

For the fruit of all creation, Thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, Thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us.
Most of all that love has found us, Thanks be to God.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

March 1, 2020
1st Sunday In Lent

9 AM

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

The Meal is Set

The Meal is Shared

We Close in Prayer

Richard Rossi

❖ **Hymn #498** *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

❖ **Charge and Benediction**

❖ **Congregational Choral Benediction #547**

Go, My Children, With My Blessing vs. 3 (See screens)

❖ **Postlude**

Richard Rossi

(You may wish to be seated for the postlude.)

❖ 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:

Matt Matthews

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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 on the back table.
- Wheelchairs are available for in-church use.
- Printed sermons are available the following week; video is available at www.firstpres.live



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

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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 and Announcements

Introit *Come To Calvary's Holy Mountain*

Paul Sjolund

✦Call to Worship

(from "Bethlehem to Nazareth" *Stages on the Way: Worship Resources for Lent, Holy Week & Easter*, from Wild Goose Worship Group, Iona, Scotland)

From Bethlehem to Nazareth,
from Jordan to Jericho,
from Bethany to Jerusalem,
from then to now,

Come, Lord Jesus.

To heal the sick,
to mend the broken-hearted,
to comfort the disturbed,
to disturb the comfortable,
to cleanse the temple,
to liberate faith from convention,

Come, Lord Jesus.

To carry the cross,
to lead the way,
to shoulder the sin of the world
and take it away,

Come, Lord Jesus.

Today,
to this place,
to us,

Come, Lord Jesus.

✦**Hymn #166** *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

Call to Confession

Anticipating the journey,

Expecting highs and lows;

Hoping to befriend everyone we meet,

Sharing celebration and woe –

We remember our baptismal hope

Seeking God's guiding grace.

Let us confess the sin that fractures our relationship with God and others.

Prayer of Confession

(from *Stages on the Way: Worship Resources for Lent, Holy Week & Easter*, from the Wild Goose Worship Group, Iona, Scotland)

Before you, Jesus Christ,
we admit how and where
we have underestimated our influence,
letting our words or silences hurt,
abusing trust, betraying confidences.
Lord, have mercy;

Christ, have mercy.

We admit how and where
we have made a show of our religion,
attracting more attention to us,
and less to you.

Lord, have mercy;

Christ, have mercy.

We admit to where in our lives
a vague interest
has become a dangerous passion,

and we are not sure what to do
or whether we are still in control.
Lord, have mercy;

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus Christ,
if we have looked or longed for
an easier gospel,
a lighter cross,
a less demanding saviour,
then turn our eyes and avert our longing
from what we want to choose
to the one who has chosen us.
Forgive our unfaithfulness,
and, for our better living,
give us not the remedy we desire tomorrow,
but the grace you offer today.
We ask this for your love's sake.
AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were yet sinners,

Christ died for us,

Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us,

Christ prays for us.

The old life is gone;

the new life has begun.

Believe the Gospel and be at peace:

In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

Alleluia!

✦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 #607

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

✦Hymn #783 *When We Are Tested*

Act of Friendship & Sharing Prayer Concerns

(Learn the names of your pew mates; please complete Prayer Request Card)

Children's Time

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Celtic Laud

Craig Courtney

Sung Response #581

Gloria Patri (See screens)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination #227

Jesus Remember Me (See screens)

Jesus, remember me

when you come into your kingdom

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A Reading from the Gospels

Matthew 4:1-11 (NT pg. 3)

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Message *Ashes (Kimball, Nebraska)*

Matt Matthews

Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We are Invited

We give Thanks (*sung to Day Is Done Ar Hyd Y Nos*)

This Week

Sunday, March 1

- 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/Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Children's Choir/Café
- 11:15 AM The Gathering/Chapel
- 5:30 PM Youth Group/Café

Monday, March 2

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 201,204,205,206, Café
- 1:00 PM ESL Advisory Committee/Café
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 4:00 PM HR Meeting/Library
- 5:30 PM AA/Chapel

Tuesday, March 3

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Parlor
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 201,204,205,206, Café
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Atkins Bldg, S. First Street-C.

Wednesday, March 4

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 201,204,205,206, Café, Family Library
- 1:30 PM Pakistan Study/Parlor
- 3:00 PM DREAAM/Café, Gym
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Thursday, March 5

- 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/Chapel
- 11:00 AM Compassion, Peace & Justice/Library
- 12:30 PM Congregational Care Deacons/Parlor
- 5:30 PM Spiritual Formation/Library
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Finance Mtg/ Family Library
- 6:00 PM YoungLives/Café

Friday, March 6 Church office closes at noon

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

Saturday, March 7

- 6:00 PM Refugee Center Fundraiser/I-Hotel

The church office will close at noon on Fridays.

**Daylight Savings Time begins
next Sunday, March 8.
Spring ahead one hour!**

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 **Mary Kelley**. 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. Books are \$10 each.

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

•For a copy of the **Annual Report** please go to firstpres.church/annualreport. If you are unable to download a copy, printed copies are available in the kiosks or at the Welcome Center.

•The Winter/Spring **Small Group & Adult Education Opportunities** is now available in the kiosks.

•**Housing hosts still needed!** At 7 PM Tuesday evening, March 17, the **College of Wooster Chorus** will be presenting a concert in our sanctuary. We have agreed to house the singers following this concert and we need you to help! **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.

•**Rachel Matthews** is leading an adult work camp from First Presbyterian Church to Camp Carew March 20 -21. We will leave Friday and return Saturday night. If interested, please let her know by March 1. This is our **Mission Possible** trip this Spring. Children and youth must have a parent participating.

•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.

•**The Refugee Center** (formerly ECIRMAC) will hold its Annual Fundraising Banquet Saturday, March 7, at 6 PM at the I-Hotel. Tickets: \$80 per person or \$600 per Table of Eight. Contact the Center at 344-8455 or **John Muirhead** at 398-1048.

The Immigrants Creed

I believe in Almighty God, who guided the people in exile and in exodus,
the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon,
the god of foreigners and immigrants.

I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean,
who was born away from his people and his home,
who fled his country with his parents when his life was in danger,
and returning to his own country suffered the oppression
of the tyrant Pontius Pilate,
the servant of a foreign power, who then was persecuted,
beaten, and finally tortured,
accused and condemned to death unjustly.

But on the third day, this scorned Jesus rose from the dead,
not as a foreigner but to offer us citizenship in heaven.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the eternal immigrant from
God's kingdom among us,
who speaks all languages, lives in all countries, and reunites all races.

I believe that the church is the secure home for the foreigner
and for all believers who constitute it,
who speak the same language and have the same purpose.

I believe that the Communion of the Saints begins
when we accept the diversity of the saints.

I believe in the forgiveness, which makes us all equal,
and in the reconciliation, which identifies us more than does race,
language or nationality.

I believe that in the Resurrection God will unite us as one people
in which all are distinct and all are alike at the same time.

Beyond this world, I believe in Life Eternal in which
no one will be an immigrant
but all will be citizens of God's kingdom, which will never end.

Amen.

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