

Statement on Ordination

Profession of Faith

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination & Installation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 #177** *I Will Come To You*

❖ **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

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Baptism of the Lord



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

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!"

❖ **Call to Worship** (based on *Psalm 29, Isaiah 42, Amos 5, John 1*)

We know that the voice of the Lord is powerful.

We know that the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

We believe that the servant of the Lord will not break a bruised reed.

We believe that the servant of the Lord will not quench a dim flame.

Both these things are true:

Our God's righteousness is a mighty stream,

And our Savior is like a lamb.

Through the Holy Spirit, we hold space for all aspects of God.

Today we worship God, who loves us and calls us by name, who came to meet us in the person of Jesus Christ.

❖ **Hymn of Praise #634** *To God Be the Glory*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Creator God, in our baptisms, you marked us with your love, inviting us into covenant with you. As we grow older, you reveal more and more of yourself to us. We see and experience the brokenness of the world; we know that we are called to embody your love. But the task sometimes feels too big. It's easier to ignore the pain of others.

It's easier to choose blindness. Forgive us for forgetting our baptism, for forgetting that our lives are meant for something bigger. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (based on *Isaiah 63:7-9*)

Even when we fail, even when we are not perfect, God still claims us. God still calls us by name. God still places God's Spirit upon us.

We are known and loved and forgiven.

Passing of the Peace

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Song – Sora Shephard (*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

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 3:13-17* (NT pg. 3)

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 *Baptized Into a New Year*

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.

Anthem *Christ In the Stranger's Guise*

Alfred Burt

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.

Ordination & Installation

Sentences of Scripture (*1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 27*)

There are varieties of gifts,

but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit
to be used for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

This Week

Sunday, January 8

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM Brunch/Centennial Hall
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy

Monday, January 9

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 1:00 PM Prayer Ministry Team/Church Library
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor & Zoom
- 1:00 PM Grow/Family Library
- 4:00 PM HR Team/Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, January 10

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 4:30 PM Mission Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:00 PM Worship Team/Parlor & Zoom

Wednesday, January 11

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 6:30 PM Compassion, Peace & Justice/Parlor & Zoom

Thursday, January 12

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 4:30 PM Finance Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 6:30 PM Nurture Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 6:30 PM Bell Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Friday, January 13 Church Office Closes at Noon

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
- 7:30 PM Friday Night Lights/Zoom

Saturday, January 14

- 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.

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

●**The Rev. Dr. Rachel Matthews** will preach today's 10:15 AM service at the Windsor of Savoy.

●Adults and children are invited to join us this morning for our **Second Sunday Brunch** immediately following the service. A variety of brunch items is served each month prepared by volunteers led by trained cooks. Enjoy different hot dishes, meats, fruits, pastries and beverages. While there is no charge, donations are appreciated to help cover costs.

Both Sunday School for youth and Adult Education will resume next Sunday, January 15.

●**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.

●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. There is a basket in Westminster Hall.

●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 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. Thanks for your cooperation!

●Please be reminded that if **inclement weather** should hit, the church office follows the closing policy of Parkland College. If Parkland College closes, the church office will be closed and any in-person programs/meetings during that time will be cancelled.