

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")



Anthem *For All the Saints* Ralph Vaughan Williams

Sermon *Commitment* Pastor 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 #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**

You may wish to be seated for the postlude.

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

October 31, 2021
23rd Sunday after Pentecost

9 AM



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

❖ Call to Worship (Psalm 121:1-2)

I lift up my eyes to the hills---from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Let us worship the Lord with gladness!

Praise the Lord.

❖ Hymn of Praise #36 *For the Fruit of All Creation*

Call to Confession

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

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we come to you in this new year seeking your guidance and your joy. Many things vie for our attention, affection, and allegiance. If we aren't careful, we end up worshipping idols instead of you. We follow ideas and ideologies that contradict your Gospel. We care only for "our own" instead of the whole world. Forgive us. Help us fix our sights on your son, Jesus, who knows the way and, by your Holy Spirit, guides our steps. AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

Trust in the good news of the Gospel:

**In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.
Alleluia!**

Response of Gratitude #240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name.
Come let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Savior.
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Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

Consecration of our Pledges for 2022!

You are invited to bring your pledge card and put it in the basket on the communion table. If you have already mailed your card in, thank you. Come forward anyway as a sign of our journey together in the faith.

Invitation to the Offering

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

Offertory

Sung Response #15 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

**All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing:
Alleluia, Alleluia**

**Praise the Creator, praise the Son,
Praise, praise the Spirit, Three in One!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

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 our hearts with Your peace,
Alleluia!**

Scripture Ruth 1:14-18

¹⁴Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die, I will die -- there will I be buried. May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!" ¹⁸When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

This Week

Sunday, October 31

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Sunday School/Gather in Westminster Hall
- 10:15 AM Adult Sunday School/Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy
- 11:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Zoom
- 11:15 AM The Gathering/Chapel
- 4:00 PM Trunk or Treat/Church Parking Lot

Monday, November 1

- 10:00 AM ESL/Zoom
- 1:00 PM Women's Bible Study/Parlor
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 1:00 PM Staff Discussions/Library
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program
- 4:00 PM HR Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, November 2

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Zoom
- 9:00 AM Small Group Ministry Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:00 AM Staff Discussions/Library
- 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

Wednesday, November 3

- 10:00 AM ESL/Zoom
- 1:30 PM PEB Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Thursday, November 4

- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 10:00 AM ESL/Zoom
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 2:00 PM Care Deacons/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program
- 4:00 PM Spiritual Formation/Zoom
- 6:30 PM CPJ/Zoom

Friday, November 5 Church office closes at noon

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

Saturday, November 6

- 6:00 PM French Prayer/Zoom

Remember to **FALL** back one hour next weekend!

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 **Miriam Chenault**. Contact **Carol Miles** to serve as a liturgist.
- The flowers today are given by **David and Nancy Whitford** in loving memory of Nancy's mother, **Anne Hickenbottom**, who would have celebrated her 100th birthday today.
- Gary Peterson** will preach at this morning's 10:15 AM service at the Windsor of Savoy.
- 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

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 for the **Adult Sunday School Class**. Today our Spiritual Formation team's **Betty Hollister** will lead a discussion of *All Saints Day*, what it is, how did it come to be, what it means to those that mourn.
- The rescheduled **Trunk or Treat** is TONIGHT from 4-5 PM in the church parking lot.
- 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.