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 on the back table.
- 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.

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church
Bienvenue à La Premiere Eglise Presbytérienne de Champaign
Bienvenidos a La Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana

शामल जीविका जीवनेश्वरीय है अधिकार अभिनवों को आमंत्रित है।
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Response of Gratitude #113 Angels We Have Heard on High
(See screens)

Act of Friendship & Sharing Prayer Concerns
(Learn the names of your pew mates; please complete Prayer Request Card)

Children's Time

Offering of Gifts and Tithes
As We Gather At Your Table
(K. Lee Scott)

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

Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination #92 While We Are Waiting vs. 1
(See screens)

A Reading from the Gospels
John 1:1-9, 10-18 (NT pg. 91)
This is the Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God!

Proclamation of the Word
Observations On Our New Beginning
(Matt Matthews)

Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
We are Invited
We give Thanks (sung to Day Is Done Ar Hyd Y Nos)
For the fruit of all creation, Thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, Thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us.
Most of all that love has found us, Thanks be to God.
The Lord's Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy
name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on
earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread; and forgive our debts, as we forgive our
debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and
the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. Hear our
prayer, O Lord.
The Meal is Set
The Meal is Shared
(Richard Rossi)
We Close in Prayer

Hymn #150 As With Gladness Men of Old

Charge and Benediction

Congregational Choral Benediction
#136 Go Tell It On the Mountain chorus (See screens)

Postlude
(You may wish to be seated for the postlude.)

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

Sunday, January 5
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
12:15 AM New American Mtg & Session/Parlor
2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Room 204
2:00 PM Praise & Prayer Music Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
5:30 PM Youth Fellowship/Café

Monday, January 6
1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
4:00 PM HR Meeting/Library
5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, January 7
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.

Wednesday, January 8
8:30 AM SEA Group/Parlor
9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 201,204,205,206, Café
11:30 AM Stephen Ministry Support Team/Parlor
1:30 PM Pakistan Study/Parlor
4:00 PM Outreach/Library
6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Thursday, January 9
7:30 AM Men’s Breakfast Study/Library
9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 201,204,205,206, Café
10:30 AM Membership Team/Parlor
11:30 PM Nurture Team/Parlor
12:30 PM Mission Team/Library
4:30 PM Finance Team/Library
5:30 PM Courageous Conversations/Parlor

Friday, January 10 Church Office closes at Noon
8:30 AM Men’s Prayer/Chapel
9:00 AM ESL Informational Mtg/Café

Saturday, January 11
6:00 PM Praise & Prayer Gathering/Centennial Hall

Worship

• Liturgist this morning is Greg Cozad. 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.

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. Betty Hollister will lead this morning’s AfterWord.

• Keep up with the latest news...pick up a copy of the December newsletter from one of the kiosks if you did not receive an email or mail copy. Watch for the January issue in the coming weeks.

Serve

• Members of the Green Team (Environmental Stewardship Committee) will be collecting your styrofoam containers, cups or block foam (NO packaging peanuts) this morning from 8 AM - 12 noon in Westminster Hall and from 10:30 - 11:15 AM in Centennial Hall.

• CYF is seeking faith-filled adults to pair with our confirmands to serve as mentors. Confirmation mentors walk alongside their student as a friend and gentle guide as the student defines what he/she believes and begins to write his/her statement of faith. You don’t need to have all the answers, on the contrary, you are to share your struggles as an ordinary person trying to live a life of faith. Mentors are encouraged to be in contact with their student once a week to share news and do something fun together occasionally. Mentors are asked to be present at the worship service when the confirmands who have decided to join the church are received as members in May. We have 6 female and 1 male student currently in the class. Contact Mindy Watts-Ellis for more details and to volunteer.