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

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.
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.

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.)
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 judigestlinger@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. Get 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 information 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.