

but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
assuming human likeness.  
And being found in appearance as a human,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God exalted him even more highly  
and gave him the name  
that is above every other name,  
so that at the name given to Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Anthem *When At Creation's Dawn There Was No Sound* text: Jean Janzen; music: James Clemens

Song for Centering #408 *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in This Place*

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
There are sweet expressions on each face,  
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

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.

### **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 #796 *We Come To You For Healing, Lord*

◆Charge and Benediction

◆Congregational Sung Benediction #306 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

◆Postlude

◆Please stand if able. Remain seated if need be.

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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

January 28, 2024

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany



**When at creation's dawn  
there was no sound...**

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 worshiping 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." 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 pads.*

#### **Greeting & Announcements**

#### **◆Call to Worship**

For every sound comes from the Maker's hand,  
**the cleansing rush of river, drift of sand—**

Each scraping insect sings across the land:

**Alleluia!** (*When At Creation's Dawn There Was No Sound*/Jean Janzen)

Let all creation praise the Lord!

**Let us worship God with gladness.**

#### **◆Hymn of Praise #182 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say***

#### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, help us to be truer disciples of your Son, our Lord, Jesus the Christ. Where we have taken a step back, help us to step up. Where we have been silent, help us to speak up. Where we have been lukewarm, kindle a fire. Forgive us for our short-sightedness and our short-comings. Encourage and sustain us by your Spirit for the long-haul. We pray this in Jesus' name, AMEN.**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.**

Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah!

**Praise ye the Lord!**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

#### **Passing of the Peace**

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

**Offertory – Sora Shepard**

#### **Response of Gratitude #300 *We Are One in the Spirit***

**We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;**

**We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,**

**And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:**

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;**

**Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

#### **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 #314 *Longing for Light* (refrain)**

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.**

**Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

#### **Scripture *Mark 1:21-28***

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")

#### **Sermon *What Have You To Do With Us, Jesus of Nazareth***

Matt Matthews

## **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** (*from *Philippians 2:1-11**)

**If, then, there is any comfort in Christ,  
any consolation from love,  
any partnership in the Spirit,  
any tender affection and sympathy,  
make my joy complete:**

**be of the same mind,  
having the same love,  
being in full accord and of one mind.  
Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit,  
but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.  
Let each of you look not to your own interests  
but to the interests of others.**

**Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he existed in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be grasped,**

# Announcements

## This Week

### Sunday, January 28

- 9:00 AM Worship/Westminster Hall
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 204 & 207
- 10:10 AM Sunday School/CE Building
- 10:10 AM Adult Ed/Parlor
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy

### Monday, January 29

- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building
- 1:00 PM Grow/Family Library
- 3:30 PM DREAAM Mentoring/Room 206, 212, Gym
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

### Tuesday, January 30

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Parent Titans/Cafe
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Tiny Titans/Gym
- 7:30 PM Together on Tuesdays/Zoom

### Wednesday, January 31

- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building
- 3:30 PM Youth Bible Club/Centennial Hall & Kitchen
- 5:00 PM DREAAM Robotics/Centennial Hall & Kitchen

### Thursday, February 1

- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 2:30 PM Congregational Care Deacons/Parlor & Zoom
- 4:00 PM Spiritual Formation/Zoom
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir/Choir Room

### Friday, February 2 Church Office close at noon

- 8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom

### Saturday, February 3

- 6:00 PM French Worship Service/Chapel

- We are glad you're here! Questions about First Pres, contact **Pastor Matt Matthews** or call the church office. We are presently worshipping in Westminster Hall while our elevator is being replaced.
- Please wear your **nametag** to help our new **Associate Pastor Joe Lundy** get acquainted.
- Bill Marble** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve, contact **Carol Miles**.
- The Rev. Dr. Rachel Matthews** will preach this morning's service at the Windsor of Savoy. **Judi Geistlinger** is preaching in Hoopeton this morning.
- Grab a cup of coffee and join us in the Parlor this morning. **Joe Lundy** will lead a class on the Good Samaritan.
- You can sign up to donate flowers for the coming year on the **flower calendar** on the bulletin board just outside Westminster Hall.
- 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 the 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.
- Some of us recently learned of **Cathy Emanuel's** work with a community coalition advocating for more nursing home beds in Champaign County. The group is "**Advocates for Aging**". If you are 60+ would you please complete the survey or would you share this link with folks over 60 who might. <https://www.christieclinic.com/News/6020/Advocates-for-Aging-Care-and-ChampaignUrba-na-Public-Health-District-to-Launch-Survey-January-15/news-detail/>
- In the next month the newly formed **CYF and Outreach committees** will be meeting, so if you have any input or questions for those groups let **Joe Lundy** know!
- Plans are coming together for Bible Club on Wednesdays from 3 to 5 PM DREAAM middle school youth and staff on our campus will join us. Will you join a list of people interested in serving? Can you help out on our kitchen team or serve as a table partner? Table partners greet guests and facilitate conversation while eating with DREAAM tweens and staff. Contact **Gary Peterson** ( [amer-swede@yahoo.com](mailto:amer-swede@yahoo.com) or 217-398-8504) or **Bob Kirby** ([rwk3213@gmail.com](mailto:rwk3213@gmail.com) or 217-621-5915) for more information or to sign up.
- C-U at Home **One Winter Night on February 2-3** is the annual fundraiser to support men and women on their journey out of addiction, mental health and/or trauma. C-U at Home operates two residential homes that are staffed 24/7 to provide intensive case management and resources for clients. Go to the C-U at Home's website ([www.cuathome.us](http://www.cuathome.us)) and sign up to be a part of the outdoor challenge on Friday, February 2 or to donate.
- The **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will be held Sunday, February 11, immediately following worship in Westminster Hall. After the Annual Meeting, plan to join us in Centennial Hall for our **Second Sunday Brunch**. Enjoy good food and fellowship all at no cost.
- We're having a **Chili Cook-off!** Consider entering a crock pot of your fav chili or dessert on Sunday, February 25, at 3 PM. Be creative! Enter through the on-line link in Matt's Friday Email.