

We give you thanks, Eternal God...

**Prayer for Those Reaffirming the Baptismal Covenant**

**Laying On of Hands**

**Welcome**

...Let us welcome them to this ministry.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ,  
for we are all one in him.

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

**Offertory Just As I Am**

**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 #623 I've Got Peace Like a River (Spiritual)**

†**Charge and Benediction**

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

†**Postlude Oh Jesus, I Have Promised**

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



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN**

**January 18, 2026**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**



## 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 *How Brightly Beams the Morning Star*

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.)

God calls us here together — each of us, all of us, our whole selves.

We bring our questions, our longings, our hopes, our dreams and our fears.

Jesus invites us to come and see where God is at work.

Across the street and across the globe, Jesus is present.

Within these walls and within our hearts, God is here.

Let us worship the God who reaches out in love and invites us to come and see!

†Hymn of Praise #443 *There Is a Redeemer*

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

Prayer of Confession

Saving God, we confess that we often have not waited patiently for you. We have preferred to sing our own song, to go our own way, and to put our trust in idols, institutions and individual strength rather than trusting you. We confess that it is easier to bring you sacrifices and offerings, rather than offering our lives to you. We search for delight in all the wrong places. We keep quiet about the ways we have experienced your love and presence, and we fail to invite others to come and see you, the source of life and love, at work all around us. Forgive us, God. Abide in us until your new song of hope and redemption pours from our lips, and your love is shared in our words and deeds. Amen. *Silence is kept.*

Kyrie #578 *O Lord, Have Mercy*

Assurance of Pardon

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 *John 1:29-34*

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

Scripture in English *John 1:35-42*

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

Message *Come, and See*

Rev. Beth Wagner

†Hymn for Reflection #519 *You Are My Strength When I Am Weak*

## 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.

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant for Those Making a Public Profession of Faith

I present Fiona Leakey and Hazel Leakey who desire to reaffirm the faith into which they were baptized...

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**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.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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 Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## This Week

### Sunday, January 18

9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary  
10:10 AM Easy English Fellowship/Rooms 204 & 207  
10:10 AM Sunday School/CE Building Classrooms  
11:15 AM New Member Class/Parlor

### Monday, January 19 Church Office closed for MLK Jr. Day

10:00 AM Coffee with Beth/Espresso Royale  
1:30 PM Women's Bible Study/Barb Fuller Curry's home  
5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

### Tuesday, January 20

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom  
9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building & Café  
9:30 AM Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team/Zoom  
10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom  
12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom  
1:00 PM DREAAM After School Academy/CE Building  
3:30 PM Community Mission Deacons/Parlor & Zoom  
5:00 PM DREAAM MLK Celebration/Centennial Hall

### Wednesday, January 21

9:00 AM Cuba Partners/Zoom  
9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building & Café  
11:00 AM Francophone Ministry/Library  
1:00 PM DREAAM After School Academy/CE Building  
5:30 PM DREAAM Family Dinner/Centennial Hall  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room  
7:30 PM Wednesdays We Gather/Zoom

### Thursday, January 22

9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom  
9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building & Café  
10:30 AM Circle of Joy/Parlor & Zoom  
12:30 PM Windsor of Savoy Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy  
1:00 PM Circle of Faith/Parlor & Zoom  
1:00 PM DREAAM After School Academy/CE Building  
7:00 PM Circle of Peace/Parlor & Zoom

### Friday, January 23 Church Office closes 12 noon

8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom  
12:00 PM New Americans/Chapel  
1:00 PM DREAAM After School Academy/CE Building  
7:00 PM French Prayer/Zoom

### Saturday, January 24

6:00 PM Francophone Bethesda Fellowship/Chapel

Are you considering membership at First Pres?

Join us this morning 11:15-1:15 in the Parlor for a New Member's Class.

## Announcements

- The flowers this morning are from the family of **Steve Gritten** whose memorial service was held on Saturday, January 17.
- Miriam Chenault** 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 are glad you're here!** Questions about First Pres, see **either pastor** after the service or contact the church office ([info@firstpres.church](mailto: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 [nkdankle@icloud.com](mailto:nkdankle@icloud.com).
- 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 **Church Office will be closed** Monday, January 19, in observatoin of the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr.
- 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 Christian. 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.