

welcome to our Church Family!

God is doing exciting things here!

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“Ten Commandments,” a woodcarving in a church in Paszyn, Poland.

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For Our Worship of God

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m.

October 8, 2017

We Gather in worship

Meditation

Chris Hedges, "Losing Moses on the Freeway"

"Our consumer society is saturated with lies, the ones we are told, the ones we tell ourselves...But all lies lead to despair. It is in our capacity to resist that we find worth, in our capacity to hold off the endless cycle of self-gratification, that we find what passes for happiness in human life."

Prelude

Johann Gottfried Walther

Variations on Herr Jesu Christ dich zu uns wend

Introit

The Heavens Resound

Ludwig van Beethoven

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. David Oliver-Holder

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*Call to Worship

Peter Mortensen

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

A: God's steadfast love endures forever.

L: The Lord has delivered us from slavery;

A: there is no other god but the Lord.

L: Let us worship God.

*Prayer of the Day

Peter Mortensen

God, our Beloved, you set before us the goal of new life in Christ. Help us live in the power of his resurrection so that we might work with you to bring forth many signs of your gentle and loving rule. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise # 331 “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand” NATIONAL HYMN

*Call to Confession Peter Mortensen

*Prayer of Confession Peter Mortensen

Rescuing God, you brought us out of the land of captivity, out of the house of slavery. Forgive us when we willingly return to slavery, making divine the machine of production, crafting idols from the excess of consumption. Forgive us when we consider ourselves so grand that we do not rest and enjoy your presence, defining ourselves by our ability rather than your love. Forgive us when we esteem ourselves so little that we dare not rest and sit with ourselves, exposed, without the cloak of productivity. Forgive us when we deem our species so central that we do not rest and halt consumption, decimating the Earth, denying her Sabbath and integrity. Forgive us through Christ, who redeems us from the brokenness of slavery that we might enjoy your presence, creation, and community. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon Peter Mortensen

Friends, believe the good news!

in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Sung Response # 693 “Though I May Speak” (vs. 3)

***Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship, and are freed.***

*The Peace Peter Mortensen

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

A: And also with you.

We Listen for God's word

Prayer for Illumination Peter Mortensen

Scriptures

First Reading Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 (p. 66) Peter Mortensen

Second Reading Philippians 3:4b-14 (p. 198) Peter Mortensen

Anthem *Christ Is Our Cornerstone* David Thorne

Gospel Reading Matthew 21:33-46 (p. 24) Rev. David Oliver-Holder

The Sermon "Not Born Free; Loved Free" Rev. David Oliver-Holder

Affirmation of Faith *The Study Catechism*

Q. 89. What are the Ten Commandments?

A. The Ten Commandments give a summary of God's law for our lives. They teach us how to live rightly with God and one another.

Q. 91. Why should you obey this law?

A. Not to win God's love, for God already loves me. Not to earn my salvation, for Christ has earned it for me. Not to avoid being punished, for then I would obey out of fear. With gladness in my heart I should obey God's law out of gratitude, for God has blessed me by it and given it for my well-being. Amen.

Hymn # 157 "I Danced in the Morning" LORD OF THE DANCE

Prayers of the People

Rev. David Oliver-Holder

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We Respond to God's Word

Words of Stewardship

Rev. David Oliver-Holder

Regular Offering and "Can Do" Offering

We will pass offering plates for regular offerings. We will also pass decorated food cans to collect funds to support our Food and More Partnership Program.

Please take this time to sign the Friendship Pad found toward the center aisle of each pew. Pass it down for others to sign. As the pad is returned, note the names of those in your pew, so you may join them in conversation following worship.

Please tear off the signed sheet and place it in the offering tray. This will help get the Friendship sheets to the office in a timely manner. Thank you!

Offertory

Improvisation on Munich

Ted Turner

*Doxology # 607

OLD ONE HUNDRETH

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

*Prayer of Dedication

Peter Mortensen

*The Lord's Prayer (Spoken)

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.

We Go Out to Show the Love of God

Guest Expression of Gratitude

Rev. Donald Williamson

*Sending Hymn # 459

“O Word of God Incarnate”

MUNICH

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. David Oliver-Holder

Postlude

Toccata 5

Girolamo Frescobaldi

****All who are able may stand***

Today's Worship

We Welcome to Worship Today several special visitors who grew up in our church and graduated from Urbana High School in 1957.

