

Call to Prayer *Come Then, Let Us Bow Down and Worship*
Richard Rossi

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal pg. 35)

❖ **Hymn #201** *A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar*

❖ **Benediction**

❖ **Congregational Choral Benediction #547** (vs. 3)

Go, My Children, With My Blessing (See screens)

❖ **Postlude**

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

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

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.

Pastors:

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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.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

March 8, 2020

2nd Sunday in Lent

Celebrate the Gifts of Women

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

Introit *Let Us Sing to the Lord* Richard Rossi

❖ **Call to Worship**

From various places and differing demands,

We are carried by hope that God would welcome us here.

By different journeys and from numerous works,

We are carried by the hunger for God to speak to us here.

Standing with strangers and friends who we greet as sisters and brothers,

We are shaped by the power of God's grace here.

To the hopeful,

Come and be filled with good things.

To all seeking redemption and renewal,

Come into the power of new life,

For the God we know in Jesus Christ has opened the door

And spoken words of welcome.

❖ **Hymn #324** *For All the Faithful Women*

Call to Confession

We were created to sing God's praise together, and yet all too often, we distance ourselves from each other and from God. Let us confess the ways that we build barriers. Please join me as we pray...

Prayer of Confession

Loving and merciful God, you created each of us in your own image to live in community. You graced us generously with the gifts of apostles, prophets, pastors and teachers. You equipped all of us, women and men alike, for the work of ministry. Yet too often we tarnish your image, waste our gifts, refuse to accept your call to service and fail to live at peace with our neighbors.

O God, in the name of Christ, help us to turn to you to shape us as you intended when you created us.

Fill us with your Spirit and strengthen us to continue our journey and complete the task of shaping the Christian community as one people of God. We trust that all things are possible through you. In the name of Christ, we pray...(Continue to pray in silence). AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

Our hope, our help, our peace, our joy? All come from God, the One who loved us, and the world so much, that Jesus came to bring us salvation.

Keeper of our souls, be with us;

Watcher of our days, lead us;

Salvation of our lives, have mercy on us.

Through Christ, we are forgiven.

Let us live as people touched by the grace of 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 #607

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow (See screens)

❖ **Hymn #761** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

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

Lenten Meditation

Paul A. McKlveen

Upper Room Ringers; Karin Vermillion, Director

Sung Response #581

Gloria Patri (See screens)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination

A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Isaiah 43:18-19 (OT pg. 672)

Anthem *All For Love*

Robert Young

A Reading from the Gospels

Mark 14:3-9 (NT pg. 51)

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Message *Anointed*

Pastor Eric Corbin

Litany of Thanksgiving

O God, for your church, which throughout the ages has called women to serve in this world that you love,

we thank you.

For Mary of Bethany, who showed us how to listen and learn,

we thank you.

For Martha, who served others with loving care,

we thank you.

For Priscilla and Lydia and other courageous leaders of the early church,

we thank you.

For women like Katharine Bennett and Margaret Hodge, who led the movement for full equality among women in the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.,

we thank you.

For the lives and creative leadership of Sarah E. Dickson, the first woman ordained as an elder in the PC(USA) and Rev. Margaret Towner, the first woman ordained as a minister in the PC(USA),

we thank you.

For Mae Chapin, missionary from this congregation to Asia in the early 1900s,

we thank you.

For the ministry of women: laity, elders, deacons, and pastors who serve you and your people,

we thank you and we celebrate their lives and their commitment to the ministry of the whole church.

Amen.

This Week

Sunday, March 8

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 204, 212
- 10:15 AM Sunday School/Education Building
- 10:15 AM 3rd Grade Bible Class/Family Library
- 10:15 AM Adult Ed/Parlor
- 11:00 AM Children's Choir/Café
- 11:15 AM The Gathering/Chapel

Monday, March 9

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 201,204,205,206, Café
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor
- 1:00 PM Prayer Ministry Team/Library
- 5:30 PM AA/Chapel
- 7:00 PM Epilepsy Support/Parlor

Tuesday, March 10

- 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.
- 3:00 PM In Lieu of Flowers Grief Study/Westminster Hall
- 5:30 PM Contemporary Worship Team/Parlor
- 7:00 PM Worship Team/Parlor

Wednesday, March 11

- 8:30 AM SEA Group/Parlor
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 201,204,205,206, Café, Family Library
- 11:30 AM Stephen Ministry Support Team/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, March 12

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Library
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Chapel
- 10:30 AM Membership Team/Parlor
- 11:30 PM Nurture Team/Parlor
- 1:00 PM Mission Team/Library
- 4:30 PM Finance/Library
- 5:30 PM Courageous Conversations/Parlor

Friday, March 13 Church office closes at noon

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel

Saturday, March 14

The church office will close at noon on Fridays.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Saturday, April 4, 8 AM to 3 PM in Champaign.

Visit hhwevent.simplybook.me for information on site location, acceptable items and to register.

Residents **MUST** register for this event!

For information about upcoming

Residential Electronics Collection Event

visit www.ecycle.simplybook.me

Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Betty Hollister**. 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.

•Join us this morning at 10:15 AM in the Parlor for the **Lenten Study** *Lent In Plain Sight*, a devotion through Ten Objects by Jill Duffield. Today's discussion is about the sacredness of bread. Books are \$10 each.

•Join **Pastor Matt** Tuesdays for **In Lieu of Flowers** from 3 to 4:30 PM, March 10, 17, and 24 to get together and write an obituary. The group will meet in Westminster Hall and share about recent or old losses.

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

•For a copy of the **Annual Report** please go to firstpres.church/annualreport.

•**Housing hosts still needed!** At 7 PM Tuesday evening, March 17, the **College of Wooster Chorus** will be presenting a concert in our sanctuary. **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.

•Help us **congratulate the pastor of our sister church in Cuba, Daniel Izquierdo**, and his wife, **Anatiza Sánchez**, on the birth of their son, **Isaac**, born February 24, in Luyanó, Havana, Cuba. Sign one of the cards at the table near the mission display in Westminster Hall today. We will mail cards this week to shower the family with our expressions of joy and good wishes. (In January, the First Pres Cuba Partners sent them a small package of diapers and supplies as a gift from the congregation.)

The church has recently acquired an electrostatic sprayer which we use weekly to sanitize each area of the church. It provides total coverage of all surfaces, shadowed, vertical and underneath. We also have available in each building wall units containing hand sanitizer. We are taking all precautions in providing a germ-free space for our guests and members.