

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 reject any doctrine which absolutizes either natural diversity or the sinful separation of people in such a way that this absolutization hinders or breaks the visible and active unity of the church, or even leads to the establishment of a separate church formation; which professes that this spiritual unity is truly being maintained in the bond of peace while believers of the same confession are in effect alienated from one another for the sake of diversity and in despair of reconciliation; which denies that a refusal earnestly to pursue this visible unity as a priceless gift is sin; which explicitly or implicitly maintains that descent or any other human or social factor should be a consideration in determining membership of the church.

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 #761 *Called as Partners In Christ's Service*

◆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

October 27, 2024

23rd 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

Threshold Moment

Today, we continue our worship series ... worthy of respect despite our differences?

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 #401 *Here, In This Place*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Creator of all people, you made each of us unique and you blessed us each with special talents. You made us all to work and live in community together. Yet so often we seek to find which people are more valuable. We try to decide what skills deserve praise and which deserve derision. We value people differently based on what the world tells us. Forgive us God. Remind us that we all need one another. Remind us that every job needs doing regardless of the glamour. Give us eyes to see the value that you see in all people.

Silence is kept.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, in Christ we are a new creation. The old life is gone, a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God!

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

Offertory *Thou Shalt Give Unto the Lord*

John Ness Beck

◆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!

Intro to Scripture

Scripture *1 Corinthians 12:20-26*

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

Joe Lundy

◆Hymn for Reflection #372 *O For a World*

This Week

Sunday, October 27

- 9:00 AM Worship/Westminster Hall
- 10:10 AM Easy English Fellowship/Rooms 204, 206, 207
- 10:10 AM Children's Sunday School/CE Building
- 10:10 AM Adult Education/Parlor
- 4:00 PM Trunk or Treat & Soup Supper/Church Parking Lot & Centennial Hall

Monday, October 28

- 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 29

- 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
- 5:00 PM DREAAM Mentoring Program/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM DREAAM Dance/Gym

Wednesday, October 30

- 9:15 AM ELL Classes In-Person/CE Building & Café
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 3:30 PM DREAAM Youth Club/Centennial Hall
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Family STEM Night/Centennial Hall
- 7:30 PM Together on Tuesdays/Zoom

Thursday, October 31

- 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
- 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Friday, November 1 Church Office closes at noon

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

Saturday, November 2

- 8:30 AM Adopt-a-Highway/Entry to CE Building
- 2:00 PM Stuart Jenkins Memorial Service/Westminster Hall
- 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.
- **Jane Seiler** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve, contact **Carol Miles**.
- Thank you to **Jace Kim** for serving as our pianist this morning.
- **Adult Discussion** immediately following worship this morning is focused on a series of discussions about the Minor Prophets, led by **Rev. Joseph Lundy** and the Adult Spiritual Formation Committee.
- **Coffeshop Office Hours during October...** Join **Paster Beth** at **Mad Goat Coffee** (57 East Main, Champaign) Tuesday afternoons from 1:30-3:30 PM. **November coffee shop office hours** is back to the **Café Kopi** (109 N Walnut) on Monday's from 10-12. Café Kopi is closing in December after 30 years in downtown Champaign. So, one last cup at Café Kopi.
- **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 TODAY from 4-5:30 PM followed by a Soup Supper in Centennial Hall. The Trunk or Treat event is for children ages 0-12 accompanied by an adult. Each child will receive a free book. ALL are invited to the soup supper! This activity is a joint effort of your Nurture and Outreach Committees.
- The **DREAAM middle school youth and staff will again join us on our campus** for fun activities, a Bible study, and to share a meal. We'll meet once a month on Wednesday from 3:30-5 PM. We have three dates currently scheduled: October 30, November 13 and December 11. For more information, contact **Peter Yau** pmyau@illinois.edu (217-621-0448) with questions or to sign up to help in the kitchen, or **Holly Ewan Nordheden** hnordheden@gmail.com (217-621-3450) with questions or to sign up to serve as one of the 4-6 table partners we need to greet our guests and facilitate conversation with prepared questions during our shared meal. Put the dates on your calendar and sign-up NOW!
- There will be a **Congregational Meeting** on Sunday, November 10, immediately following worship for the purpose of electing new church officers for 2025.
- 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.