

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

We are Invited
We give Thanks (sung to “Day Is Done” Ar Hyd Y Nos)
For the fruit of all creation, Thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, Thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, For the truths that still confound us.
Most of all that love has found us, Thanks be to God...
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.
The Meal is Set (*Let us hold the elements and partake together*)
The Meal is Shared
We close in Prayer

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.

Commissioning Members & Friends for Service
Bob & Kristi Rice as they soon return to South Sudan

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 #503 *Lord, We Have Come At Your Own Invitation*
 - ♦Charge and Benediction
 - ♦Congregational Sung Benediction #765 *May the God of Hope Go With Us*
May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
Working for a world that’s new, faithful when we hear Christ’s call.
 - ♦Postlude
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- ♦Please stand if able. Remain seated if need be.

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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN**

October 1, 2023 World Communion Sunday



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 invite you to share your contact info in the Friendship Pad when passed,

then to stop by our Welcome Center 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 pads.

Greeting & Announcements

♦Call to Worship (An African Canticle, Traditional)

All you big things, bless the Lord.

Mount Kilimanjaro and Lake Victoria,

The Rift Valley and the Serengeti Plain,

Fat baobabs and shady mango trees,

All eucalyptus and tamarind trees,

Bless the Lord.

Praise and extol God for ever and ever.

All you tiny things, bless the Lord.

Busy black ants and hopping fleas,

Wriggling tadpoles and mosquito larvae,

Flying locusts and water drops,

Pollen dust and tsetse flies,

Millet seeds and dried dagaa,

Bless the Lord.

Praise and extol God for ever and ever.

♦Hymn of Praise #163 *Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice*

Call to Confession (1 John 1:8-9)

If we say we have no sin,

we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just

will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

In confidence of God's enduring love and forgiveness

let us confess our sins to God.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we come to you seeking your guidance and your joy. Many things vie for our attention, affection, and allegiance. If we aren't careful, we end up worshipping

idols instead of you.

We follow ideas and ideologies that contradict your Gospel.

We care only for "our own" instead of the whole world.

Forgive us. Help us fix our sights on your son, Jesus, who knows the way and, by your Holy Spirit, guides our steps. AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Alleluia!

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven

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 *God Be In My Head*

John Rutter

Response of Gratitude #329 *God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength*

God is our refuge and our strength, our ever present aid,

And therefore, though the earth be moved, we will not be afraid.

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 #174 *Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom* (vs. 1)

Come and seek the ways of Wisdom, she who danced when earth was new.

Follow closely what she teaches, for her words are right and true.

Wisdom clears the path to justice, showing us what love must do.

Scripture *Luke 17:11-19* (NT, pg. 80)

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 *The God Who Heals Us* Rev. Bob Rice Mission Co-worker, with his wife Kristi, South Sudan

This Week

Sunday, October 1

9:00	AM	Worship/Westminster Hall
10:00	AM	Easy English Fellowship/Room 104
10:00	AM	Sunday School/CE Bldg.
10:00	AM	Adult Education/Parlor
10:15	AM	Worship/Windsor of Savoy
4:00	PM	Church Potluck Picnic/Hessel Park Pavilion

Monday, October 2

8:00	AM	DREAAM/Rooms 110, 212
9:15	AM	ELL Classes/CE Bldg
1:00	PM	Grow/Family Library
1:30	PM	Women’s Bible Study/Library
4:00	PM	HR/Zoom
5:30	PM	AA/Centennial Hall
6:30	PM	Cuba Study/Home of Bob & Claudia Kirby

Tuesday, October 3

8:00	AM	Men’s Breakfast/Parlor & Zoom
8:00	AM	DREAAM/Rooms 110, 212
9:00	AM	Small Group Leaders/Parlor & Zoom
9:15	AM	ELL Classes/CE Bldg
10:30	AM	Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
12:00	PM	Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom

