

Scripture *Matthew 4:18-23* (NT pg. 3)

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 Are We Waiting For?*

Matt Matthews

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.

Anthem *O Day of Peace*

text Carol Daw; music C.H. Parry; arr. Robert Powell

Song for Centering & Call to Prayer #183 *Come to Me, O Weary Traveler* (vs. 1)

Come to me, O weary traveler; come to me with your distress;
Come to me, you heavy burdened; come to me and find your rest.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Concern

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.

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 #399** *God Welcomes All*

❖ **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 15, 2023

2nd Sunday after Epiphany



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 pew.

Greeting & Announcements

❖ Call to Worship

The love of God is in this place.

May God's love move as Good News so that we may be inspired in ministry and mission.

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised! Alleluia!

The peace of God is in this place.

May God's peace rest upon us so that our worries and our concerns can be quieted and our prayers may be voiced.

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised! Alleluia!

The grace of God is in this place.

May God's grace seek out our tired faith and revive us through the body of Christ.

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised! Alleluia!

In this holy place filled with God's love, peace and grace, let us worship.

The Lord's name be praised! Alleluia!

❖ Hymn of Praise #339 *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Oh Lord Christ,

Son of God who takest away the sins of the world:

Your world needs our love and tender care, but we have been sluggish in sharing these and your many other gifts. Forgive us.

Have mercy on us for we have sinned . . .

In a world filled with much faithlessness,

and lovelessness,

and vindictiveness,

forgive us, O Master of the Universe,

for joining the crowd.

Assurance of Pardon

God forgives us our sins in order that we might work for justice in the world.

Amen.

Know that by the grace of God in Jesus Christ you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God.

Passing of the Peace

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Song – Sora Shepard (*We are invited to return God's tithes and give our offering.*)

Response of Gratitude #37 *Let All Things Now Living* (first half of vs. 1)

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving

to God our Creator triumphantly raise;

who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,

by guiding us on to the end of our days.

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!"

Word with Children

Prayer for Illumination #458 *Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet* (refrain)

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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This Week

Sunday, January 15

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Sunday School/Christian Education Building
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 204
- 10:15 AM Adult Education/Parlor
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy

Monday, January 16 Church Office Closed

- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, January 17

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Zoom
- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 4:30 PM Community Mission Team/Parlor & Zoom

Wednesday, January 18

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212

Thursday, January 19

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 1:00 PM PEO Group/Parlor & Zoom
- 6:30 PM Bell Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Session/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Friday, January 20 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 21

- 11:00 AM Royce Hinton Memorial Service/Sanctuary
- 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.
- Pat Phillips** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve, contact **Carol Miles**.
- The Rev. Dr. Rachel Matthews** will preach today's 10:15 AM service at the Windsor of Savoy. **Judi Geistlinger** is preaching in Monticello this morning.
- Sunday School** for children this morning at 10 AM. Sign in children at the Welcome Center 8:45-9. After worship, they will be escorted to their class. Meet your child or children in the library in the Education Building at 11. Transportation is not being provided at this time.
- Adult Education** this morning is a presentation from our Cuba Team. Grab a cup of coffee and join the group in the Parlor at 10:10 AM today.
- Music is an integral part of worship at First Pres. Music soothes the soul and offers praise to our loving God. Thankfully, we have lots of talented help making that "joyful noise unto the Lord." Come hear more about our amazing church organist/pianist, **Sora Shepard**, as she shares about herself and her faith journey for our **Faith in the Real World** series. Join us January 22 in the Sanctuary at 10:15.
- If unable to attend church**, catch our 9 AM service live each Sunday morning at firstpres.live. The Sunday **sermon** is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.
- The **Winter/Spring Small Group brochure** is now available in the kiosks, at the Welcome Center or on the church website. Check out the many opportunities to join a small group this winter/spring.
- If you or a loved one is **in the hospital or in need of a pastoral visit**, contact the church office.
- We need your help. **The Little Free Pantry** is a small but important way you can help our neighbors without an address (and others on financial hard times). We are currently low on supplies for our Little Pantry and are asking for food bars, snack bars, nut bars, dried goods, canned soups and meats with pull top lids, and other pantry items. Also socks, gloves and hats. Cold weather is a critical time for these items. Thank you for your generosity.
- The **January newsletter** is available in the kiosks or at firstpres.church/newsletter.
- 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!
- Please be reminded that if **inclement weather** should hit, the church office follows the closing policy of Parkland College. If Parkland College closes, the church office will be closed and any in-person programs/meetings during that time will be cancelled.
- The **church office will be closed** Monday, January 16, in observance of Martin Luther King's birthday.