

Announcements

- Join us immediately following worship this morning in Westminster Hall for light finger food and to meet and greet visiting past **Associate Ministers Cinda and Steve Gorman** and **Sue and Frosty Krummel**.
- As part of our **175 Celebration**, here is this week's trivia. **Name three gifts to First Pres from Senator William McKinley.** Trust to provide an annual gift to the pastor's wife for an Easter bonnet; side lights and chandeliers for the Sanctuary; first hydraulic elevator.
- Small Group Discussions** as part of our Mission Study for transitioning to a new pastor kick do not meet this week. Groups resume the week of October 19.
- 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 DREAM Choir. A donation box is on the Welcome Center.
- Join us for an evening of acapella music **Monday, October 13, at 5:30 PM in the Sanctuary.** The Princeton Tigertones, an all-male acapella choir including our own **Henry Laufenberg**, will present a concert that evening. No admission fee, but a free will offering will be taken to help the group cover travel expenses.
- Your **Nominating Committee** has begun their work to find church officers for those whose terms expire. Pick up a Nomination Form at the Welcome Center to submit your suggestion(s) for Elders and/or Deacons for the coming year. (You may also nominate yourself!)
- Pick up a **Fall/Winter Small Group Opportunity** flyer from the kiosk this morning. Join a small group this Fall.
- Join **Pastor Beth** for **Coffee and Conversation** at 10 AM Thursdays in October at Good Judy's Bagels (2740 S Philo Road, Suite D, Urbana, IL).
- Please join in on Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 9 to 11 AM to pick up litter for **America Recycles Day @ Boneyard Creek.** This event will be hosted by City of Champaign staff and members of Keep Champaign Beautiful. A free pizza lunch will be provided immediately following the clean-up. For planning purposes, it is requested that volunteers pre-register at champaignil.gov/ard.
- It's Fall!** The annual **Trunk & Treat** will be held Sunday, October 26, from 3:30-5 PM in the church parking lot with a soup supper in Centennial Hall. We invite you to donate bags of candy and young children's books in the labeled container in Westminster Hall. If you would like to decorate a trunk for the event, contact info@firstpres.church
- 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 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 **sermon** is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.

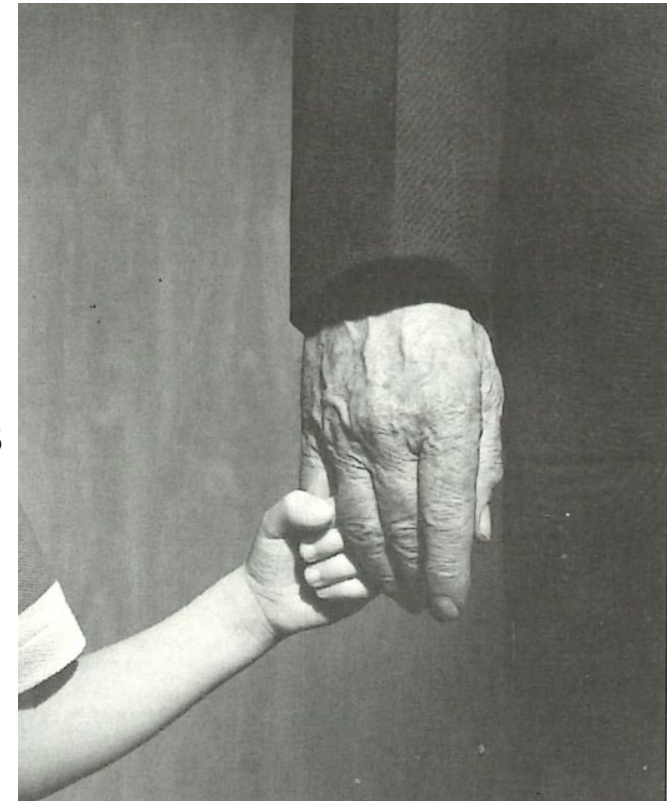


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

October 12, 2025

18th Sunday after Pentecost

*We are
thankful for
the past
that built
and continues
to build
our future.*



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 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 *Macrae Meadow*

Noah Schoenle, bagpiper

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 pads.

✠**Call to Worship** (✠Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.)

Lord, you have been our refuge

from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the sea were born,

from age to age you are God.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning,

so we shall rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us,

and prosper the work of our hands.

✠**Opening Prayer**

✠**Hymn of Praise #385** *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

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

If we say we are completely put together, the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our distractions, our errors, and our anxieties, God will meet us and
renew us.**

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our
whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In
your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we
shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your
holy name. *Silence is kept.*

Kyrie

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again...

