

Communion

Communion Hymn #532 *Sheaves of Wheat* (vs. 1,3 English; vs. 2,4 Spanish)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

The Lord’s Prayer (pg. 35; in the language and wording most familiar to you.)

Communion of the People *New Wine*

Jean René Balekita

Prayer After Communion

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.

Connecting with our Community

✦Hymn for Commitment #465 *Wat a Friend We Have In Jesus* (vs. 1 Korean; vs. 1-3 English)

✦Charge and Benediction

✦Congregational Sung Benediction #542 *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

(vs. 1 & refrain, see screens)

✦Postlude *Draw Me Close To You*

Jean René Balekita

✦Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.

Service Materials: Adapted from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2009*; By John Wurster & Keatan King

●We are glad you’re here! Questions about First Pres, see either pastor after the service or contact the church office (info@firstpres.church).

●Please wear your nametag to help our staff get acquainted.

●Large print bulletins available for use on Sunday mornings. Ask an usher if you cannot find one.

●With our return to the sanctuary, we have access to our hearing assistant loop. This technology allows people with hearing aids equipped with **T-Coil technology** to hear the service through their hearing aids. If you know you have T-coil technology, plan to turn on the T-coil via your phone each Sunday morning.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

October 5, 2025 17th Sunday after Pentecost



An early youth choir.

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 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

Chiming of the Hour on Tower Bell

Greetings & Welcome/Act of Friendship & 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.

✠Call to Worship (✠Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.)

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

the world and those who live in it.

What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?

We will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

✠Opening Prayer

✠Hymn of Praise *Let's Celebrate*

Jean René Balekita & Choir

Call to Confession *(Congregation may be seated.)*

If we say we are completely put together, the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our distractions, our errors, and our anxieties, God will meet us and
renew us.**

Let us pray together.

Prayer of Confession

As we come today to your great table, O God, we realize how small we have made our
own. Our vision of your grace is too narrow. Our awareness of your mercy is too limited.
Our understanding of your kingdom always falls short. We fail to measure up to the
people you have called us to be. Hear our prayers and forgive our shortcomings. Raise
our eyes, lift our hearts, and inflate our spirits, so that we may live joyfully and
abundantly in the manner of Jesus. Amen. *Silence is kept.*

Kyrie

Assurance of Pardon

Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, across time and space
and through the generations, God seeks us out. This is good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Passing of the Peace

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 #701 *Lord, Prepare Me*

Scripture in French *James 5:7-12*

Ceci est la Parole du Seigneur./**Gloire à Dieu** (pronounced "glow-ah ah dew")

Anthem *The Fruit of Silence*

Choir

Petris Vasks

Scripture in English *1 Corinthians 12:4-11* (Common English Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord./**Thanks be to God!**

Message *Yearning to Know God's Will*

Rev. Beth Wagner

✠Hymn for Reflection #610 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (vs. 1 Spanish; vs. 1, 3, 5 English)

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 *(The Nicene Creed)*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all
that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of
the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not
made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for
our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance
with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the
Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom
will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the
Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who
has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the
resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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

Offertory *Goodness of God*

Jean René Balekita

Response of Gratitude #606 *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

This Week

Sunday, October 5

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:10 AM Sunday School/CE Building Classrooms
- 10:10 AM Easy English Fellowship/Rooms 204 & 207
- 10:30 AM Small Group Mission Study/Parlor, Westminster Hall, Centennial Hall
- 5:00 PM Confirmation Class/Café

Monday, October 6

- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building & Café
- 10:30 AM Small Group Mission Study/Centennial Hall
- 1:00 PM DREAAM After School Academy/CE Building
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 1:30 PM Women’s Bible Study/Library
- 4:00 PM HR/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, October 7

- 8:00 AM Men’s Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building & Café
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 1:00 PM DREAAM After School Academy/CE Building
- 2:00 PM Small Group Mission Study/Parlor
- 7:00 PM Small Group Mission Study/Parlor

Wednesday, October 8

- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building & Café
- 9:30 AM Nurture/Parlor & Zoom
- 1:00 PM DREAAM After School Academy/CE Building
- 4:30 PM Finance/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM Outreach/Parlor & Zoom
- 6:00 PM Worship/Library
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room
- 7:30 PM Wednesdays We Gather/Zoom

Thursday, October 9

- 9:00 AM Women’s Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building & Café
- 10:00 AM Coffee with Beth/Good Judy’s Bagels
- 12:30 PM Windsor of Savoy Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 1:00 PM DREAAM After School Academy/CE Building
- 3:30 PM Transition Team/Library

Friday, October 10

- Church Office closes at 12 noon
- 8:15 AM Men’s Prayer/Zoom
- 10:00 AM Korean Choir Rehearsal/Chapel
- 12:00 PM New American’s Ministry/Chapel
- 1:00 PM DREAAM After School Academy/CE Building
- 7:00 PM French Prayer/Zoom

Saturday, October 11

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Saturday Academy/CE Building
- 9:30 AM DREAAM Mentoring/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM Francophone Bethesda Fellowship/Chapel

Announcements

●**Victoria Kamenga** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve as liturgist, contact **Carol Miles**.

●Flowers this morning are given by **Marty and Darrell Carlson** in celebration of their **50th wedding anniversary** October 4. New wreaths have been hung on our front doors and beautiful custom sashes were made by **Liz Brunson** in honor of the **175th Anniversary of First Pres**. Anyone interested in **donating flowers in honor of our 175th anniversary**, please contact **Nancy Dankle @** 217-778-4088 or nkdankle@icloud.com.

●We have **guest musicians** participating in worship in the upcoming weeks as part of our **175 Celebration**. This morning **Jean Rene Balekita** joins us; October 12, a bagpiper will participate in the service.

●Today at 5 PM our **Confirmation Class** for our youth continues.

●As part of our **175 Celebration**, here is this week's trivia. **Where and when did Mae Chapin serve as a missionary?** China 1913-1927, followed by time in the Philippines and back to China before 1941 when war kept her in Champaign.

●**Small Group Discussions** as part of our Mission Study for transitioning to a new pastor kick off today. Groups will meet at 10:30 AM in the Parlor, Westminster Hall and Centennial Hall.

●We are collecting royalties each time we hear a **Spiritual** in our service. Royalties were never paid for this music. Money we collect will go to the DREAAM Choir. A donation box is on the Welcome Center.

●Your **Nominating Committee** has begun their work to find church officers for those whose terms expire. Pick up a Nomination Form at the Welcome Center to submit your suggestion(s) for Elders and/or Deacons for the coming year. (You may also nominate yourself!)

●Pick up a **Fall/Winter Small Group Opportunity** flyer from the kiosk this morning. Join a small group this Fall!

●Join **Pastor Beth** for **Coffee and Conversation** at 10 AM Thursdays in October at Good Judy’s Bagels (2740 S Philo Road, Suite D, Urbana, IL).

●The **Princeton Tigertones**, an all-male acapella choir including our own Henry Laufenberg, will be in concert in our Sanctuary on Monday, October 13, at 5:30 PM. Admission is free but donations welcome!

●**It’s Fall!** The annual **Trunk & Treat** will be held Sunday, October 26, from 3:30-5 PM in the church parking lot with a soup supper in Centennial Hall. Beginning October 12, we invite you to donate bags of candy and young children’s books in the labeled container in Westminster Hall. If you would like to decorate a trunk for the event, contact info@firstpres.church

●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.