One of our guests, the Rev. Don Williamson not only grew up in this church, was formed in the faith here, and graduated from the University of Illinois, he also heard the call of God to go into ministry. Recently retired, he has served churches in Southern California. During worship today, he will offer a brief expression of gratitude for the blessings of this church's ministry to him.

Today's Chancel Flowers are provided by Janice Lee Porter in honor and memory of her family who worshiped in our church from 1945 through 1990: Dr. G. L. Porter, “Jace” Porter, John Parke Porter and Kathryn Porter Keck, together again with the Lord.

Is This the First Time That You've Visited First Presbyterian?

We are glad you are here! The first time in a new church can be a challenge. Here is some information which may make your visit easier.

- ❖ During the Words of Welcome or Offering, please sign your name in the Friendship Pad and take a Welcome brochure. If you feel comfortable, please also take a 'Guest' name tag and wear it!
- ❖ Nursery care is available for infants and toddlers on the lower level which can be reached from a set of stairs off the lobby, and a set of stairs and an elevator off the east hallway. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.
- ❖ Worship bags for kids are available in the narthex.
- ❖ LARGE PRINT BULLETINS, with large print copies of hymns, are available from the ushers.
- ❖ Following worship, we invite you to get a cup of coffee during Fellowship Time (available in the hallway to the left as you exit the Sanctuary) and stop by the Welcome Center near the front door. Here a greeter will welcome you and answer any questions you may have. They also will provide you with a Welcome Folder enabling you to learn more about the ministry of our church.

☞ *"When a guest comes, Christ comes."* Please introduce yourself to those around you. ☞

Before the worship service, please silence cell phones. Following worship, feel free to post photos about what happened in worship today. Reach out to others by checking in on Facebook or Tweeting your personal, meaningful experience.

Hearing Devices Available: Please request assistance from an AV team member located at the soundboard in the rear of the Sanctuary.

Worship Leader

Peter Mortensen

Head Usher

Andy Harden

Coffee Makers

Harold and Lois Guither

Greeter

Grace Sancken

Ushers

Gary and Dixie Jackson, Ann Ricker

Steward

Steve Hall

Church Announcements

In the Church Family: Let us pray for: Ed Gordon (Carle), Billy Ottemann (Cindy's brother), and for Karie Friedman (advanced cancer – she was a member of FPCU in the 1980s).

Adult Bible Sunday: Sundays at 8:15 a.m. in Meeting Room B (next to the main office). We are currently studying First Peter.

Food & More Program Donation Request for October: toilet paper.

Children and Youth Sunday School: All ages will meet downstairs in the **Youth Center** immediately **following worship** for a snack, followed by Sunday School.

Seminar Series: The Arc of Human History: Challenges to Sustainability. **Sundays, TODAY through November 5, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall.** Pick up a flyer in the narthex or see the Open Door for more details.

Today, October 8: The Challenge of Human Population Growth. David Sherwood: *Professor Emeritus, UI Colleges of Medicine and Liberal Arts and Sciences, Former Director of UI Reproductive Biology Training Program.* Whereas *Homo sapiens* evolved over 200,000 years ago, global population remained less than 1 billion until the early 1800s when technological advances in food production, health measures, etc., enabled a rapid increase. For living humans born before 1950, Earth's finite resources are being shared with three times as many people as when they arrived! Furthermore, global population is predicted to increase from the present population of 7.5 billion to 9.8 billion by 2050, an increase that exceeds the combined present populations of Europe, North America and South America. This presentation will describe key factors associated with population that greatly influence human impact on the environment. It will conclude with a description of voluntary cultural and technological factors that are leading to lower fertility rates in many countries in the world.

Next Sunday, October 15: The Challenge of Sustainable Mineral and Energy Resources. Stephen Marshak: *Professor, UI Department of Geology, Director of UI School of Earth, Society and Environment.* Look around the room in any building, and you'll see a myriad of materials that came from the solid Earth. Bricks consist of baked clay, glass of melted sand, copper wires from smelted ore, and lithium from salt flats. Furthermore, the

energy used to manufacture these and all other Earth materials comes mostly from fossil fuels or radioactive elements, which also come from the Earth. The discovery, extraction, production, and use of the material foundations of modern society have consequences for the environment. Furthermore, many of these resources are either running out, or come only from places that do not have friendly relations with the U.S. This presentation will introduce a few examples of Earth materials and the sustainability challenges that society faces because of our reliance on them.

