

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
- 11:05 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.

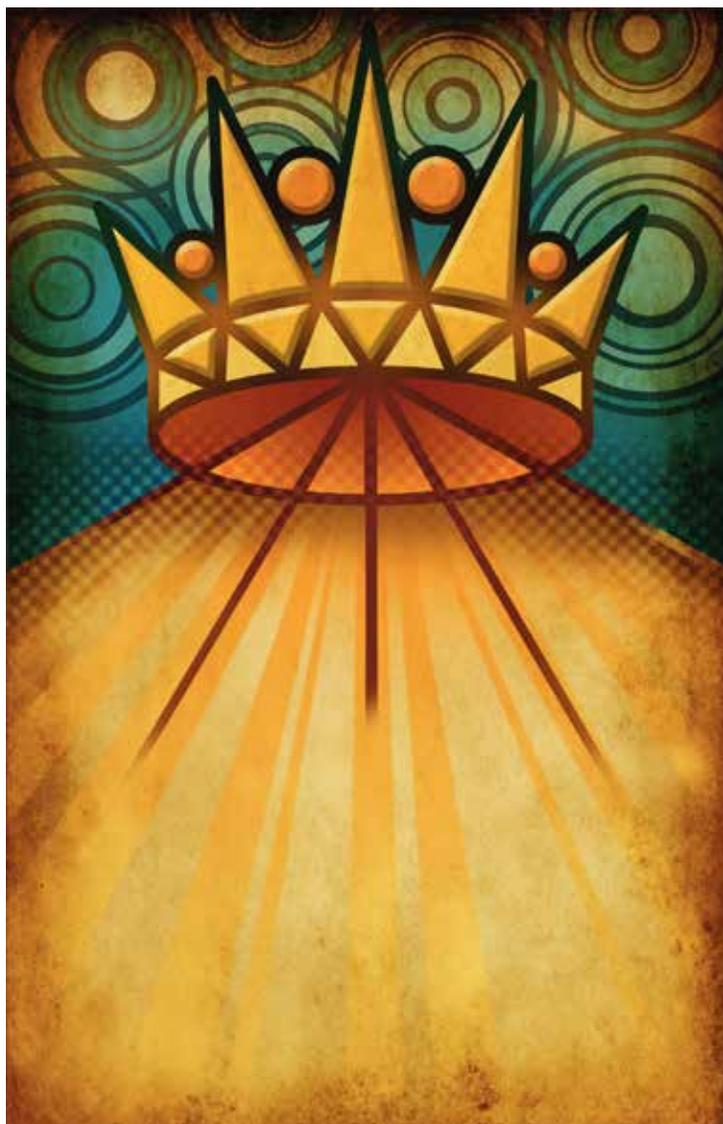
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

February 23, 2020 Transfiguration of the Lord

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 & Announcements
Minute for Ministry – Lenten Study Betty Hollister

Introit *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* R.H. Prichard

❖ **Call to Worship** (from *Feasting on the Word*)

Christ invites us to make our home in him as he makes his home in us. (*John 15:4*)

Let us build our homes on the rock that is Jesus Christ. (*Matthew 7:24*)

Then the storms of life will not bully us. (*Matthew 7:25*)

Hurricanes and flood will not destroy us.

Let the word of God dwell in us richly, in all wisdom. (*Col. 3:16*)

As we love our God with all our hearts, souls, and minds,

and love our neighbors as ourselves. (*Matthew 22:37-39*)

❖ **Hymn #19** *God of Great and God of Small*

Call to Confession

Remembering our baptism, we affirm that God's grace cleanses us and frees us to live with joy and purpose. We confess our sins to let go of burdens that hold us back from this joy.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you speak to us on the mountain top of life and we often don't notice; forgive our distraction. Our brothers and sisters sometimes need help; forgive our not wanting to be bothered. Forgive us and orient us to the holy friendship with all neighbors which Jesus invites us to enjoy. Lord, hear our prayer...(*Silent reflection*). AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon (from *Feasting on the Word, Matthew 5:45*)

Friends, God who is just and merciful reproves our sinful ways,

offers the grace of repentance, and frees us to live as God's beloved children.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

