

Carol Sing #116, #132, #143, #146, #147 *We will sing the first two verses of favorite carols of the season.*

Prayer for Illumination #466 *Come and Fill Our Hearts* (from *Psalm 106:1 & 117:1a, 29a*)

Come and fill our hearts with Your peace, You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with Your peace, Alleluia!

Scripture *Isaiah 9:6* (OT pg. 638); *Matthew 2:1-12* (NT pg. 2)

This is the Word of the Lord./Thanks be to God!

Ceci est la Parole du Seigneur./Gloire à Dieu (pronounced “glow-ah ah dew”)

Sermon *What We Hold* (based on poem by Lonnie Lacy)

Judi Geistlinger

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

We Are Invited

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

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...

Prayers continue...

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.

The Meal is Set (*Let us hold the elements and partake together*)

The Meal is Shared

We Close in Prayer

### **We Go Out In God's Name**

*Having gathered together in God's name and been fed by God's Holy Word,  
we go out in God's name bearing the peace of Christ to the world.*

❖ Hymn for Commitment #145 *What Child Is This?*

❖ Charge and Benediction

❖ Congregational Sung Benediction #744 *Arise, Your Light Is Come!* (vs. 1)

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;

Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

❖ Postlude

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

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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

January 1, 2023

I<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas



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

삼페인 제일 장로교회에 오신것을 환영합니다.

Si vous souhaitez que le service soit traduit en français,  
procurez-vous un récepteur et des écouteurs à l'arrière du sanctuaire.

### **Welcome to worship!**

*When you enter the sanctuary, please be mindful of the silent prayers of those around you.*

*We invite you to share your contact info in the Friendship Pad when passed,  
then to stop by our Welcome Center downstairs in Westminster Hall after the service for coffee and fellowship.  
Mingle with other friends and guests and learn more about this congregation's ministry. **Welcome home!***

### **We Gather Together In God's Holy Name**

*God calls us together as “children.” Wonderful it is to be so loved! Our natural response is worship.*

Prelude

Chiming on the Hour of Tower Bell

Act of Friendship & Sharing of Prayer Concerns

*Please pass the Friendship Pad and list prayer concerns on the prayer request cards in the pen.*

Greeting & Announcements

❖ **Call to Worship** (adapted *Isaiah 60, Matthew 2*)

Arise; shine, for your light has come!

**We are called out of our darkness into light.**

Lift up your eyes and look around.

**We rejoice in the gift of light.**

Come, let us worship the God of light and joy and peace.

**We come to kneel at the cradle of the babe, the light incarnate.**

❖ **Hymn #128** *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

**Call to Confession** (*1 John 1:8-9*)

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just**

**will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

In confidence of God's enduring love and forgiveness let us confess our sins to God.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Ever patient God, we are a people who live in thick darkness. We stumble around, bombarded by news of war and poverty, famine and genocide. We easily lose our bearings. The tumult of life can overwhelm and paralyze us when we need to be at our best. Forgive us. Help us be people who shine the light of your righteousness, peace, and joy into the dark places of our lives and our world. Unlock the mystery and glory of the babe born in Bethlehem. Guide us with your star of wonder and turn our aimless wanderings into journeys of purpose.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

As certain as the dawn follows the night, so is the promise of God's forgiveness and love.

Arise and shine.

Follow the star, that the light born in Bethlehem may transform our world from darkness into light.

**Alleluia!**

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**Thanks be to God.**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Invitation to the Offering** – Sora Shepherd (*We are invited to return God's tithes and give our offering.*)

**Response of Gratitude #151** *We Three Kings* (vs. 1)

**We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,**

**Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.**

**O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

**Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving**

**We Gather Around God's Holy Word**

*At the center of Christian life and worship is God's Word incarnate in Christ and God's Word as recorded in scripture. We hear the story of God's love in scripture and sacrament and we say, "Thanks be to God!"*

**Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism** (*Please no flash photography during service. Thank you!*)

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, And so we are." *1 John 3:1*

**Sentences of Scripture**

**The Presentation**

**Profession of Faith**

**Constitutional Questions for the Parents**

**Constitutional Questions for the Congregation**

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Violet Ann by word and deed, with love and prayer?

**We do.**

Will you encourage her to know and follow Christ and to be faithful member of his church?

**We will.**

**The Apostle's Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Thanksgiving over the Water**

**The Baptism**

**The Welcome**

**Hymn #486** *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* (vs. 1)

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,**

**With this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.**

# This Week

## Sunday, January 1

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 204
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy

## Monday, January 2 Office Closed

- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

## Tuesday, January 3

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor & Zoom

## Wednesday, January 4

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch/Centennial Hall
- 1:30 AM Pakistan Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:00 PM Surviving the Holidays/Parlor

## Thursday, January 5

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 2:30 PM Congregational Care Deacons/Parlor & Zoom
- 4:00 PM Spiritual Formation/Zoom
- 6:30 PM Bell Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

## Friday, January 6 Church Office Closes at Noon

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
- 7:30 PM Friday Night Lights/Zoom

## Saturday, January 7

- 6:00 PM French Worship Service/Centennial Hall

# Announcements

● **We are glad you're here!** Questions about First Pres, contact **Pastor Matt** or call the church office.

● **Sandy Carr** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve, contact **Carol Miles**.

● **Violet Ann Cole**, daughter of Bill and Kate Cole, will be baptized this morning.

● **There is no Sunday School or childcare this morning.** Both will resume Sunday, January 8.

● **Judi Geistlinger** will preach today's 10:15 AM service at the Windsor of Savoy.

● Join us next Sunday, January 8, for our **Second Sunday brunch**. Volunteers are needed to help with brunch. If interested, please contact **Jan Wittler, Gary Peterson** or the church office. Donations appreciated to help cover costs.

● **If unable to attend church**, catch our 9 AM service live each Sunday morning at [firstpres.live](http://firstpres.live). The Sunday **sermon** is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.

● If you or a loved one is **in the hospital or in need of a pastoral visit**, contact the church office.

● The **December newsletter** is available in the kiosks or at [firstpres.church/newsletter](http://firstpres.church/newsletter).

● Enduring the holidays can be tough if you have recently lost a family member. **Surviving the Holidays** will meet again on Wednesday, January 4, at 5 PM in the Parlor. Contact **Rachel Matthews, Sherry Marble** or **Sallie Hutton** with questions.

● The **Church Office will be closed** Monday, January 2.

● Please **do not park** in the spaces marked Reserved 24/7 behind the law office on Sunday mornings. The spaces behind the law office belong to Meyer/Capel. They generously let us use the unmarked spaces on Sundays but need to reserve spots marked 24/7 for staff that work weekends. Thanks for your cooperation!