

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 *The Lord's Prayer*
Jason Pandelitis

Alfred Malotte

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.

Commissioning Members & Friends –

Pastor Matt as he begins a month-long mini-sabbatical
The Revs. Connie Bandy and Jean Oliver-Holder, Sabbatical Pastors for the month

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 #170 *You Walk Along Our Shoreline*

❖ 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 22, 2023 3rd Sunday after Epiphany



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church
Bienvenue à La Première Église 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

Minute for Mission – The Endowment of the Church

Dave Whitford

❖Call to Worship

We pray to you, Lord God;

We beg you to listen.

In days filled with trouble, we search for you.

At night we lift our hands in prayer. (*Psalm 77*)

Hear our prayers, O God, and accept our praise.

Let us worship God.

The Lord's name be praised.

❖Hymn of Praise #619 *Praise, My Soul the God of Heaven*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, forgive us praying long prayers but not listening.

Forgive us, Lord.

Forgive us for not noticing our neighbor in need.

Forgive us, Lord.

Forgive us for not sharing our resources more generously.

Forgive us, Lord.

Forgive us and transform us with your joy that we might live in right relationship with you and others.

In Christ's name, hear our prayer! Amen and Amen!

Assurance of Pardon

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Alleluia!

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

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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Scripture *Matthew 6:7-15* (NT pg. 5)

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")

This Week

Sunday, January 22

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Sunday School/Christian Education Building
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 204
- 10:15 AM Faith in the Real World/Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy

Monday, January 23

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 10:00 AM ELL In-Person/Room 204
- 11:00 AM ELL/Family Library
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor & Zoom
- 1:00 PM Bible Study/Westminster Hall
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, January 24

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:00 AM PW Coordinating Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:30 AM ELL In-Person/Rooms 102, 103, 104, 201, 204, 205, 206, 207, Café
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 4:30 PM World Mission/Parlor & Zoom

Wednesday, January 25

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:00 AM Cuba Steering/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:30 AM ELL In-Person/Rooms 102, 103, 104, 201, 204, 205, 206, 207, Café
- 9:00 AM Pakistan Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:00 AM Compassion, Peace & Justice/Parlor & Zoom

Thursday, January 26

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 10:30 AM Circle of Joy/Parlor & Zoom
- 1:00 PM Circle of Faith/Parlor & Zoom
- 6:30 PM Bell Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Circle of Peace/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Friday, January 27 Church Office Closes at Noon

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
- 7:30 PM Friday Night Lights/Zoom

Saturday, January 28

- 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.
- Tom Ulen** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve, contact **Carol Miles**.
- Gary Peterson** will preach today's 10:15 AM service at the Windsor of Savoy with his wife, **Linda**, serving as liturgist.
- Would you be willing to serve as a **greeter** on Sunday mornings? If so, place a smiley face next to your name on this morning's Friendship Pad. No experience required...just a warm welcome!
- 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.
- 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 this morning in the Sanctuary at 10:15.
Next Sunday we will hear from electric car owners **Cindy Shepherd** and **Brandi and Jason Lowe**.
- The **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will be held Sunday, February 26, immediately following the 9 AM service.
- 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!