Wednesday, October 4

8:00	AM	DREAAM/Rooms 110, 212
9:15	AM	ELL Classes/CE Bldg
11:30	AM	Lunch Bunch/Parlor
4:30	PM	Cottage Gathering/Home of Dave & Nancy Whitford (FULL)
5:30	PM	Covenant Bible Study/Centennial Hall

Thursday, October 5

8:00	AM	DREAAM/Rooms 110, 212
9:00	AM	Women’s Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
11:00	AM	Sign Language Review/Parlor
12:00	PM	Fall Gathering/Westminster Hall
12:30	PM	Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
4:00	PM	Spiritual Formation/Zoom
6:00	PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
7:00	PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Friday, October 6 Church Office Closes at Noon

8:00	AM	DREAAM/Rooms 110 , 212
8:15	AM	Men’s Prayer/Zoom
7:30	PM	Friday Night Lights/Zoom

Saturday, October 7

6:00	PM	French Worship Service/Chapel
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Announcements

- We are glad you’re here!** Questions about First Pres, contact **Pastor Matt Matthews** or call the church office.
- Please wear your **nametag** to help new **Associate Pastor Joe Lundy** get acquainted.
- We welcome mission co-workers in the South Sudan **Bob and Kristi Rice** this morning.
- Rachel Matthews** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve, contact **Carol Miles**.
- Sunday School classes are starting today for children K thru 5th grade!** Walk across the alley, go upstairs, and see what’s happening (10:15 - 11:00)! Youth will be escorted to their class. Transportation is not being provided at this time.
- Grab a cup of coffee and stop by the Parlor at 10:10 this morning for **Adult Education**. **Bob and Kristi Rice** will present more information about their mission work in South Sudan with time for questions.
- Judi Geistlinger** will preach this morning’s service at the Windsor of Savoy.
- Please enjoy meeting **Joe Lundy** at the home of one of the **Cottage Gathering** hosts. Space is limited so RSVP to the church office. Tuesday, October 17 @ 4 **Sallie Hutton**; Monday, November 6 @ 11:30 **Sabrina & Wen-Mei Hwu**; Saturday, November 18 @ 10 **Linda & Gary Peterson**.
- The **Fall/Winter Small Group brochure** is now available in kiosks throughout the church.
- Books from the collection** of **Leland Andrews** have been donated for the congregation to take home and cherish. They are displayed on the table in the church library.
- Churchwide Potluck Picnic** THIS afternoon at 4 PM at the Hessel Park pavilion. Bring a dish to share; fried chicken and hotdogs will be provided.
- All are invited to the **Fall Gathering** Thursday, October 5 at 12 noon in Westminster Hall hosted by Presbyterian Women. **Melissa Courtwright**, Executive Director of C-U at Home will speak on *A Mission, a Calling: Helping the Homeless*. Lunch will be served following the program. RSVP to church office.
- Trunk or Treat** will be held Sunday, October 29, from 4-5:30 PM for children ages 2-12 accompanied by parents/guardians. Treats and books will be handed out; there will be music, games and lots of fun! Look for a sign-up sheet to donate treats, with specific suggestions, at church in October. Looking for fun-loving volunteers to furnish a decorated trunk. Questions? Contact **Nicole Miller** reservationsforfive@gmail.com or 217.355.8512.
- All Saints Day** will be celebrated in church on Sunday November 5. We will recognize those who have died this past year during the 9 AM worship service. Any saints who are not members of the church which should be celebrated can be added to the list. Please contact the church office with names.
- Western Illinois University’s** choir will present a concert Monday, November 6, 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary. They will be joined by the University High School’s choir directed by **Richard Murphy**. If you are willing to host a couple of the WIU students overnight following the concert, please contact **Joe Grant**.
- Gary Winder**, clarinet, will present a concert on Sunday, November 12, at 3 PM in the Sanctuary. Gary played solos for us on a couple of occasions this past summer and is an excellent performer. A reception will follow.
- 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 **October 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 Sundays.
- If unable to attend church**, catch our 9 AM service live each Sunday at firstpres.church/live. The Sunday sermon is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.