

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

**Offertory Anthem** *Hope, Come Make Your Home With Us*

Mark Miller

◆ **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 for Commitment #761** *Called As Partners in Christ's Service*

◆ **Charge and Benediction**

◆ **Congregational Sung Benediction #741** *Guide My Feet* (vs. 1; 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!

◆ **Postlude**

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



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN**

January 26, 2025

3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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 #307 *God of Grace and God of Glory***

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

### **Prayer of Confession**

**God, our Light and Salvation, forgive us for those moments when we have walked in darkness, stumbling in the wilderness of quarrels, division, and bickering. You have called us to follow you and to fish for people but too often we think that our way is the only way to do your will. Forgive us, Lord, for the brokenness that we bring upon ourselves.** *Silence is kept.*

God, the Stronghold of our Life,

**Hear our cry as we come to you for unity. Send your Spirit to gather us as you desire us. Remind us that unity does not mean uniformity. Teach us that the "same mind" you call us to have is not ours, but the mind of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

These words contain the good news that in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **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 *Luke 4:14-21***

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 *Unfinished Agenda***

Beth Wagner

#### **◆Hymn for Reflection #303 *God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian***

## **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 Confession of 1967***

... preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

**With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.**

#### **◆Call to Prayer #66 *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* (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 with The Lord's Prayer** (pg. 35; *in the language and wording most familiar to you.*)

## This Week

### Sunday, January 26

- 9:00 AM Worship/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/Centennial Hall

### Monday, January 27

- 9:15 AM ELL In-Person Classes/CE Building & Café
- 10:00 AM Beth's Coffee Shop Hours/Good Judy's Espresso & Bagel Bar
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

### Tuesday, January 28

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL In-Person Classes/CE Building & Café
- 10:30 AM Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 4:30 PM World Mission/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:00 PM DREAAM Mentoring Program/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM DREAAM Praise Dance/Chapel

### Wednesday, January 29

- 9:15 AM ELL In-Person Classes/CE Building & Café
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 7:30 PM Together on Tuesdays/Zoom

### Thursday, January 30

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

### Friday, January 31 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, February 1

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/CE Building
- 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.

●The flowers this morning are given in memory of **Mary Twardock** by her children **Sally and Jim, David and Kathy, Paul and Dana, Rob and Joyce.**

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

●Grab a cup of coffee and join us this morning immediately following worship in **Centennial Hall** for **Sunday Discussions.** This morning the **Rev. Beth Wagner** will fill us in our pastoral transition process.

●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!

●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](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 **sermon** is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.