

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 prayer continues...

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

The Meal is Shared

Contemporary Worship Band; Kelsey Stremplewski, director

We Close in Prayer

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 #80** *You Shall Go Out With Joy* (The Trees of the Field)

❖ **Charge and Benediction**

The peace of Christ, the love of God, and the joy of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Alleluia!

Go out in joy, bearing witness to the good news of the gospel, and be led forth in peace,
sharing the peace of Christ with all.

Amen.

❖ **Congregational Sung Benediction #300** *We Are One in the Spirit* (vs. 1)

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored;

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

❖ **Postlude**

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

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

October 2, 2022 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 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

Minute for Ministry – Nicole Miller, Trunk or Treat

A Stewardship Reflection – Judy Nicolette and Amy Born

❖Call to Worship (adapted from *Isaiah 55*)

From north and south and east and west,

all Creation sings forth your praises!

The mountains and the hills burst into song;

the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Your steadfast love never ceases.

With joy and peace, let us worship God together.

❖Hymn #409 *God Is Here!*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Lord, you created the whole world and called it good,

but we look out at your world and see division and suffering.

You call us to maintain the unity of spirit in the bond of peace,

but we choose division over diversity, confrontation over civility,

conflict over peace born from justice. You call us to love the least of these among us,

but we hear the cries of the oppressed and choose our own comfort.

We allow senseless suffering rather than sacrifice for our neighbors. Forgive us. Grant

us fresh vision to see one another as siblings in Christ.

Rekindle in us your gifts — the spirit of power, love and self-discipline —

that with faith in Christ, we might be made new and be part of bringing forth your

peaceable kingdom. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

We call to mind your promises and therefore we find hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. God's mercies are new every morning.

Believe the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Passing of the Peace

God calls us to love one another as God loves us. In this we know the truth of Christ's peace.

Share signs of Christ's peace with one another.

(Please greet one another in the peace of Christ.)

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

Response of Gratitude #694 *Great God of Every Blessing* (vs. 1)

Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,

You are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start;

Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

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 #466 *Come and Fill Our Hearts* (from *Psalms 106:1 & 118:1a, 29a*)

Come and fill our hearts with Your peace, You alone, O Lord are holy.

Come and fill out hearts with Your peace, Alleluia!

Scripture *Lamentations 1:1-2, 3:19-26* (OT pg. 763)

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 *Hope*

Matt Matthews

Anthem *Santo* (from *A Caribbean Mass*)

Glenn McClure

Benjamin Goldman, percussion

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.

This Week

Sunday, October 2

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Faith in the Real World/Westminster Hall
- 10:00 AM Sunday School/Education Building
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 204
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy
- 1:00 PM APNC/Parlor & Zoom

Monday, October 3

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:00 AM ELL (English Language Learners)/Zoom
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 1:00 PM Bible Study/Parlor
- 4:00 PM HR Meeting/Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 6:30 PM Epilepsy Support/Westminster Hall
- 7:00 PM ELL/Zoom

Tuesday, October 4

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Zoom
- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:30 AM ELL In-Person/Rooms 102, 103, 104, 201, 204, 205, 206, 207, Café
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 3:00 PM DREAAM/Room 205

Wednesday, October 5

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:30 AM ELL In-Person/Rooms 102, 103, 104, 201, 204, 205, 206, 207, Café
- 10:00 AM ELL/Zoom
- 1:30 PM Pakistan Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:00 PM ELL/Zoom

Thursday, October 6

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:00 AM ELL/Zoom
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 2:30 PM Care Deacons/Parlor & Zoom
- 4:00 PM Spiritual Formation/Zoom
- 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Friday, October 7 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, October 8

- 2:00 PM Set Up for Brunch/Centennial Hall

Announcements

- We are glad you're here!** Questions about First Pres, contact **Pastor Matt** or call the church office.
- Bob Kirby** is our liturgist this morning. We would love to have you serve as a liturgist! If interested, please contact **Carol Miles**.
- Coffee is back on Sunday mornings!** Please consider signing up for coffee cleanup. A sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center each Sunday morning.
- Sunday School** for children resumes this morning. Sign in your children at the Welcome Center 8:45-9 before worship. After worship, they will be escorted to their class in the Education Building. Meet your child or children in the library in the Education Building at 11. Transportation is not being provided at this time.
- Help us keep the sanctuary bright and cheerful.** The flower committee has a chart in Westminster Hall for any of you to sign up to donate live fresh floral arrangements or plants. Only one arrangement is needed for the sanctuary. Pastor Matt requests absolutely **no lilies**. These may honor a special person or event in your life. Also, we are asking for monetary donations for the flower fund. Donations of any amount are welcomed. Checks can be made out to First Presbyterian Church marked as "flower fund" and sent to the church. Thank you for your donations of flowers and funds. Flowers always brighten our day and make us feel happy.
- The Rev. Dr. Rachel Matthews** will preach today's 10:15 AM service at the Windsor of Savoy.
- 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.
- The Session's Covid Response Team **recommends that we wear masks indoors**.
- Join a small group this Fall!** Pick up a copy of the *Fall/Winter Small Groups* brochure from one of the kiosks or at the Welcome Center. Find a group that interests you!
- Faith in the Real World** this morning at 10:15. **Jim Dey** staff writer for the News Gazette will speak. Next Sunday, October 9, we will take a break and attend the **Second Sunday Brunch** in Centennial Hall. Join us again on Sunday, October 16, when we will hear from **Dave Leake** from Champaign-Urbana Astronomical Society.
- Join us for brunch Sunday, October 9, at 10:10 AM in Centennial Hall.** Donations appreciated to help cover costs. Volunteers are needed to help with brunch. If interested, please contact **Jan Wittler, Gary Peterson** or the church office.
- First Pres will host its annual **Trunk or Treat** event on Sunday October 30 from 5 to 6 PM in the church parking lot. We are looking for volunteers to provide decorated trunks; we can help with decorating. We also need volunteers to help with games for small children and to provide bags of individually wrapped candy. Please contact **Nicole Miller** at reservationfor5@gmail.com.
- If you or a loved one is **in the hospital or in need of a pastoral visit**, contact the church office.
- The **October newsletter** is available in the kiosks or at firstpres.church/newsletter.