The 2017 Champaign-Urbana CROP Walk will be held TODAY (Sunday, October 8), starting at 2:00 p.m. from Saint Matthew Lutheran Church in Urbana. You can help out in a number of ways, by either walking the 10 km (~6 mi) walk (there will be shorter options as well for those who cannot or do not wish to complete the full walk), by sponsoring walkers, or by volunteering to staff a water / rest station along the route or as a crossing guard. **If you would like to sign up to walk or to volunteer, please see Jason Harris or signup on the sheet in the narthex either before or after today's service.** If you would like to register online to walk or to donate, please go to <https://goo.gl/vRDAPW> to find our team's page. Proceeds will be used by Church World Service for various direct hunger-relief and sanitation programs globally; 25% of the funds collected will stay in the area, going to the Wesley Food Pantry, Eastern Illinois Food Bank, and the Daily Bread Soup Kitchen.

PYC (Youth) Fellowship: Today we're going to the Corn Maze at Hardy's Reindeer Ranch in Rantoul. Meet at 5:30 p.m. at the church.

We Welcome Our New Youth Coordinator: Robert Foelske: Robert grew up in Batavia, Illinois and has recently moved to Urbana. He earned a bachelor's degree from Aurora University in Psychology. Robert works at Lutheran Social Service as a child welfare case manager. In his free time Robert enjoys gardening, camping, and working on engines.

Consider yourself invited to join with others for the spiritual discipline of daily prayer. Keeping sacred time, or hallowing our days, has its roots in ancient Judaism. The disciples of Jesus continued the practice, especially in the mornings and evenings. John Calvin and other reformers gave renewed attention to daily prayer and taught and embodied it as a most valuable discipline for the life of faith. We find strength, solidarity and our faith deepened in praying with others. **Join us, then, on Thursdays at 12:15 p.m., in the Chapel for mid-day prayer.**

Facing Racism Study: In 2016, the 222nd General Assembly approved a new churchwide antiracism policy: *Facing Racism: A Vision of the Intercultural Community*. Our denomination has also published six study guides which provide tools for empowering church communities to have important conversations about race and racism in relation to Christian faith. Everybody is invited to join in a series of conversations, led by David Oliver-Holder, centered on these study guides. Materials will be provided and we'll share some snacks. **We will meet Sundays, October 15, 29, November 12 and 19, 5:30-7:00 p.m., in the church library.** You may access the materials at <https://facing-racism.pcusa.org/item/40835/>.

Upcoming Fun & Fellowship Events: Your friends are always warmly welcome for all events. If cost is an obstacle to your participation, please let the church office know.

Saturday, October 14 – Come watch the Fighting Illini Volleyball team play Big Ten rival University of Maryland at **Huff Hall on campus, 7:00 p.m.** Tickets are only \$4.70 if we have a group of ten or more, so please contact the church office to reserve a ticket. You are also invited to gather for dinner beforehand at **Harvest Market, 2029 S. Neil St. at 5:00 p.m.**

Friday, October 27 – Enjoy a showing of *Psycho*, the final offering in the **Virginia Theater's** Alfred Hitchcock week. We'll meet for dinner at **Pizzeria Antica, 10 E. Chester St. in Champaign at 5:15 p.m.**, then walk over to the theater for the **7:00 p.m.** movie. Movie tickets are \$6 and can be purchased in advance or at the theater. If you're coming for dinner, it would be helpful to notify the church office so that we can reserve enough tables.

Sunday, November 12 – Let's go out for lunch! Meet at **Golden Harbor Restaurant** (505 S Neil St, Champaign) **after church, at 12:15 p.m.** We will order delicious Chinese dishes to share, from the menu of over 1000 items. Estimated cost is \$10-\$15. RSVP to the church office in advance, so that we can reserve enough tables.

Twice Is Nice Update: Winter clothing for the entire family is now on display at our church's thrift shop, thanks to many volunteers who prepared for the clothing shift and to Katie Lampman, Jason Harris, Cindy Ottemann, Susan Silver, Isaac Ellis, Autumn Ellis, Nathan Holder, Jean Oliver-Holder, Andrew Mortensen, Elizabeth Champion, Alison Champion, Brett Champion, Carl Caldwell, Camille Caldwell, Dixie Jackson, Cindy Strehlow, Robert Foelske, and Lorraine Stamberger who completed

the shift Sunday, September 24. Gary Jackson and David Kay hauled summer overstocks to USAgain and to Salvation Army, making room for the winter clothing.

Nathan Holder, Eliza Abbamonte, Eliza Champion, Autumn Ellis, Isaac Ellis, and Andrew Mortensen, led by Dave Bullock and Rob Foelske, distributed door hangers advertising the shop to houses and apartment buildings in the West Urbana neighborhood.

