1)  
*Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven* (See screens)

## Prayer of Dedication

**Prayer for Illumination #474** *As a Child Rests* (refrain)  
**As a child rests in its mother's arms, so will I rest in you.**  
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**A Reading from the Old Testament** *Isaiah 9:1-4* (OT pg. 638)

**Anthem** *We Wait For God* Frederick Brockman

**A Reading from the Gospels** *Matthew 4:12-23* (NT pg. 3)

This is the Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Message** *Remembering the Saints Jesus Has Called*  
Pastor Matt Matthews

**Call to Prayer** *I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes* Ann Ker

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

❖ **Hymn #325** *By All Your Saints Still Striving*

## ❖ Charge and Benediction

What does the Lord require of us?  
**To seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.** (*Micah 6:8*)

May God help us live this high calling faithfully, as we strive to be good stewards of all our gifts.

**Thanks be to God! Use us, God.**

God has richly blessed us to be a blessing to the world in Christ's name.

**Thanks be to God! Guide our steps.**

❖ **Congregational Choral Benediction #772** (vs. 4)

*Live Into Hope* (See screens)

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

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

Our closing hymn today, *By All Your Saints Still Striving*, is a massive narrative lyric, adapted from a much longer hymn by the nephew of the famous British Admiral Nelson; it was intended for use on saints' days observed by the Church of England. The tune name honors the Norfolk seaport town where the tune was collected. We use it today for the obvious reason that Jesus finds us, calls us, and gives us a holy vocation for which we strive, with God's help.

# This Week

## Sunday, January 26

- 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/Café
- 11:15 AM The Gathering/Chapel

## Monday, January 27

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 201,204,205,206, Café
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

## Tuesday, January 28

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 201,204,205,206, Café
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Atkins Bldg, S. First Street-C.
- 12:30 PM Website Team/Parlor
- 4:00 PM Community Mission Deacons/Parlor

## Wednesday, January 29

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 201,204,205,206, Café
- 1:30 PM Pakistan Study/Parlor
- 3:00 PM DREAAM/Café, Gym
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

## Thursday, January 30

- 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

## Friday, January 31 Church Office closes at Noon

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel

## Saturday, February 1

•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, 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. 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 follow. Contact Matt, Julia or Tom, or Patty in the church office if interested.

# Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Ginny Waaler**. Contact **Judi Geistlinger** [judgeistlinger@outlook.com](mailto:judgeistlinger@outlook.com) or visit [firstpres.church/liturgist](http://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.

•Join us February 9 in Westminster Hall from 10:15-11:05 AM to create **Valentine gift bags** for Faith in Action clients. We will partner adults with kids to work together to decorate bags, create cards, and stuff the bags with little gifts to spread God's love to lonely individuals in our community.

•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](mailto:info@firstpres.church) with "What's up" in the subject line. Look for the answers in the newsletter.

•The Winter/Spring listing for **Adult Education Opportunities** is now available in the kiosks. Pick up your copy and join a small group this Spring!

•**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!

•**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.

# 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.