

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-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 |

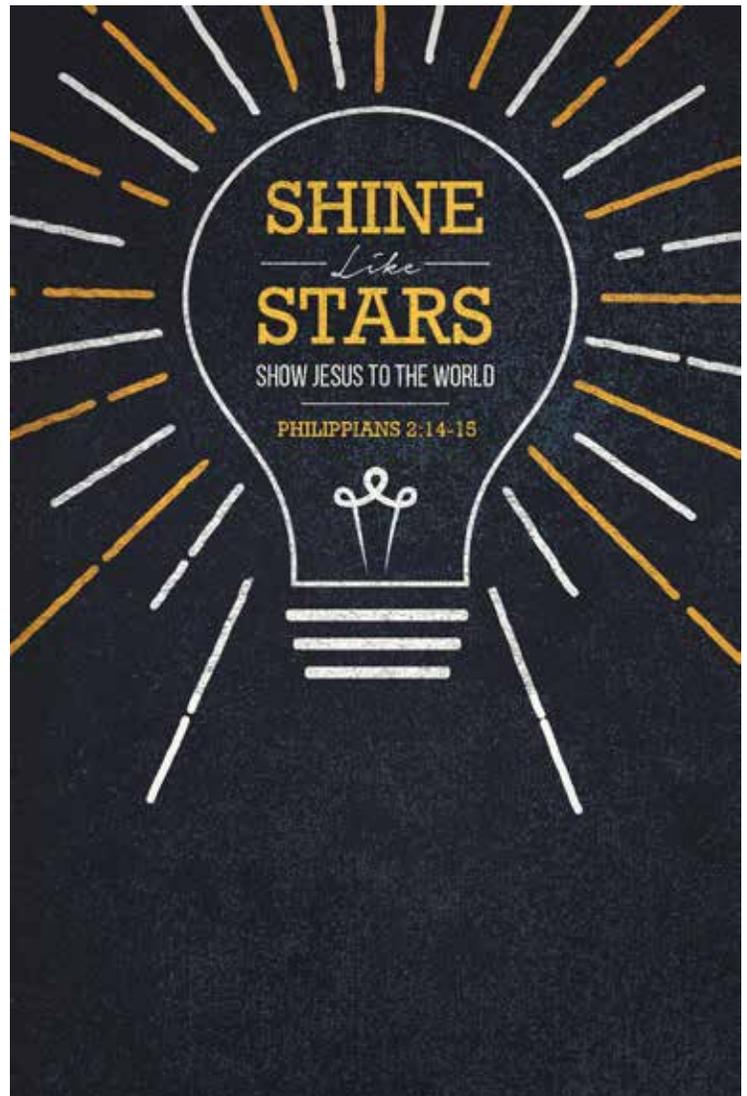
Contact our Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, **Mindy Watts-Ellis** (mindy@firstpres.church) for more information.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

February 9, 2020
5th 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

Minute for Ministry – ESL Jeanette Pyne

Introit *Let the Peoples Praise You, O God* Richard Rossi

❖ 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*)

Let us worship God.

The Lord's name be praised.

❖ **Hymn #401** *Here In This Place*

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

Called to be weak,
we idolize the powerful.

Called to be humble,
we brag about our achievements.

Called to shine the light of God's love in the world,
we choose darkness.

Forgive us LORD, and guide our steps as we seek to follow you and bear your light into the world. AMEN.

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 #137** *He Came Down*

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

Adagio

G.P. Telemann

Upper Room Ringers; Karin Vermillion, Conductor

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.

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

Anthem *Let All the World In Every Corner Sing* Kenneth Jennings

A Reading from the Gospels *Matthew 5:13-16* (NT pg. 4)

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Message *Shine*

Pastor Matt Matthews

Call to Prayer *O God, Be Gentle and Bless Us*

Ann Ker

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal pg. 35)

❖ **Hymn #37** *Let All Things Now Living*

❖ 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**

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

Richard Rossi

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

Next Sunday, February 16, the congregation is invited to stay for our **annual Congregational Meeting** immediately following the 9 AM service of worship. The purpose of the meeting will be to hear reports from our committees, celebrate the saints who have entered the church triumphant in 2019, and to approve the pastors' terms of call.

This Week

Sunday, February 9

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 204, 212
- 10:15 AM Sunday School/Education Building
- 10:15 AM Valentine Bag Assembly/Westminster Hall
- 10:15 AM Adult Ed/Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Children's Choir/Café
- 11:15 AM The Gathering/Chapel

Monday, February 10

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 201,204,205,206, Café
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 1:00 PM Prayer Ministry Team/Library
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor
- 5:30 PM AA/Chapel
- 6:30 PM Epilepsy Support/Westminster Hall

Tuesday, February 11

- 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
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Atkins Bldg, S. First Street-C.
- 5:30 PM Contemporary Worship Team/Parlor

Wednesday, February 12

- 8:30 AM SEA Group/Parlor
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 201,204,205,206, Café, Library
- 11:30 AM Stephen Ministry Support/Parlor
- 1:30 PM Pakistan Study/Parlor
- 3:00 PM DREAAM/Café, Gym
- 4:00 PM Outreach/Library
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Thursday, February 13

- 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
- 10:30 AM Membership Team/Parlor
- 11:30 AM Nurture Team/Parlor
- 1:00 AM Mission Team/Library
- 4:30 PM Finance/Library
- 5:30 PM Courageous Conversation/Parlor

Friday, February 14 Church office closes at noon

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel

Saturday, February 15

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

Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Rachel Matthews**. 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.

•The **group heading to the Chicago Art Institute** will meet briefly in the church library immediately after the 9 AM worship service. Grab a doughnut and coffee and meet us there!

•Stick around after the 9 AM service. **Faith in the Real World** returns this morning in the Sanctuary. **Jean René Balekita** is our guest speaker this morning.

•Join us this morning 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 **February newsletter** from one of the kiosks.

•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!

•The **Eastern Illinois College Choral Ensembles** under the conduction of **Richard Robert Rossi** and **Juliane Sharp** will present *Songs of Love* today at 4 PM at the Doudna Fine Arts Center in Charleston, IL. For more info visit <http://www.eiu.edu/doudna/>

•**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.

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