

An Affirmation of Faith (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image  
male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry,

God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.

Song for Centering & Call to Prayer #469 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power, send us grace.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & 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 #744 *Arise Your Light Has Come*

❖ Charge and Benediction

❖ Congregational Sung Benediction #688 *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* (vs. 1)

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;  
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.

❖ Postlude

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

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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

October 23, 2022      20<sup>th</sup> 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 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**

#### **❖Call to Worship**

Creator of calm,

**Even with our uneasiness and fear, we approach you.**

Promise of forgiveness,

**Even though we are aware of our shortcomings, we approach you.**

Giver of hope,

**Even though we lack confidence for the journey, we approach you.**

Source of compassion,

**Even though we lack your healing spirit, we approach you.**

#### **❖Hymn #25 O Lord, Our God, How Excellent**

### **Call to Confession**

#### **Responsive Prayer of Confession**

Loving God, when we see ourselves as a cut above others,

**Bring us down to earth.**

Loving God, when we insist on our own way.

**Enable us to understand what that means, to those close to us.**

Loving God, when we ignore the crying needs around us,

**Wake us up to respond to them.**

Loving God, when we are full of our own self-importance,

**Show us the path that leads to humility.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

O God, you will not let us get above ourselves. You encourage us to reflect on our lifestyle and attitudes, in the light of Jesus Christ who walked humbly to the cross.

**The simple way of Jesus is before us; we will follow him.**

God's pardon and peace will be yours.

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**

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.*

*None But Jesus*

The Gathering Band; Kelsey Stremplewski, director

### **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 *Psalm 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** *Luke 18:9-14* (NT pg. 81)

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** *An Attitude of Prayer*

Judi Geistlinger

## **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** *Come, You People, Rise and Sing* (Text Cyril Alington)

Kenneth Drake



# This Week

## Sunday, October 23

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Sunday School/Education Building
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 204
- 10:15 AM Quilt Show/Parlor
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy
- 1:00 PM APNC/Parlor & Zoom

## Monday, October 24

- 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 Knifty Knitters/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/Cafe, Rooms 201, 204, 205, 206, 207
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 7:00 PM ELL/Zoom

## Tuesday, October 25

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Zoom
- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:00 AM PW Coordinating Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 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
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/Cafe, Rooms 201, 204, 205, 206, 207
- 4:30 PM Community Mission Deacons/Parlor & Zoom

## Wednesday, October 26

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:00 AM Cuba Steering Committee/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:30 AM ELL In-Person/Rooms 102, 103, 104, 201, 204, 205, 206, 207, Café
- 10:00 AM ELL/Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/Cafe, Rooms 201, 204, 205, 206, 207
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Robotics Club/Room 201, 204, 205, 205, 207
- 6:30 PM Compassion, Peace & Justice/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:00 PM ELL/Zoom

## Thursday, October 27

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:00 AM ELL/Zoom
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 10:30 AM Circle of Joy/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 1:00 PM Circle of Faith/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/Cafe, Rooms 201, 204, 205, 206, 207
- 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Circle of Peace/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

## Friday, October 28 Church Office closes at noon

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
- 12:00 PM U of I Choral Concert/Sanctuary
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/Cafe, Rooms 201, 204, 205, 206, 207
- 7:30 PM Friday Night Lights/Zoom

## Saturday, October 29

- 6:00 PM French Worship Service/Centennial Hall

# Announcements

- We are glad you're here!** Questions about First Pres, contact **Pastor Matt** or call the church office.
- Jane Alsberg** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve, please contact **Carol Miles**.
- Sunday School** for children this morning at 10 AM. Sign in children at the Welcome Center 8:45-9. After worship, they will be escorted to their class. Meet your child or children in the library in the Education Building at 11. Transportation is not being provided at this time.
- Sunday, October 30, 9 AM service **we will remember church members** who have died this past year.
- The **flower committee** has a chart in Westminster Hall to sign up to donate fresh floral arrangements or plants to honor a special person or event. **No lilies**. Monetary donations for the flower fund are also welcomed. Checks to First Presbyterian Church marked "flower fund".
- 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](http://firstpres.live). The Sunday **sermon** is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.
- Quilts** made by **Becky Grant, Claudia Kirby, Sherry Marble, and Judy Gamble** will be on display this morning in the **Parlor**. These quilts are highly elaborate and decorative accomplished pieces of art.
- Friday, October 28, 12 NOON in the Sanctuary join us for a **choral concert** by the U of I Choral Dept.
- Trunk or Treat** Sunday, October 30, from 5 to 6 PM in the church parking lot. We are looking for volunteers to provide decorated trunks, help with games for small children and to provide bags of individually wrapped candy. Please contact **Nicole Miller** at [reservationfor5@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://firstpres.church/newsletter).
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)** urges your support this hurricane season. Financial support for relief efforts through First Presbyterian Church can be designated to PDA HURRICANES or DR000194 in your check memo line.
- We will be sending **four delegates to Cuba** to celebrate Iglesia Luyano's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in November. We are collecting items to take with us to further their ministry. These include: candles (liturgical purposes); materials for knitting group (yarn, fabric, etc.); baby clothes and baby items (can be used); rechargeable lamps, over the counter medicines (aspirin, acetaminophen, anti-diarrhea and antacid and also vitamins), toothpaste and brushes, deodorant, soap, shampoo and feminine hygiene products. Bring items to the church office or Westminster Hall on Sunday labeled "FOR CUBA."
- Our last **Adopt-a-Highway** for this year is Saturday, November 5, and we'd love to have your help. We begin at 8:30 and are usually done 9:30-10:00. We prefer teams of two so grab a partner. You must have read the Safety Rules and signed a liability waiver which will be available that Saturday. To sign up, email to [coletta.ackermann@gmail.com](mailto:coletta.ackermann@gmail.com) or see the ESC Committee person wearing a neon vest at coffee hour. Please bring your own heavy garden gloves. If it's raining or snowing, the event is cancelled.
- Enduring the holidays can be tough if you have recently lost a family member. **Surviving the Holidays** will meet Wednesdays, November 16, December 21 and January 4 at 5 PM in the Parlor. Contact **Rachel Matthews, Sherry Marble** or **Sallie Hutton** with questions.
- November 18, 7-9 P.M., at the Virginia Theater **Salt & Light will present** *Praise to Raise*, a night of praise and worship led by local worship leaders and singers. Tickets are available now at [thevirginia.org](http://thevirginia.org). All proceeds support the fundraising efforts of Salt & Light.