

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")



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

October 24, 2021
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

9 AM

Anthem *O Sing Unto the Lord a New Song*
(text from *Psalm 98*) Allan R. Petker

Sermon *On the Road from Jericho*
The Rev. 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.*

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Concern

**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.*

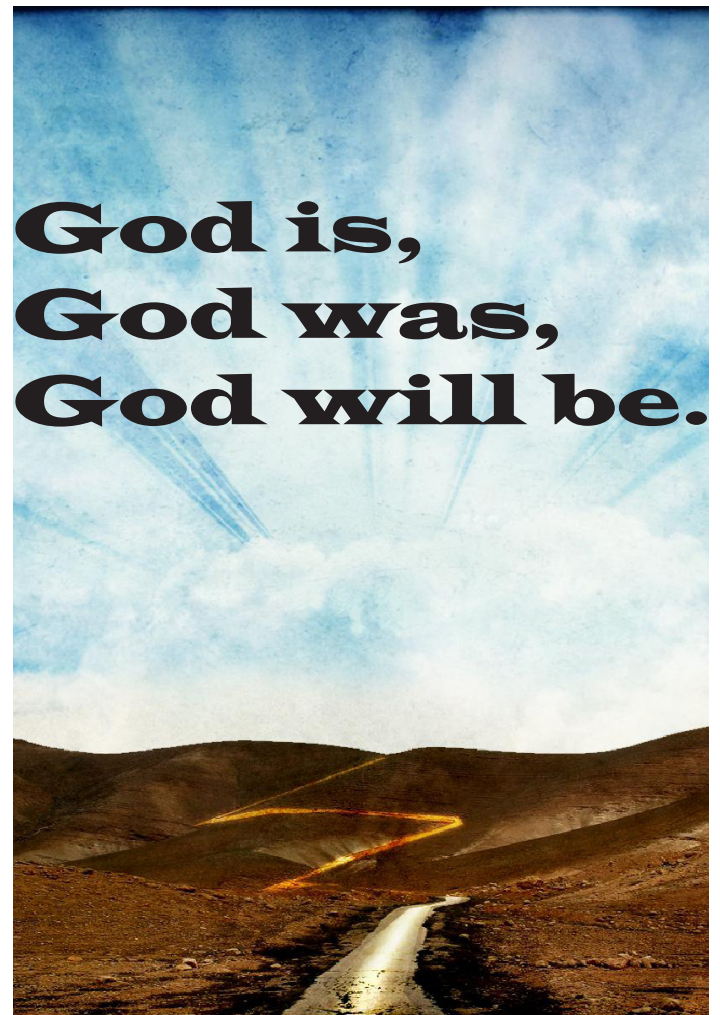
❖ **Hymn for Commitment #487**
These Treasured Children

❖ **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**
You may wish to be seated for the postlude.

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



**God is,
God was,
God will be.**

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 the Welcome Center downstairs in Westminster Hall after the service. Mingle with other friends and guests, and learn how this congregation can become your church home. *Welcome!*

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

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 pew.

Greeting & Announcements

A Word from our Youth Program

Call to Worship (John Bell, Iona Community)

In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began,

God was.

Here and now among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth for the purpose of heaven,

God is.

In the future, when we have turned to dust and all we know has found its fulfillment,

God will be.

Not denying the world, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but redeeming it, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

God is, God was, God will be.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Call to Confession

In confidence of God's enduring love and forgiveness
let us confess our sins to God.

Prayer of Confession

(from Stages on the Way/Wild Goose Worship Group)

Lord God,

**in this world where goodness and evil
continue to clash with each other,
instill in us, and in all your people,
discernment to see what is right,
faith to believe what is right,
and courage to do what is right.**

**Keep us aware of the subtlety of sin,
and preserve us, body, mind, and soul,
through the power of your Holy Spirit.**

**Forgive us our sins as you also
empower us to serve in your name. AMEN.**

Assurance of Pardon

Trust in the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Alleluia!

Invitation to the Offering

We are invited to return God's tithes and give our offering.

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving

We Gather Around God's Holy Name

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

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism

(Please no flash photography during service. Thank you!)

Sentences of Scripture (from Matthew 28:18-2)

The Presentation

Profession of Faith

Constitutional Questions for the Parents

Constitutional Questions for the Congregation

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

The Welcome

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Mark 10:46-52

⁴⁶They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside.

⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

This Week

Sunday, October 24

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Sunday School/Gather in Westminster Hall
- 10:15 AM Fall Y'all Celebration/Alley
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy
- 11:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Zoom
- 11:15 AM The Gathering/Chapel
- 5:00 PM Trunk or Treat/Church Parking Lot

Monday, October 25

- 10:00 AM ESL/Zoom
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor & Zoom
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, October 26

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Zoom
- 9:00 AM PW Coordinating Team/Chapel & Zoom
- 10:00 AM ESL/Zoom
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program
- 4:30 PM Community Mission Team/Parlor & Zoom

Wednesday, October 27

- 9:00 AM Cuba Steering Committee/Parlor & Zoom
- 10:00 AM ESL/Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program
- 4:30 PM CYF Meeting/Zoom
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Thursday, October 28

- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 10:00 AM ESL/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
- 7:00 PM Circle of Peace/Parlor & Zoom

Friday, October 29 Church office closes at noon

- 8:00 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
- 7:30 PM Friday Nite Lights Study/Zoom

Saturday, October 30

- 8:00 AM Adopt a Highway/CE Entry
- 6:00 PM French Prayer/Zoom

Worship

•We welcome children of all ages to worship. Childcare is available for children 4 years and younger in the education building 8:45 AM-12:15 PM. **Sunday School** will be held at 10:15 this morning.

•We welcome **Leslie Thomas** as our church pianist this morning. Liturgist is **Linda Peterson**. Contact **Carol Miles** to serve as a liturgist. Thank you to **Charles Masengu** for reading our scriptures in French today.

•**Alexandra Marie Jo Deis**, daughter of **Brian and Kelly Knox Deis**, will be baptized at the 9 AM service this morning.

•Vaccinated and unvaccinated people **must wear a mask** indoors for their safety and the safety of others.

•This morning's **sermon** will be available online early this week or on WDWS 1400AM next Sunday at 10:30 AM.

•**If unable to attend church**, you can catch our 9 AM service live each Sunday morning at firstpres.live

•**The Rev. Dr. Rachel Matthews** will preach at this morning's 10:15 AM service at the Windsor of Savoy.

Connect

•**We are glad you're here!** Questions about First Pres, contact **Pastor Matt** or call the church office. After the service, join us for conversation in Westminster Hall.

•Plan to stay after this morning's service and join us in the alley for some **fellowship and Fall treats** provided by our Nurture Committee.

•**Trunk or Treat** TONIGHT Sunday, October 24, from 5-6 PM church parking lot for the children of the community with fun treats and decorations. Additional safety measures this year will be in place.

•We now have a **Free Little Pantry** on Church Street. Anyone can take from it and anyone can give to it. Thanks for helping us keep it stocked.

•If you or a loved one is **in the hospital or in need of a pastoral visit**, please let the church office know.

•Keep up with the latest news...the **October newsletter** is available in the kiosks or at firstpres.church/newsletter.