

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

Offertory *Thou Shalt Give Unto the Lord*

John Ness Beck

◆ **Response of Gratitude**

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

◆ **Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving**

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 #741** *Guide My Feet* (American Negro Spiritual)

◆ **Charge and Benediction**

◆ **Congregational Sung Benediction #741** *Guide My Feet* (vs. 1; American Negro Spiritual)

Guide my feet while I run this race; guide my feet while I run this race;
Guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Congregational Meeting

◆ **Postlude**

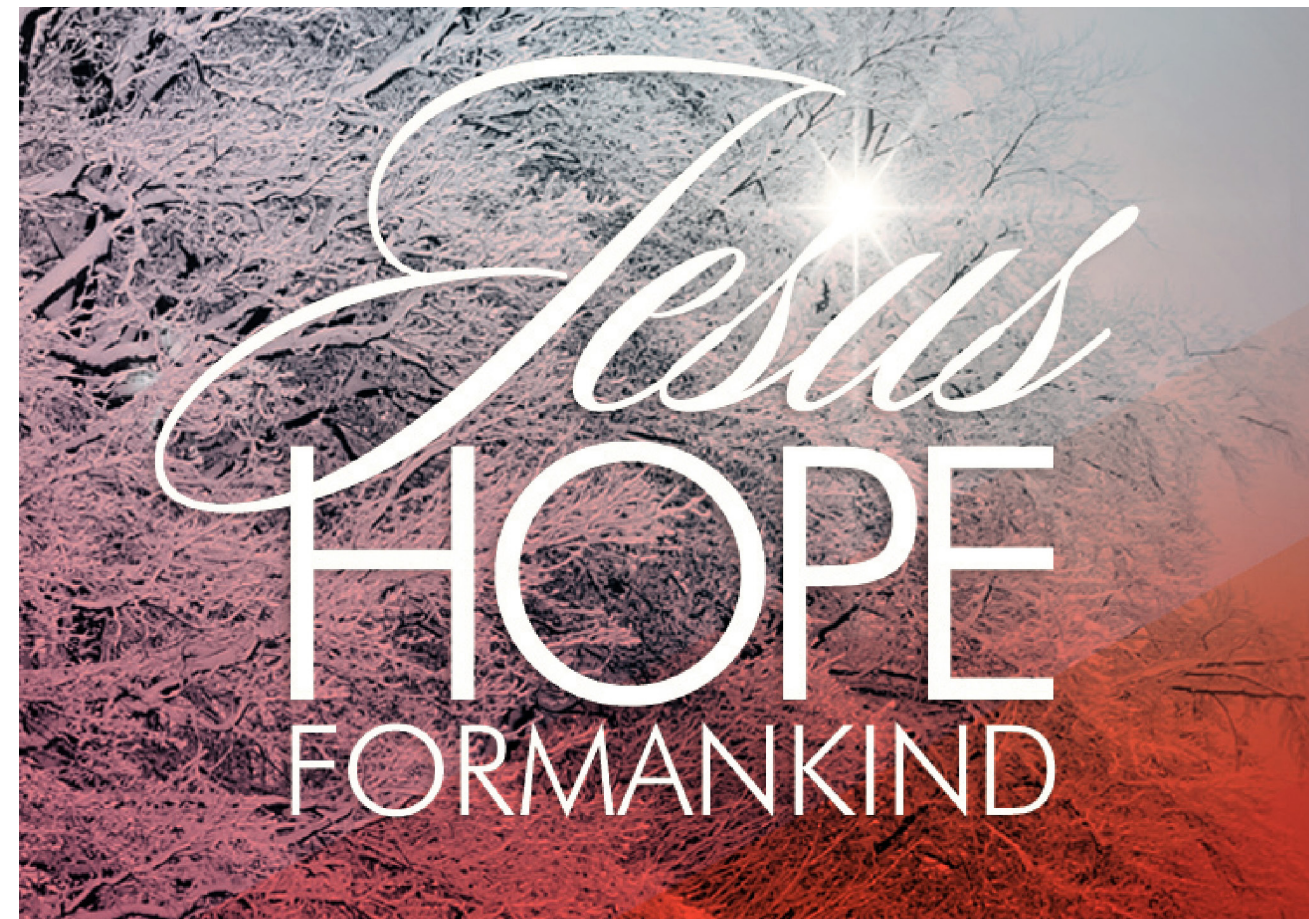
◆ Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH** OF CHAMPAIGN

January 19, 2025

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.

