

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

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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

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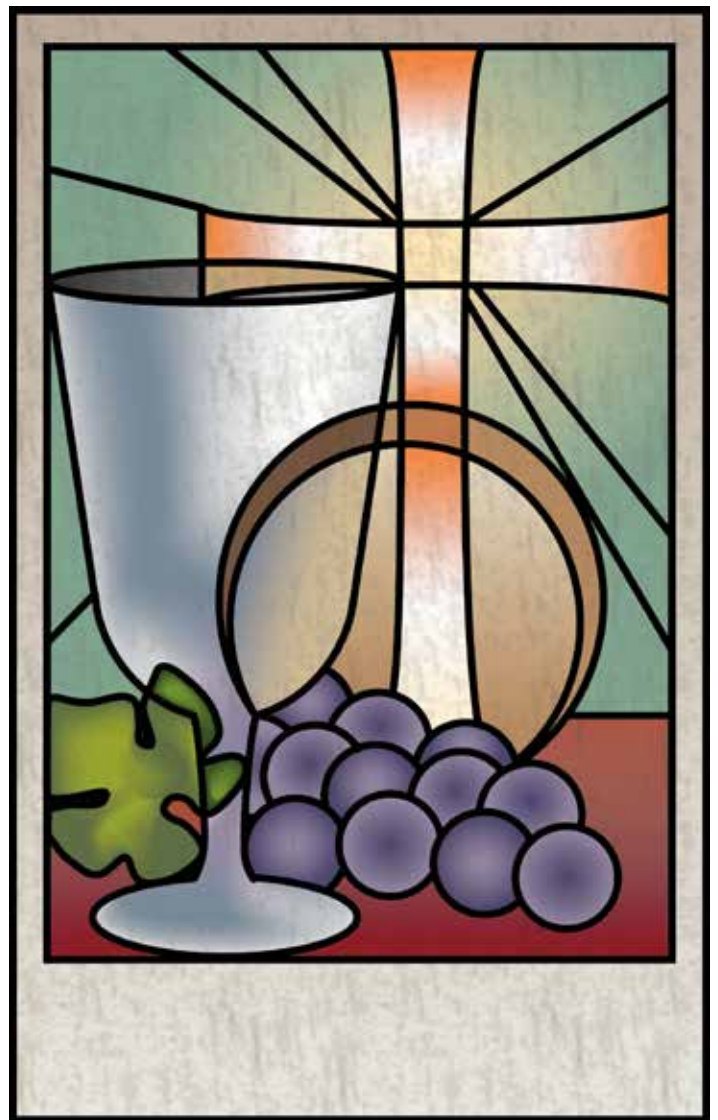


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

February 2, 2020

4th Sunday after 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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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 Richard Rossi

**Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell
Greeting and Announcements**

Introit *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* Hymn Tune – Holy Manna

❖ Call to Worship

We are blessed when we hunger for justice and thirst for reconciliation.

Our souls are nourished by God's hope and grace.

We are blessed when we grieve over the brokenness of the world,

choosing, as God does, to be with those who are weak and powerless.

We are blessed when we are peacemakers,

willing to do what is right and good, not what is easy.

❖ **Hymn #749** *Come! Live in the Light!*

Call to Confession

Called to be weak, we idolize the powerful; called to be foolish, we hunger for the world's wisdom; called to be poor in spirit, we thirst for more and more. Let us confess to God how following Jesus is often a stumbling block for us...

Prayer of Confession

How do we approach you, Exalted God, with our confessions? We must make you weary with our inability to do justice for the poor and outcast. We gossip about those who are close to us, instead of being their loving friend. We make promises, and then go back on our word.

Forgive us, God of Hope, and bless us with your mercy. By your peace, we can do justice. By your love, we can act kindly. By your grace, we can walk with you as humbly, and hopefully, as did our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ...*(Continue to pray in silence).*
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

It is through foolishness that God makes us wise; it is through weakness that God strengthens us to serve; it is through forgiveness that God makes us whole.

We cannot boast in what we have done, but only in the grace and joy of our God, who showers us with mercy. 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 #582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines On Me (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

Take of the Wonder

Robert Wetzler

Sung Response #619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven (See screens)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination #70

What Does the Lord Require of You? (See screens)

A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Micah 6:1-8 (OT pg. 866)

A Reading from the Gospels

Matthew 5:1-12 (NT pg. 4)

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Message *Bumper Sticker Religion*

Eric Corbin

Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We are Invited

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

We Close in Prayer

Richard Rossi

❖ **Hymn #172** *Blest Are They*

❖ **Benediction**

❖ **Congregational Choral Benediction #772**

Live Into Hope vs. 4 (See screens)

❖ **Postlude**

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

Richard Rossi

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

This Week

Sunday, February 2

- 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/Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Children's Choir/Café
- 11:15 AM The Gathering/Chapel
- 5:30 PM Youth Group/Café

Monday, February 3

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 201,204,205,206, Café
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 4:00 PM HR Meeting/Library
- 5:30 PM AA/Chapel

Tuesday, February 4

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Parlor
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 201,204,205,206, Café
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 11:45 AM PW-Staff Lunch/Westminster Hall
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Atkins Bldg, S. First Street-C.
- 5:00 PM CYF/Family Library

Wednesday, February 5

- 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, February 6

- 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
- 11:00 AM Compassion, Peace, Justice/Library
- 11:30 AM Congregational Care Deacons/Parlor
- 4:00 AM Endowment Committee/Parlor
- 5:30 PM Spiritual Formation/Library
- 5:30 PM DREAAM/Family Library
- 6:00 PM YoungLives/Café

Friday, February 7

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

Saturday, February 8

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held Sunday, February 16, immediately following the 9 AM worship.

•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. Only two spots left...see **Tom Ulen** after the 9 AM service!

Worship

- Liturgist this morning is **Thomas Ulen**. Contact **Judi Geistlinger** judgeistlinger@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. **Faith in the Real World** returns this morning in the Sanctuary. **Professor Charles "Stretch" Ledford** is our guest speaker this morning.
- The **Tuesday Men's Breakfast Study** will begin a new study on Tuesday. They will begin reading the Gospel of Mark. All men are invited to join the group at 7 AM Tuesdays in the Parlor.
- 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. February issue coming out soon.
- The Winter/Spring **Small Group & 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!
- Safehouse Benefit Concert...**February 23, 2020 at First United Methodist Church. More information to follow.
- FREE one-hour Computer Basics Class...**February 27, 6:30 PM at Salt & Light, Urbana. Sign up at www.saltandlightministry.org/sign-up-for-classes.
- 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.