❖ **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 #274** *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*

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

Anthem *I Know I've Been Changed*

arr. Roy Belfield

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 Gospels

Matthew 17:1-9 (NT pg. 18)

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Message *Transfiguration*

Pastor Matt Matthews

Call to Prayer *Hear My Prayer, O God*

Hal Hopson

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal pg. 35)

❖ **Hymn #741** *Guide My Feet*

❖ **Charge and Benediction**

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

Live Into Hope (See screens)

❖ **Postlude**

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

Richard Rossi

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

• The fresh flowers in the Sanctuary and Westminster Hall this morning are from the memorial service for **Bertha Jean Berger** which was held Thursday, February 20.

This Week

Sunday, February 23

- 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
- 4:00 PM SAFEHouse Benefit Concert/First Methodist-C.

Monday, February 24

- 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/Chapel

Tuesday, February 25

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Parlor
- 9:00 AM PW Coordinating Team/Westminster 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.
- 4:30 PM Community Mission Deacons/Parlor

Wednesday, February 26 Ash Wednesday

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 201,204,205,206, Café, Library
- 1:30 PM Pakistan Study/Parlor
- 3:00 PM DREAAAM/Café, Gym
- 5:00 PM Ash Wednesday Meditation/Chapel
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Thursday, February 27

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Library
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 201,204,205,206, Café
- 9:00 AM Circle of Joy/Baytowne
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Chapel
- 1:00 PM Circle of Faith/Parlor
- 5:30 PM Cuba Steering Committee/Parlor
- 7:00 PM Circle of Peace/Parlor

Friday, February 28 Church office closes at noon

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel

Saturday, February 29

- 6:00 PM The People's Supper/University YMCA

**The church office will close
at noon on Fridays.**

Ash Wednesday Service

**The imposition of ashes
with quiet meditation will be offered
on Ash Wednesday, February 26,
from 5-7 PM in the Chapel.**

Come and go as you desire during this time.

Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Joy Martin**. 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 this morning for **Faith in the Real World** in the Sanctuary. **The Rev. David Bauer** is our guest speaker. View earlier sessions at firstpres.church/FITRW.

•Join us beginning Sunday, March 1, for the **Lenten Study Lent In Plain Sight**, a devotion through Ten Objects by Jill Duffield. Books are on sale this morning for \$10 each.

•Keep up with the latest news...**February newsletter** available in the kiosks or at firstpres.church/newsletter.

•For a copy of the **Annual Report** please go to firstpres.church/annualreport. If you are unable to download a copy, printed copies are available in the kiosks or at the Welcome Center.

•The Winter/Spring **Small Group & Adult Education Opportunities** is now available in the kiosks.

•**Housing hosts needed!** At 7 PM Tuesday evening, March 17, the **College of Wooster Chorus** will be presenting a concert in our sanctuary. We have agreed to house the singers following this concert and we need you to help! **The students will need a bed to sleep in, breakfast on Wednesday morning and a ride back to the church.** If you can house one or more, please call Patty at the church office (356-7238) with your name and how many people you can take.

•Today at 4 PM the **Annual Winter Safe House Concert: Stronger Together**, will take place at First Methodist, Champaign. The concert will feature the choirs of FUMC, First Pres and Canaan Baptist Urbana in addition to the UI Black Chorus.

•**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.

•**Rachel Matthews** is leading an adult work camp from First Presbyterian Church to Camp Carew March 20 -21. We will leave Friday and return Saturday night. If interested, please let her know by March 1. This is our **Mission Possible** trip this Spring. Children and youth must have a parent participating.

•If you are interested in attending summer camp regardless of your ability to pay, please let **Rachel Matthews** or **Mindy Watts-Ellis** know now. It is registration time for Camp Carew! Brochures available in the church office.

•**The Refugee Center** (formerly ECIRMAC) will hold its Annual Fundraising Banquet Saturday, March 7, at 6 PM at the I-Hotel. Tickets: \$80 per person or \$600 per Table of Eight. Contact the Center at 344-8455 or **John Muirhead** at 398-1048.