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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 worshipping 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

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

In this world of striving,

we feel the yearn to earn.

The world measures our worth in those earnings.

But Jesus had different ideas.

Where they perceived that things had run out and dripped dry,

he saw the possibility for transformation.

When we feel our own resources are lacking,

we can view our lives and practices again from the economy of Jesus.

◆Hymn of Praise #156 *Sing of God Made Manifest*

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

Prayer of Confession (Inspired by *Isaiah 43*)

God who Delivers and Redeems, we have failed to live into the promise of new life.

We have been afraid to enter troubled waters to help the poor and downtrodden.

We have been afraid to walk with those burned by the system of sin and oppression.

We have sought ease and comfort in exchange for ignoring the hungry and sick in our world.

Forgive us when we have seen our faith in such narrowness, thinking of only our own salvation.

Forgive us when we have not lived for others, when we have not been willing to risk ourselves for the sake of others. Call us into new life, a life that is lived in the promise of Your love for the whole world. In Jesus' name. Amen. *Silence is kept.*

Assurance of Pardon (Written by Rev. Mindi and posted on her Rev-o-lution website)

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 #386 *Come, Worship God* (vs. 4)

Now let us listen, for you speak among us; open our hearts to receive what you say.

**Peace be to all who remember your goodness, trust in your word,
and rejoice in your way!**

Scripture *John 2:1-11*

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 *Filling My House With Hope*

Joe Lundy

◆Hymn of Reflection #697 *Take My Life*

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

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.

Call to Prayer #66 *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* (American Negro Spiritual)

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray. (Repeat)

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer (*in the language and wording most familiar to you.*)

This Week

Sunday, January 19

- 9:00 AM Worship/Westminster Hall
- 9:45 AM Congregational Meeting/Westminster Hall
- 10:10 AM Easy English Fellowship/Rooms 204, 206, 207
- 10:10 AM Children's Sunday School/CE Building
- 10:10 AM Adult Discussion/Parlor

Monday, January 20 Office closed for Martin Luther King holiday

- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, January 21

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL In-Person Classes/CE Building & Café
- 9:30 AM PW Board Meeting/Zoom
- 10:30 AM Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 3:30 PM Community Mission Deacons/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:00 PM DREAAM Mentoring Program/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM DREAAM Praise Dance/Chapel

Wednesday, January 22

- 9:15 AM ELL In-Person Classes/CE Building & Café
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 5:00 PM DREAAM Parenting/Centennial Hall, Cafe, Rooms 201, 204, 205
- 7:30 PM Together on Tuesdays/Zoom

Thursday, January 23

- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:30 AM ELL Conversation/Café
- 10:30 AM Circle of Joy/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 1:00 PM Circle of Faith/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 7:00 PM Circle of Peace/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Friday, January 24 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 25

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/CE Building
- 1:00 PM Twardock Memorial Service/Westminster Hall
- 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.

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

●**Il n'y a pas de traduction française pour le culte de ce matin.**

●There will be a **Congregational Meeting** this morning 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.

●Grab a cup of coffee and join us this morning immediately following the Congregational Meeting in the Parlor for **Sunday Discussions**. Guest speaker this morning is **Choir Director Matthew Shepard**.

●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! **(NO gathering January 20. See you Monday, January 27.)**

●During **inclement weather** the church office follows the closure of Parkland College. If Parkland College cancels classes or closes their offices, the church office will be closed.

●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.

●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.