

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer (pg. 35; *in the language and wording most familiar to you.*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

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 #152 *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright*

†Charge and Benediction

†Congregational Sung Benediction #540 *Farewell, Good Friends!*

†Postlude *Nocturnes* op. 15 no. 1

Frederic Chopin

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



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH** OF CHAMPAIGN

January 4, 2026 2nd Sunday of Christmas



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 *The Well-Tempered Clavier* Book 1, No. 9

J.S.Bach

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.)

Arise, shine; for your light has come; and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Lift up your eyes and look around; sons and daughters gather together, they come to you.

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice.

They shall bring gold and frankincense and myrrh, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

†Hymn of Praise #151 *We Three Kings of Orient Are* (vs. 1, 5)

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

Prayer of Confession

Source of salvation and Bringer of light, we fail to sense the mystery of your love.
We bear grudges against our neighbors, while it is your nature to forgive. We hold
tightly to our possessions, while Christ blesses the poor. In him you have spoken peace,
yet we live in turmoil. We care little for this planet, which you in goodness created
for our habitation. In mercy forgive us, and help us to amend our ways. *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 #583 *Glory to God*

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

Scripture in French *Ephesians 3:1-12*

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

Scripture in English *Mark 2:1-12, 16-18*

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

Message *Beacon of Light*

Rev. Joe Lundy

†Hymn for Reflection #156 *Sing of God Made Manifest*

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.

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

Offertory *Caro mio ben*

Giuseppe Giordani

Response of Gratitude #609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving

Communion

Communion Hymn #517 *Here, O Our Lord, We See You* (vs. 1)

Invitation to the Table

This Week

Sunday, January 4

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

Monday, January 5

10:00 AM Coffee with Beth/Expresso Royale
1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
1:00 PM DREAAM After School Academy/CE Building
1:30 PM Bible Study/Library
4:00 PM HR Meeting/Zoom
5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, January 6

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
9:00 AM Small Group Leaders/Parlor & Zoom
10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
1:00 PM DREAAM After School Academy/CE Building

Wednesday, January 7

11:00 AM Francophone Ministry/Library
1:00 PM DREAAM After School Academy/CE Building
5:15 PM Children's Ministry/Zoom
7:30 PM Wednesdays We Gather/Zoom

Thursday, January 8

9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
12:30 PM Windsor of Savoy Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
1:00 PM DREAAM After School Academy/CE Building
4:00 PM Spiritual Formation/Zoom
4:30 PM Finance/Parlor & Zoom

Friday, January 9

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 10

9:00 AM DREAAM Saturday Academy/CE Building
6:00 PM Francophone Bethesda Fellowship/Chapel

Announcements

- **Large print bulletins** available for use on Sunday mornings. Ask an usher if you cannot find one.
- With our return to the sanctuary, we have access to our hearing assistant loop. 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.
- **Miriam Chenault** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve as liturgist on a Sunday morning, contact **Carol Miles**.
- We welcome **Zixin Zhang** as our substitute keyboardist these next few weeks.
- **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.
- Grab a cup of coffee and join us in the Parlor immediately following worship this morning for **Adult Education**. We will be discussing the Epiphany.
- If a **loved one was remembered during the Blue Sunday service**, please pick up the blue candle and bulletin at the Welcome Center.
- 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.
- Join **Pastor Beth** for **coffee in January on Mondays from 10 AM - 12 NOON** at Expresso Royale, 2401 Village Green Place in Champaign.
- 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.
- 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.