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

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and forget not all God's benefits, 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.*

Connecting with our Community

✠**Hymn for Commitment #697** *Take My Life* (vs. 1-4)

✠**Charge and Benediction**

✠**Congregational Sung Benediction #542** *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* (vs. 1 & refrain, see
screens)

✠**Postlude** *Scotland the Brave*

Noah Schoenle, bagpiper

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

Service Materials: *PCUSA Book of Common Worship; PCUSA Book of Occasional Worship*

●**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 **nametag** to help our **staff** get acquainted.

●**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.

●**Victoria Kamenga** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve as liturgist, contact **Carol
Miles**.

●Flowers this morning are given by **Linda and Gary Peterson** in celebration of the **175th anniversary**.

The wreaths on our front doors and beautiful custom sashes were made by **Liz Brunson** in honor of the
175th Anniversary of First Pres. Anyone interested in **donating flowers**, please contact **Nancy Dankle**
@ 217-778-4088 or nkthankle@icloud.com.

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 #701 *Lord, Prepare Me*

Greetings from the Presbytery

Greetings from the former pastors of the church

Greetings from New Americans

Scripture in French *Psalm 100:3-4*

Ceci est la Parole du Seigneur. / **Gloire à Dieu** (pronounced “glow-ah ah dew”)

Anthem *Hallelujah Chorus* (from *A Soulful Celebration*)

adp. John Higgins

Choir

Scripture in English *Psalm 100:3-4*

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

Message *The Church of the Living God*

Rev. Beth Wagner & Rev. Joe Lundy

✠ **Hymn for Reflection** *A Woman and a Coin* (back inside cover of hymnal)

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.

✠ **An Affirmation of Faith**

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

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

Offertory

Response of Gratitude #606 *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving

Litany of Thanksgiving *(A brief silence may be kept following each petition.)*

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, hear our prayer. For the church universal, and for this congregation of your people,

we give you thanks, O God.

For this place in which we gather for praise and prayer, witness and service, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord,

we give you thanks, O God.

For your presence among us whenever your Word has been proclaimed, your sacramental gifts of bread and wine shared,

we give you thanks, O God.

For those who have been made your children by adoption and grace, who in this place were cleansed of sin, buried with Christ in the waters of baptism, and raised to new and eternal life,

we give you thanks, O God.

For disciples young and old who have been nurtured here in faith,

we give you thanks, O God.

For all who have come here asking your blessing in marriage, seeking to love with your love,

we give you thanks, O God.

For deacons, elders, and pastors who have led and loved us, and by the offering of their gifts, equipped us for the work of ministry,

we give you thanks, O God.

For faithful stewards among us who have lived for others, serving you by loving neighbors,

we give you thanks, O God.

For all the saints who have stood among us, whose memory still enlivens our faith and emboldens our witness,

we give you thanks, O God.

For the ministries of worship and mission, nurture and fellowship, and for all whose lives have been touched by them,

we give you thanks, O God.

Receive our gratitude, Holy God, for the years through which you have led us, and open us to the future you promise. In the years that lie ahead, grant us your encouragement in the work of ministry, your consolation in our defeats, and your challenge to our complacency. Give us such trust in your abiding Holy Spirit, that we may find joy and peace in our common life, strength and courage to live in the world for your reign, and hope in the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Communion

Invitation to Communion

... The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest...

This Week

Sunday, October 12

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:10 AM Brunch Reception/Westminster Hall
- 2:00 PM Carole Ann Hunter Memorial Service/Sanctuary
- 5:00 PM Confirmation Class/Café

Monday, October 13

- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building & Café
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 5:30 PM Princeton Tigertones Concert/Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 14

- 8:00 AM Men’s Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:00 AM Compassion, Peace, Justice/Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building & Café
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 4:30 PM Mission Team/Parlor & Zoom

Wednesday, October 15

- 9:00 AM Cuba Partners/Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building & Café
- 11:00 AM New American’s Ministry Meeting/Family Library
- 12:00 PM DREAAM IYIP Life Skills/Room 201
- 4:30 PM DREAAM Family STEM Night/Centennial Hall
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room
- 7:30 PM Wednesdays We Gather/Zoom

Thursday, October 16

- 9:00 AM Women’s Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building & Café
- 10:00 AM Coffee with Beth/Good Judy’s Bagels
- 12:30 PM Windsor of Savoy Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 3:30 PM Transition Team/Library
- 7:00 PM Session/Westminster Hall & Zoom

Friday, October 17 Church Office closes at 12 noon

- 8:15 AM Men’s Prayer/Zoom
- 10:00 AM Korean Choir Rehearsal/Chapel
- 12:00 PM New American’s Ministry/Chapel
- 7:00 PM French Prayer/Zoom

Saturday, October 18

- 6:00 PM Francophone Bethesda Fellowship/Chapel