The October 4 *Twice Is Nice* sorting day was a success thanks to volunteers Delores Richardson, Iris Marcum, Mary Lou Bauer, Harold and Lois Guither, Nadja Altstetter, Camille Caldwell, and Dixie Jackson, and shop employees Melissa Records and Linda Larson. Kim Fraser and Pat Jensen hauled overstocks to USAgain and the Salvation Army.

Heartfelt thanks to each of these volunteers. We invite YOU to continue the good work they have done: **Join us at the shop for our next sorting day, Saturday, October 21, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon.** Also help advertise the merchandise *Twice Is Nice* offers. Fliers describing the shop are available in the church office. Please pick some up and distribute them to co-workers, family, friends, and neighbors.

Community Event

C.O.P.E. (Cost of Poverty Experience): Thursday, November 2, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Royal Community Building 109 W Main St, Royal. \$15 per person.

Experience poverty firsthand through a 2.5 hour role-playing event that allows you to face some of the real-life scenarios low-income families have to manage every day. From choosing between paying the power bill or putting food on the table, you will deepen your understanding of the obstacles that are faced, the decisions that are made, and the consequences that impact these families every day. COPE has been used by communities to help better understand and address the issues of poverty more comprehensively and effectively.

8:30-9:00 AM: Registration, coffee and muffins provided.

9:00-11:30 AM: C.O.P.E. Experience.

12:30-1:30 PM: Lunch provided.

11:30-12:30 PM: Debrief.

1:30-3:00 PM: Guest Speaker.

Reserve your seat by Monday, October 23 by calling 217.337.2022 or register online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/faith-in-action-community-cope-and-training-session-participant-tickets-38001225689>

Church Calendar for October 8 – 15, 2017

Sunday, October 8

8:15 AM Adult Bible Study (MB)
9:15 AM Child Care (Rooms 4 & 5)
9:30 AM Worship (S)

After Worship: Fellowship Time (N)
Parish Nurse (NO)
Children & Youth Sunday School
(DS: YC & Room 6)

11:00 AM Sustainability Seminar (FH)
2:00 PM CROP Walk (starts at Saint
Matthew Lutheran, Urbana)
5:30 PM Youth Corn Maze (meet at the
church to go to Hardy's
Reindeer Ranch, Rantoul)

Monday, October 9

(no church events)

Tuesday, October 10

9:00 AM *Twice Is Nice* (607 W Elm)
6:00 PM Building & Grounds Com. (MA)
7:00 PM Adult Ministries (L)

Wednesday, October 11

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (CL)

Thursday, October 12

9:00 AM *Twice Is Nice* (607 W Elm)
12:15 PM Mid-Day Prayer (C)
7:00 PM Mission Committee (L)

Friday, October 13

1:00 PM Budget & Finance (MA)

Saturday, October 14

9:00 AM *Twice Is Nice* (607 W Elm)
5:00 PM Dinner Out (Harvest Market) &
7:00 PM Illini Volleyball Game (Huff Hall)

Sunday, October 15

8:15 AM Adult Bible Study (MB)
9:15 AM Child Care (Rooms 4 & 5)
9:30 AM Worship (S)

After Worship: Fellowship Time (N)
Parish Nurse (NO)
Children & Youth Sunday School
(DS: YC & Room 6)

11:00 AM Sustainability Seminar (FH)
5:30 PM Facing Racism Study (L)

C – Chapel

DS – Downstairs

MB – Meeting Room B

S – Sanctuary

CL – Choir Loft

FH – Fellowship Hall

N – Narthex

US – Upstairs

CR – Choir Room

L – Library

NO – Nurse's Office

YC – Youth Center

CY – Green St. Courtyard

MA – Meeting Room A

ROOMS 1-6 are downstairs

Church Staff: Pastor/Head of Staff: The Rev. Dr. David Oliver-Holder

Financial Administrator: Rachel Gladden ~ **Sexton:** Steve Johnson

Office Manager: Tracy Weddle ~ **Director of Music:** Lindsey Bruner Woodcock

Children and Youth Coordinator: Robert Foelske ~ **Organist:** Ted Turner

Children's Choir & Junior Handbell Choir Director: Jennifer Immke

AV Tech. Coordinator: Cedar King ~ **Media Support Specialist:** Nani Baker

Nursery Caregivers: Skylar Matteson & Autumn Ellis