

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 *Come Away to the Skies* Text Charles Wesley; music Kentucky Harmony, 1821; arr. M. Larkin

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.

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 #223** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

❖ **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 29, 2023 4th Sunday after Epiphany

#blessed

Wisdom from the Beatitudes of Jesus

MATTHEW 5:3-10

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 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 pen.

Greeting & Announcements

❖Call to Worship (by Joanna Harader)

Loving God, life of the universe,

we gather to worship you.

Great Creator, who formed us in your image,

we gather to worship you.

Holy Redeemer, who became flesh and lived among us,

we gather to worship you.

Sustaining Spirit, who breathes into us always the holy breath of life,

we gather to worship you. Amen.

❖Hymn of Praise #172 *Blest Are They*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (by Joanna Harader)

Gracious God, we come before you to confess: we have not lived out the folly of the Gospel.

You call us to be poor in spirit, yet we often place our desires over the needs of others.

You call us to mourn, yet we insulate ourselves from the pain surrounding us.

You call us to be meek, yet we struggle to appear strong and superior.

You call us to thirst for righteousness, yet we want to take the easiest path.

You call us to be pure in heart, yet our hearts are pulled in many directions.

You call us to be peacemakers,

yet we struggle to live in peace with those closest to us....

Silence for reflection

Forgive us, O God, and help us to follow the way of Jesus ever more faithfully.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (*The Worship Sourcebook*, adapted)

Hear and believe the Good News! While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God, I declare that in Jesus Christ you are forgiven and set free for new life.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

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 5:1-12* (NT pg. 4)

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 *Blessed*

Connie Bandy

This Week

Sunday, January 29

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Sunday School/Christian Education Building
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 204
- 10:15 AM Adult Education/Westminster Hall
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy

Monday, January 30

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 10:00 AM ELL In-Person/Room 204
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, January 31

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 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
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building

Wednesday, February 1

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:30 AM ELL In-Person/Rooms 102, 103, 104, 201, 204, 205, 206, 207, Café
- 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch/Westminster Hall
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building

Thursday, February 2

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 2:30 PM Care Deacons/Parlor & Zoom
- 4:00 PM Spiritual Formation/Zoom
- 6:30 PM Bell Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Friday, February 3 Church Office Closes at Noon

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 5:00 PM CU at Home One Winter Night/The Venue
- 5:30 PM DREAAM STEAM Family Event/Centennial Hall
- 7:30 PM Friday Night Lights/Zoom

Saturday, February 4

- 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.
- **Mary Jane Kelley** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve, contact **Carol Miles**.
- **Judi Geistlinger** will preach today's 10:15 AM service at the Windsor of Savoy. **Betty Hollister** is in Ashmore this morning as part of our Amateur Preacher's program.
- You can sign up on the flower chart in Westminster Hall near the Welcome Center to **donate flowers for Sunday worship** in memory of a loved one, for a celebration, or just because. Consider buying plants for Sundays instead of flower arrangements. **Remember no lilies!** You can donate money for the flowers too, make checks out to First Pres, specify that it is for flowers.
- 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! Help is also needed, 15-20 minutes on Sunday mornings, to greet people and let them in the CE Building door, 9:55-10:15 AM. Once a month? Every week? Contact **Mary Gritten** if you can help in CE Building..
- **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.
- **Here's where the rubber meets the road.** Join us this morning after worship in Westminster Hall to hear from a panel of EV owners who will share their views and experiences.
- **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 February 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.