

Ordination and Installation of Officers

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

Offertory *Tu lo sai*

Giuseppe Torelli

Response of Gratitude #609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (pg. 35; *in the language and wording most familiar to you.*)

**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.*

Connecting with our Community

✚Hymn for Commitment #408 *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

✚Charge and Benediction

✚Congregational Sung Benediction #540 *Farewell, Good Friends!*

✚Postlude *Andante spianato et Grande polonaise brillante* op. 22

Frederic Chopin

✚Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH** OF CHAMPAIGN

January 11, 2026

Baptism of the Lord



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 worship space, 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 stay 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." How wonderful it is to be so loved! Our natural response is worship.*

**Prelude** *Piano Sonata* Op 101, I J.S.Bach  
**Chiming of the Hour on Tower Bell**  
**Greetings & Welcome/Act of Friendship & Prayer Concerns**

*Please pass the Friendship Pad, noting with whom you are sitting, and list prayer concerns on the prayer request cards in the pews.*

✠**Call to Worship** (✠Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.)  
Behold: Jesus, the beloved son.

**With whom God is well pleased.**

Come and see the one of whom the prophets spoke,

**Who baptizes with the Holy Spirit and fire.**

The one for whom God has made nations his heritage,

**And the ends of the earth his possession.**

✠**Hymn of Praise #143** *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

**Call to Confession** *(Congregation may be seated.)*

**Prayer of Confession**

Forgive us our timidity, God. When you draw us to streams of faith and yet we draw  
back from drinking for fear of facing the truth, forgive us.

When you call us to rivers of renewal and yet we will not bathe for fear of commitment,  
forgive us. When you shower us with a flood of blessings yet we shield ourselves from  
them for fear we need to change, forgive us.

Forgive us our timidity, God. Encourage us to face our flaws and failings and find faith  
overflowing. *Silence is kept.*

**Kyrie #578** *O Lord, Have Mercy*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Our Lord Jesus walked on this earth to bring forgiveness and new life to all. In Jesus' name, I  
proclaim to you the entire forgiveness of all our sins.

**Today we are made new by the abundant love of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Passing of the Peace**

## **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!"*

**Word with Children**

**Prayer for Illumination #583** *Glory to God*

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!**

**Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Scripture in French** *Isaiah 42:5-9*

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

**Scripture in English** *Matthew 3:1-17*

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

**Message** *Finding Our Way: The Times They Are a Changing*

Rev. Beth Wagner

✠**Hymn for Reflection #145** *What Child Is This?*

## **We Respond to God's Word**

*As God invites us to be disciples of his Son, we prayerfully respond to God  
with affirmations of faith and acts of self-giving, commitment, and thanksgiving.*

✠**An Affirmation of Faith** *(from A Brief Statement of Faith)*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit  
justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and  
neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.  
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ  
through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of  
baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and  
men to all ministries of the Church.

# This Week

## Sunday, January 11

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:10 AM Second Sunday Brunch/Centennial Hall

## Monday, January 12

- 10:00 AM Coffee with Beth/Espresso Royale
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

## Tuesday, January 13

- 8:00 AM Men’s Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:00 AM Compassion, Peace & Justice/ Zoom
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 4:30 PM Mission Team/Parlor & Zoom

## Wednesday, January 14

- 9:30 AM Nurture/Parlor & Zoom
- 11:00 AM Francophone Ministry/Library
- 5:30 PM Outreach/Parlor & Zoom
- 6:00 PM Worship Team/Library & Zoom
- 7:30 PM Wednesdays We Gather/Zoom

## Thursday, January 15

- 9:00 AM Women’s Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:30 PM Windsor of Savoy Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 7:00 PM Session/Parlor & Zoom

## Friday, January 16 Church Office closes 12 noon

- 8:15 AM Men’s Prayer/Zoom
- 12:00 PM New Americans/Chapel
- 7:00 PM French Prayer/Zoom

## Saturday, January 17

- 10:00 AM New Officer Training/Centennial Hall
- 1:00 PM Steve Gritten Memorial Service/Sanctuary & Westminster Hall
- 6:00 PM Francophone Bethesda Fellowship/Chapel

# Announcements

- The flowers this morning are given by **Jack and Camille James** in celebration of their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.
- Betty Hollister** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve as liturgist on a Sunday morning, contact **Carol Miles**.
- Large print bulletins** available for use on Sunday mornings. Ask an usher if you cannot find one.
- We have access to our hearing assistant loop during worship. This technology allows people with hearing aids equipped with **T-Coil technology** to hear the service through their hearing aids. If you know you have T-coil technology, plan to turn on the T-coil via your phone each Sunday morning.
- We welcome **Zixin Zhang** as our substitute keyboardist these next few weeks.
- We are glad you’re here!** Questions about First Pres, see **either pastor** after the service or contact the church office (info@firstpres.church).
- Please wear your **name tag** to help our **staff** get acquainted.
- Anyone interested in **donating flowers for use on Sunday mornings during worship**, please contact **Nancy Dankle** @217.778-4088 or nkthankle@icloud.com.
- Join us this morning immediately following worship for **Second Sunday Brunch** in Centennial. Brunch is free but donations welcome!
- If a **loved one was remembered during the Blue Sunday service**, please pick up the blue candle and bulletin at the Welcome Center.
- We are collecting royalties each time we hear a **Spiritual** in our service. Royalties were never paid for this music. Money we collect will go to the DREAAM Choir. A donation box is on the Welcome Center.
- Join **Pastor Beth** for **coffee in January on Mondays from 10 AM - 12 NOON** at Espresso Royale, 2401 Village Green Place in Champaign.
- The **Classic Book Group** meets on Tuesdays at noon in Mae Chapin Parlor. We will be starting two new books on January 20 that we will alternate periodically. The books are: *Then Sings My Soul* by Robert Morgan. This is the history of 150 hymns and the composers. *Transformed by the Messiah* by Rabbi Jason Sobel, who is a Christain. How Old and New Testament Jesus connections reveal God’s intentional story for your life.We would love to have you join us. If interested, please contact **Jeannie Snoeyink** or **Ginny Waaler**.
- If you or a loved one is **in the hospital or in need of a pastoral visit**, contact the church office.
- Check out the **book cart** in Westminster Hall. Donate a book for others to enjoy and take some.
- The **January newsletter** is available in the kiosks or at [firstpres.church/newsletter](http://firstpres.church/newsletter).
- Please **do not park** in the spaces marked Reserved 24/7 behind Meyer/Capel Law office on Sundays.
- If unable to attend church**, watch our 9 AM service live each Sunday at [firstpres.church/live](http://firstpres.church/live). The Sunday **service video** is available on-line this week; audio sermon available the following Sunday at 10:30 AM on WDWS 1400AM.
- Scam Alert** ... Please know that your pastors will **never** send a text, email or voicemail asking you to help them by purchasing gift cards. **This** is a scam, you should immediately delete the message. If you are unsure please reach out to the pastors directly to confirm the request is real.

Are you considering membership at First Pres?

Join us January 18<sup>th</sup> 11:15-1:15 in the Parlor for a New Member’s Class.