

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 (*Confession of Belbar*)

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Call to Prayer #205 *Ubi Caritas*

Live in charity and steadfast love, Live in charity; God will dwell with you.
Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est.
Live in charity and steadfast love, Live in charity; God will dwell with you.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and 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 #306 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

♦Charge and Benediction

♦Congregational Sung Benediction *Love Has Broken Down the Walls*

We will tear down the walls. We will tear down every wall.
God has called us one and all; Love has broken down the wall,
Love has broken down the wall.

♦Postlude

♦Please stand if able. Remain seated if need be.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

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21st Sunday after Pentecost



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 are presently worshipping in Westminster Hall while our elevator is being replaced.

*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

Act of Friendship/Sharing of 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.

Greetings/Welcome/Announcements

Minute for Mission – Brandi Lowe

Threshold Moment

Today, we continue our worship series ... rather than needing to come out “on top.” ...

Love has broken down the wall.

Love has broken down the wall.

Let us join our hearts as one,

Love has broken down the wall.

Call Into Community

Call to Worship

Wait.

Breathe.

Let the anxiety take a break for just a moment.

Breathe again.

We are not alone.

Christ is with us.

Passing of the Peace

Let this moment permeate our souls, and let us pass the peace of Christ between us.

This peace is meant for all people. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

♦Hymn of Praise #23 *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you call us to your merciful, gracious love freely given without expectation or strings attached. While we are eager to experience your mercy and grace in our own lives, we are quick to make our extension of your mercy and grace conditional for others. We would rather show mercy to those we judge worthy. We would rather extend grace to those who will show us grace in return. We would rather love those who are easiest to love. Forgive us, Redeeming God. So, transform our hearts with your amazing grace and unconditional love that our relationships are transformed as we extend your mercy and grace as an expression of our gratitude for your saving love we know in Jesus Christ. *Silence is kept.*

Assurance of Pardon

God's grace overflows and brings us new life. Friends, trust the good news: through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

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

Anthem *Saints Bound for Heaven*

♦Response of Gratitude #607 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit ever more; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

♦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!”

Pastoral Prayer of Illumination

Word with Children

Prayer for Illumination #386 *Come, Worship God* (vs. 4)

Now let us listen, for you speak among us; open our hearts to receive what you say.

**Peace be to all who remember your goodness, trust in your word,
and rejoice in your way!**

Scripture *Isaiah 11:6-9*

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”)

Message *Finding Common Ground*

Beth Wagner

♦Hymn for Reflection #445 *God, How Can We Forgive*

This Week

Sunday, October 13

- 9:00 AM Worship/Westminster Hall
- 10:10 AM Second Sunday Brunch/Centennial Hall

Monday, October 14

- 9:15 AM ELL Classes In-Person/CE Building & Café
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor & Zoom
- 1:00 PM Grow/Family Library
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM DREAAM Cheer/Gym

Tuesday, October 15

- 8:00 AM Men’s Breakfast Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL Classes In-Person/CE Building & Café
- 10:30 AM Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 1:30 PM Coffee Shop Hours with Pastor Beth/Mad Goat
- 3:30 PM Community Mission Deacons/Parlor & Zoom
- 6:00 PM DREAAM Dance/Gym

Wednesday, October 16

- 9:00 AM Cuba Partners/Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL Classes In-Person/CE Building & Café
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Family Night/Centennial Hall
- 7:30 PM Together on Tuesdays/Zoom

Thursday, October 17

- 9:00 AM Women’s Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:30 PM Windsor of Savoy Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 5:00 PM DREAAM Elite Study Hall & Dinner/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM DREAAM Cheer/Gym
- 7:00 PM Session/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Friday, October 18 Church Office closes at noon

- 8:15 AM Men’s Prayer/Zoom
- 10:00 AM Christ Community Church Choir Rehearsal/Chapel

Saturday, October 5

- 8:00 AM DREAAM Imagine/CE Building
- 6:00 PM French Worship Service/Chapel

Announcements

●**We are glad you’re here!** Questions about First Pres, see **either pastor** after the service or contact the church office (info@firstpres.church). We are presently worshipping in Westminster Hall while our elevator to our historic Sanctuary is being replaced.

●Please wear your **nametag** to help our **staff** get acquainted.

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

●Join us this morning immediately following worship for **Second Sunday Brunch** in Centennial Hall. Brunch is free; donations welcomed!

●**Adult Discussion** following worship continues on October 20 as we start a series of discussions about the Minor Prophets, led by **Rev. Joseph Lundy** and the Adult Spiritual Formation Committee.

●**Coffeeshop Office Hours during October...**Join **Paster Beth** at **Mad Goat Coffee** (57 East Main, Champaign) Tuesday afternoons from 1:30-3:30 PM.

●**Together on Tuesdays Zoom Study at 7:30 PM is moving to Wednesday** for the next several weeks. Although still called *Together on Tuesdays* it will be on Wednesdays for a few weeks.

●Our annual **Trunk or Treat** is Sunday, October 27 from 4-5:30 PM. You can help us sustain this tradition. Bring bags of candy or other treats to the church office. Decorate a trunk. Help us prepare and then stay to greet guests at our delicious soup supper in Centennial Hall. Invite family and friends to participate and join the fun. This program is for children ages 0-12 accompanied by an adult. Each child will receive a free book. Contact **Nicole Miller** at reservationfor5@gmail.com to tell her you will offer a decorated trunk. This activity is a joint effort of your Nurture and Outreach Committees. We will collaborate again with our neighbors at First United Methodist Church.

●Help us stock our **Free Little Pantry**. Donations are much appreciated. Drop off any contributions in the church office or in Westminster Hall on Sundays.

●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.