March 8, 2020
2nd Sunday in Lent
Celebrate the Gifts of Women
9 AM

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.

For the ministry of women we thank you.

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church
Bienvenue à La Premiere Eglise Presbytérienne de Champaign
Bienvenidos a La Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana

상페인 제일 장로교회에 오신것을 환영합니다.
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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

Introt  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.
Keepers of our souls, be with us;
Watchers 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. McIlvane
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 women like 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 Knitty Knitters/Library
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 judgegeistlinger@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.