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 children 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
11:10-11:30  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 Iglésia Presbiteriana

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February 23, 2020

Transfiguration of the Lord

9 AM
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

Introt 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. As a child rests in its mother’s arms, so will I rest in you.

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 Richard Rossi

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

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 DREAAM/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 People's Supper/University YMCA

The church office will close at noon on Fridays.

Worship
- Liturgist this morning is Joy Martin. 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 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. 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.
- 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.

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.

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.
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- 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.