

Hymn #726 *Will You Come and Follow Me*

Ordination & Installation of Officers
Constitutional Questions
Prayer of Ordination & Installation
Declaration of Ordination & Installation
Welcome

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

Offertory – Gary Winder, Clarinet

◆Response of Gratitude #694 *Great God of Every Blessing*
Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
You are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

◆Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer (*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 of Commitment #480 *Take Me to the Water*

◆Charge and Benediction

◆Congregational Sung Benediction #480 *Take Me to the Water* (vs. 4)
Glory hallelujah, Glory hallelujah.
Glory hallelujah to be baptized.

◆Postlude

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



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

January 12, 2025

Baptism of the Lord



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

삼패인 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.

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Welcome to worship!

When you enter the worship space, please be mindful of the silent prayers of those around you.

We are presently worshiping in Westminster Hall while our elevator is being replaced.

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 – Gary Winder, Clarinet

Act of Friendship/Sharing of Prayer Concerns

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

Greetings/Welcome

Threshold Moment

◆Call to Worship

Today we celebrate a special baptism; the baptism of Jesus of Nazareth.

God says: Look! See my chosen servant, the One in whom I utterly delight;

I have placed my Spirit on him, he will bring true justice to the nations.

When Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened up, and Spirit came down like a dove;
and there was a voice from heaven saying:

"This is my dearly loved Son, with whom I am delighted."

◆Hymn of Praise #482 *Baptized in Water*

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

Prayer of Confession

We know what it is like to be singed by the flames of our lives, Holy God. We look for ourselves in all the wrong places - success, power, and adulation. We carve our names in the granite walls of work, hoping we will be remembered when we are gone. We have gone through the waters of baptism but live as if they have not changed us.

We need to hear your sure word, 'do not fear,' Shaper of our lives. Our failures do not cause you to quit loving us, for you continue to claim us, gathering us up in your compassionate arms. In our baptism, we discover not the end, but the first step of our journey with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. *Silence is kept.*

Assurance of Pardon

God's words of comfort and restoration are more powerful than any foolishness, any mistakes, any sins we commit. This is good news: we are God's people!

Thanks be to God! By water and word, by the Spirit of God's redeeming grace, we are marked and sealed as God's beloved children. 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 *Open My Ears*

Open my ears that I may hear, voices of truth that soundest clear.

Open my ears, illumine me, spirit divine.

Scripture *Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*

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

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

Message *Getting Wet*

Beth Wagner

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

I believe in God who speaks through the prophets and lifts our gaze up to high and beautiful paths and peaks.

I believe in Christ Jesus, free of corruption yet willingly numbered among the sinners, baptized in the waters of the Jordan.

I believe in the Spirit who rested on Jesus like a dove, and who inspired him with such love as the world has not seen before or since.

I believe that those who are baptized into Christ shall share his Spirit, his mission and his ultimate victory over sin and death.

I believe that there is no human ability that cannot be enlarged, and no weakness that cannot be used by Christ to the praise of God.

I believe that this believing is a gift from God, not to be used for self-gratification but for the building up of the church and for humble service the world.

I believe in myself as a baptized child of God, the recipient of a healing grace which precedes and supersedes all my efforts to be true.

With the help of God, I will attempt to live my belief all the days of my life, and by his grace, dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Hymn #482 *Baptized in Water* (vs. 3)

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

...the faith in which we were baptized.

Gracious God, by water and the Spirit, you claimed us as your own, cleansing us from sin and giving us new life. You made us members of your body, the church, calling us to be your servants in the world.

Renew in us the covenant you made in at our Baptism. Continue the good work you have begun in them. Send them forth in the power of your Spirit to love and serve you with joy, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Week

Sunday, January 12

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

Monday, January 13

- 10:00 AM Pastor Beth's Coffee Hours/Good Judy's Urbana
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor & Zoom
- 1:00 PM Grow/Family Library
- 4:30 PM HR Meeting/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, January 14

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:00 AM ELL Teacher Training/Café
- 10:30 AM Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 4:30 PM Mission Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:00 PM DREAAM Mentoring Program/Centennial Hall
- 7:00 PM Worship Team/Parlor & Zoom

Wednesday, January 15

- 9:00 AM Cuba Partners/Zoom
- 5:00 PM DREAAM Parenting/Centennial Hall, Cafe, Rooms 201, 204, 205
- 7:30 PM Together on Tuesdays/Zoom

Thursday, January 16

- 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
- 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Friday, January 17 Church Office closes at noon

- 8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
- 10:00 AM Christ Community Church Choir Rehearsal/Chapel
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building

Saturday, January 18

- 6:00 PM French Worship Service/Chapel

Announcements

●**We are glad you're here!** Questions about First Pres, see **either pastor** after the service or contact the church office (info@firstpres.church). We are presently worshipping in Westminster Hall while the elevator to our historic Sanctuary is being replaced.

●Please wear your **nametag** to help our **staff** get acquainted.

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

●We welcome **Gary Winder on clarinet** as our special musical guest this morning.

●Join us this morning immediately following worship for **Second Sunday Brunch** in Centennial Hall. Brunch is free as is the fellowship.

●During January join **Paster Beth** for coffee on Mondays from 10-12 at **Good Judy's**, 2740 S. Philo Road, Suite D, Urbana. It has plenty of parking and Bagels!

●There will be a **Congregational Meeting** Sunday, January 19, immediately following the worship service for the purpose of allowing the congregation to approve or disapprove the sale of the farm land in southwest Champaign.

●Do you have **2025 paper advertising calendars** you do not need? We can use them in our English classes. You can drop off in the mission closet or the office.

●Help **DREAAM** by **donating Capri-Suns** (any flavor, any amount) for its Saturday Schools in Champaign and Rantoul. This program is once a month and teaches Black cultural enrichment and friendship skills. Drop off your donation in the DREAAM donation box in Westminster Hall or ship to the DREAAM office, 2009 Fox Drive, Suite C, Champaign, IL 61820.

●**Ginny Waaler** has some copies of *Shades of Life* the second book written by former pastor **Malcolm Nygren**. If you are interested in a copy, contact Ginny.

●Help us stock our **Free Little Pantry**. Donations are appreciated. This time of year stocking hats and gloves are great. Drop off contributions in the church office or in Westminster Hall on Sundays.

●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 **December newsletter** is available in the kiosks or at 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. The Sunday **sermon** is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.