

with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

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

Offertory *Little Prelude in C Major*

Bach

Response of Gratitude

Let us be makers, makers of change,
compassion and courage for each new exchange.
As we discern, God, our offerings now,
gift us and bless us, show us just how.

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 #754** *Help Us Accept Each Other*

✦ **Charge and Benediction**

✦ **Congregational Sung Benediction**

Praise to the Maker, the One who gives breath.
Praise to Christ Jesus, who reigns over death.
Praise to the Spirit, our strength and our friend.
Three-in-One present, world without end.

✦ **Postlude** *Sheep May Safely Graze*

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



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

January 25, 2026

3rd 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 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 *Jesus Calls Us*

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.)

The world is changing. We see it everywhere. We feel it in our bones. It seems to happen so much faster now than it used to.

The world is changing.

And also, the world needs to change. Children are hungry. Systems are unjust. People are afraid. There are people on the streets who won't make it a day longer.

The world needs to change.

It is God's desire that the world would change and become more like a holy commonwealth of just peace in which all have what they need.

And we are the changemakers.

We are called to work alongside the Holy Spirit. We are called to follow the way of Jesus.

May we be changed by this time of worship!

✠**Hymn of Praise #63** *The Lord Is God*

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

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, you are the beginning of all things. You are older than time itself. But we're the ones who have a problem with change. We like things to stay the way they are. Or even better, we'd like things to go back to the way they were before. And so we get in the way when you are trying to do a new thing. We find change to be scary, and so when things need to change, we often don't show up. Forgive us. Forgive us for when we ignored the people who need change the most. Forgive us for when we resist your holy transformation. Forgive us for when we, ourselves, refuse to change. Change us again. Remake us now to be more like your son Jesus. Open our hearts to all that you would have us change in this world. 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 #463 *How Firm a Foundation* (vs. 1)

Scripture in French *Mark 6:30-44*

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

Anthem *Amazing Grace*

Chancel Choir

arr. J. Althouse

Scripture in English *Luke 10:25-37*

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

Message

Rev. Joe Lundy

✠**Hymn for Reflection #761** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

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.

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged; that God calls the church to follow him in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly; that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering; that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right; that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream; that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and

This Week

Sunday, January 25

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:10 AM Easy English Fellowship/Rooms 204 & 207
- 10:10 AM Sunday School/CE Building Classrooms

Monday, January 26

- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building & Café
- 10:00 AM Coffee with Beth/Espresso Royale
- 12:00 PM Transition Team/Westminster Hall
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor & Zoom
- 1:00 PM DREAAM After School Academy/CE Building
- 3:30 PM Environmental Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, January 27

- 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:00 AM Compassion, Peace & Justice/Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building & Café
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 1:00 PM DREAAM After School Academy/CE Building
- 4:30 PM World Mission/Parlor & Zoom

Wednesday, January 28

- 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 29

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

Friday, January 30 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 31

- 11:00 AM Dale Tutje Memorial Service/Sanctuary & Westminster Hall
- 6:00 PM Francophone Bethesda Fellowship/Chapel

Announcements

- The flowers this morning are given by **Ritchie Drennen** in honor of his late wife **Mamie Drennen** whose birthday was January 14.
- Laura Aull-Johnston** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve as liturgist on a Sunday morning, contact **Carol Miles**.
- The Rev. Beth Wagner** is preaching this morning at the Windsor of Savoy.
- 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).
- 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.
- 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.
- Grab a cup of coffee and join us this morning immediately following worship in the Parlor for our **Adult Discussion**. Today our graduate students will share their stories. Next Sunday, February 1, we will talk about MAID (Medical Aid in Dying.)
- Join **Pastor Beth** for **coffee in January on Mondays from 10 AM - 12 NOON** at Espresso Royale, 2401 Village Green Place in Champaign.
- The **Classic Book Group** meets on Tuesdays at noon in Mae Chapin Parlor. We started 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.
- 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 **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.