

An Affirmation of Faith (*Psalm 23, KJV*)

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

²He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Song for Centering & Call to Prayer #474 *As a Child Rests*

As a child rests in its mother's arms, so will I rest in you.

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Prayers of Thanksgiving & Concern (*Prayer concern cards are in the Friendship Pad.*)

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 #691 *Lord, When I Came Into This Life*

◆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

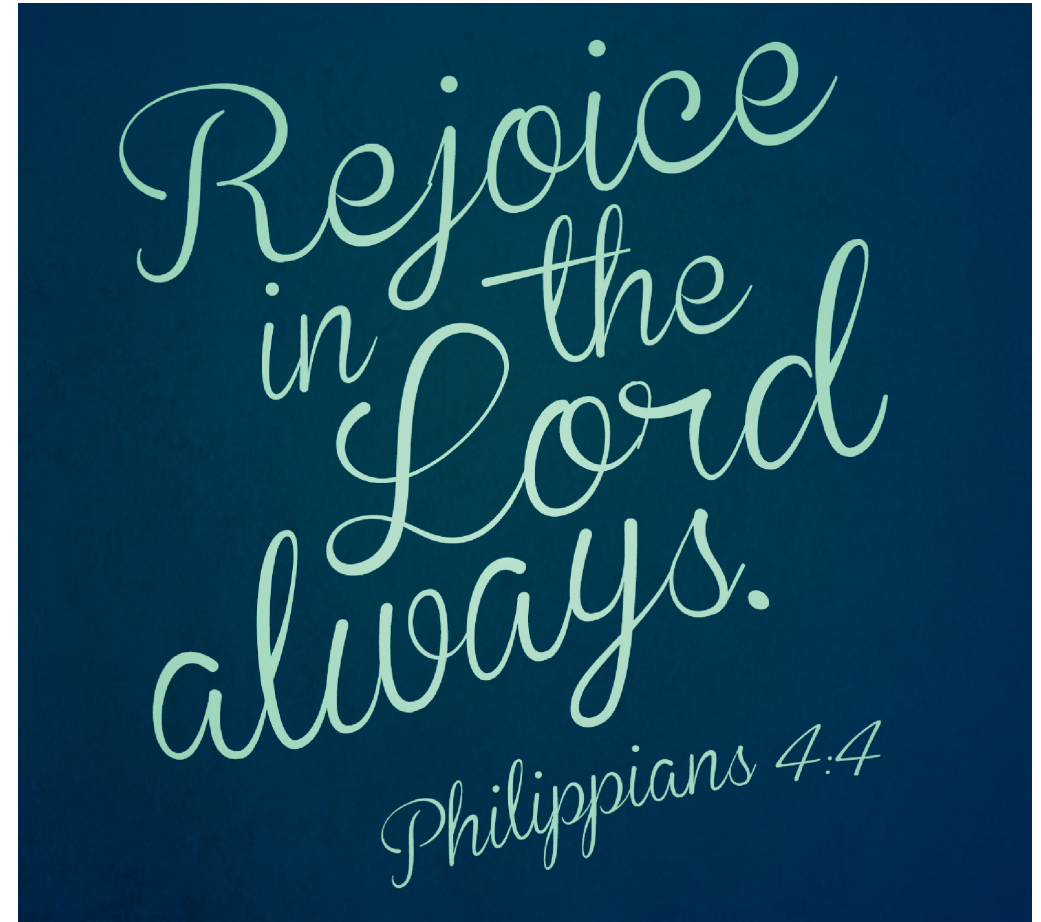
◆Please stand if able. Remain seated if need be.

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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN**

October 15, 2023 20th 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 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

A Stewardship Moment

Ginny Waaler

♦Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the LORD

make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

the world and those who live in it.

Let the floods clap their hands;

let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD,

for he is coming to judge the earth.

O sing to the LORD a new song!

We worship the LORD with glad hearts!

♦Hymn of Praise #611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Oh Lord Christ,

Son of God who takest away the sins of the world:

Have mercy on us for we have sinned . . .

In a world filled with much faithlessness,

and lovelessness,

and joylessness,

forgive us, O Master of the Universe,

for joining the crowd.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God.

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 Sora Shepard

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 Philippians 4:4-9 (NT, pg. 198)

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 *Rejoice*

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 *Thou Who Wast God* (Geneva Psalter)

arr. Katherine Davis

This Week

Sunday, October 15

- 9:00 AM Worship/Westminster Hall
- 10:00 AM Congregational Meeting/Westminster Hall
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 104
- 10:10 AM Sunday School/CE Building
- 10:10 AM Adult Education/Parlor
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy

Monday, October 16

- 1:00 PM Grow/Family Library
- 1:30 PM Women 's Bible Study/Library
- 3:30 PM Environmental Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 6:30 PM Cuba Study/Home of Bob & Claudia Kirby

Tuesday, October 17 Church Office closed

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Zoom
- 4:00 PM Cottage Gathering to meet Joe Lundy/home of Sallie Hutton
- 4:30 PM Community Mission Deacons/Zoom
- 7:30 PM Together on Tuesdays/Zoom

Wednesday, October 18

- 9:00 AM Cuba Partners/Zoom
- 5:30 PM Dinners for One/TBA

Thursday, October 19

- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 4:00 PM DREAAM/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room
- 7:00 PM Session/Parlor & Zoom

Friday, October 20 Church Office Closes at Noon

- 8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom

Saturday, October 21

- 6:00 PM French Worship Service/Chapel

Congregational Meeting

for the purpose of hearing and acting on report from Officer Nominating Committee

THIS morning immediately following worship

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.
- Jane Alsborg** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve, contact **Carol Miles**.
- Sunday School classes for children K thru 5th grade from 10:15-11!** Walk across the alley, go upstairs, and see what's happening. 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**. **Vickie Garrett**, Assistant Professor of Music and Artist in Residence at Bethel College, is our guest speaker.
- Gary Peterson** will preach this morning's service at the Windsor of Savoy. **Judi Geistlinger** is preaching at the Hoopeston church this morning.
- The Church Office and CE Building will be closed Tuesday, October 17 for a planned power outage.** Any meetings that day held in the Parlor will be zoom only from your own home.
- 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.
- 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** reservationforfive@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 Madrigal 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.