

# 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](http://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; 1<sup>st</sup>-High School-second floor. The 6-7<sup>th</sup> 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

**January 19, 2020**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> 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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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** *Praise To the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Paul Sjolund

## ❖ Call to Worship

God of the prophets, call to us today.

**Call us into Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.**

God of the poets, remind us again how much You love us.

**Sing to us Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.**

God of the disciples, teach us how to follow You.

**Teach us Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.**

God of all creation, help us to know Your ways.

**We gather to hear Your call,  
to sing Your praise,  
to teach each other,  
to pray and worship as the Body of Christ.**

❖ **Hymn #339** *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

## Call to Confession

It is clear that God wants to hear our prayers and forgive us, for God is willing to lean close to our hearts to listen to our failures, our poor choices, all the things we have done wrong. Please join me as we pray...

## Prayer of Confession

**Most holy and merciful God: we acknowledge and confess our slowness to do good, our blindness to injustice, and our complicity in deferring the dreams and hopes of the oppressed. We have too often refused to heed your call to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you, our God.**

**We condemn racial injustice in our pronouncements, yet often cling to the privileges derived from inequity. All too often we are blind to our complicity in maintaining systems of oppression and deferring the hopes and dreams of the oppressed for freedom. Help us to name our sin, to claim responsibility for our actions, and to change our behavior. Shake us from our sleep with your imperative to do justice, move us to action with the compassion of your grace, and give us the courage to pay the price that your justice may be done, on earth as in heaven...**

*(Continue to pray in silence.) Amen.*

## Assurance of Pardon

Come, dear friends and receive God's grace; follow Jesus, as he leads you closer to God.

**I will sing of God's gracious love for me; I will sing a new song of hope and wonder. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## ❖ 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 #240** *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks*  
(See screens)

❖ **Hymn #318** *In Christ There Is No East or West*

## 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

*You Are All I Need*

Jean René Balekita

**Sung Response #609** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

### Prayer of Dedication

**Prayer for Illumination #472** *Kum ba Yah* (vs. 1)

**Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!**

**Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!**

**Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!**

**O Lord, kum ba yah!**

**A Reading from the Psalms** *Psalm 40* (OT pg. 513)

**Anthem** *When the Morning Stars*

arr. Benjamin Harlan

**A Reading from the Prophets** *Isaiah 49:1-7* (OT pg. 679)

This is the Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Message** *A Light In the Darkness*

Pastor Eric Corbin

**Call to Prayer** *Will Be Done*

Paul Sjolund

## Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

*The Lord's Prayer* (Hymnal pg. 35)

❖ **Hymn #379** *We Shall Overcome*

## ❖ Benediction

❖ **Congregational Choral Benediction #765**

*May the God of Hope Go With Us* (See screens)

## ❖ Postlude

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

Richard Rossi

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

# This Week

## Sunday, January 19

- 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/Parlor
- 11:00 AM Children's Choir/Chapel
- 11:15 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Room 204
- 2:00 PM Francophone Music Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 5:30 PM Youth Retreat/Gym, Café, Chapel

## Monday, January 20 Office Closed MLK Holiday

- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

## Tuesday, January 21

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 201,204,205,206, Café
- 9:00 AM PW Coordinating Team/Westminster Hall
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Atkins Bldg, S. First Street-C.
- 3:30 PM Environmental Team/Library
- 4:30 PM World Mission Team/Westminster Hall

## Wednesday, January 22

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 201,204,205,206, Café
- 1:30 PM Pakistan Study/Parlor
- 3:00 PM DREAAM/Centennial Hall, Gym
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 6:30 PM Holocaust Presentation/Countryside School
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

## Thursday, January 23

- 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
- 9:00 AM Circle of Joy/Baytowne
- 10:30 AM DREAAM/Library
- 1:00 PM Circle of Faith/Parlor
- 5:30 PM Cuba Steering Committee/Parlor
- 6:00 PM YoungLives/Café
- 7:00 PM Circle of Peace/Parlor

## Friday, January 24 Church Office closes at Noon

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 9:00 AM ESL Informational Mtg/Café

## Saturday, January 25

- 6:00 PM Praise & Prayer Gathering/Centennial Hall

# Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Judi Geistlinger**. Contact **Judi Geistlinger** [judgeistlinger@outlook.com](mailto:judgeistlinger@outlook.com) or visit [firstpres.church/liturgist](http://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 to get in the "last word." Join us in the Parlor Dining Room for a bite to eat and a time to focus on the scripture from this morning and discuss the sermon. *Faith in the Real World* returns February 2 in the Sanctuary. • Keep up with the latest news...pick up a copy of the **January newsletter** from one of the kiosks. We are starting a new feature in our newsletter next month tentatively called "What's up at FPCC?" If you have a question about the church, send to [info@firstpres.church](mailto:info@firstpres.church) with "What's up" in the subject line. Look for the answers in the newsletter.

•Photos from some of the Christmas services and other activities are now available on our Facebook page at <http://fb.com/firstpreschampaign/photos>. Sharing photos and information about your church is a great way to tell your friends about how God is working at First Pres! Enjoy!

•On Tuesday, February 18, Pastor Matt and the Ulens will lead a small group trip to the **Art Institute of Chicago**. We'll leave the Church at 8 AM in the church van, get to the Art Institute by opening time (10:30), explore the museum by audio tour or on your own, gather by Chagall's "White Crucifixion" for discussion led by Pastor Matt, and eat lunch together. There will be some free time in the afternoon before we re-gather at Fourth Presbyterian Church and go for a dinner nearby. After dinner, we'll drive back arriving by 9:30 PM. Cost will be modest; you're responsible for lunch and dinner. Participants must be mobile enough to get in and out of the church van. Wheel chairs are available for use inside the Art Institute. More details to follow. Contact Matt, Julia or Tom, or Patty in the church office if interested.

•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. Unable to attend? Please consider making a donation to help support the work of The Refugee Center online at [www.therefugeecenter-ai.org](http://www.therefugeecenter-ai.org) or mail a check. They are a 501(c)(3) organization, so your donation is tax deductible.

# 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 Holocaust:

Remembering the Past as We Stand  
Together for a Brighter Future

Wednesday, January 22 6:30 PM  
Countryside School  
4301 West Kirby Avenue-Champaign

Max Libman, Presenter, Countryside 8<sup>th</sup> grader

A moving, powerful evening including a documentary created by Max, short film "A Star" (original screenplay by Max), community panel and discussion and Holocaust-inspired artwork and poetry by Countryside's 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. All are welcome!