

An Affirmation of Faith (Question & Answer #1, *The Heidelberg Catechism* & *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*, adapt.)

Q.1. What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

A. That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who ... protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Q. 1. What is the chief end of humankind?

A. Our chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy God forever.

Song for Centering & Call to Prayer #474 *As a Child Rests*

As a child rests in its mother's arms, so will I rest in you.

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Prayers of Thanksgiving & Concern (*Prayer concern cards are in the Friendship Pad.*)

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 #187** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

◆ **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**

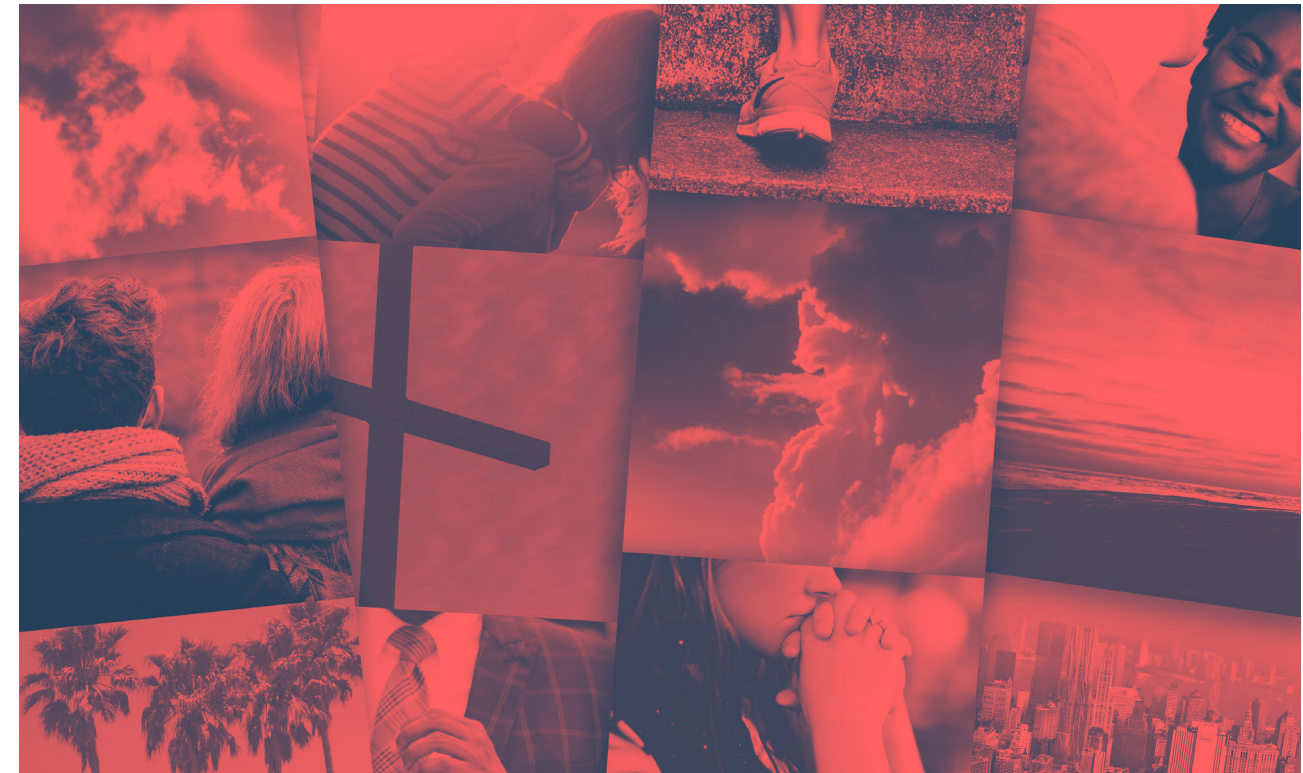
◆ Please stand if able. Remain seated if need be.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

October 8, 2023 19th 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 invite you to share your contact info in the Friendship Pad when passed,

then to stop by our Welcome Center 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 pads.

Greeting & Announcements

Minute for Stewardship

Eleanor Laufenberg

♦Call to Worship

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

Let us worship God.

The Lord's name be praised.

♦Hymn of Praise #822 *When We Are Living*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (– Augustine [354-430], adapt.)

O loving God,

to turn away from you is to fall,

to turn toward you is to rise,

and to stand before you is to abide forever.

Forgive us for the things we do that we should not do,

and for the things we do not do that we should.

Grant us, dear God,

in all our duties your help;

in all our uncertainties your guidance;

in all our dangers your protection;

and in all our sorrows your peace . . . AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Alleluia!

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God.

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

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

Offertory Sora Shepard

Response of Gratitude #329 *God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength*

God is our refuge and our strength, our ever present aid,

And therefore, though the earth be moved, we will not be afraid.

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 #174 *Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom* (vs. 1)

Come and seek the ways of Wisdom, she who danced when earth was new.

Follow closely what she teaches, for her words are right and true.

Wisdom clears the path to justice, showing us what love must do.

Scripture Philippians 3:4b-14 (NT, pg. 198)

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 *We Belong*

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.

Anthem *Draw Near to the Lord*

Russell Nagy

This Week

Sunday, October 8

- 9:00 AM Worship/Westminster Hall
- 10:00 AM 2nd Sunday Brunch/Centennial Hall
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy

Monday, October 9

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 110, 212
- 9:00 AM Compassion, Peace, Justice/Parlor & Zoom
- 1:00 PM Grow/Family Library
- 1:00 PM Prayer Ministry Team/Library
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 6:30 PM Cuba Study/Home of Bob & Claudia Kirby

Tuesday, October 10

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Parlor & Zoom
- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 110, 212
- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Bldg
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:30 PM DREAAM Executive Team/Chapel & Zoom
- 4:30 PM Mission Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:00 PM Worship Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:30 PM Together on Tuesdays/Zoom

Wednesday, October 11

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 110, 212
- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Bldg

Thursday, October 12

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 110, 212
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 4:30 PM Finance Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 6:30 PM Nurture/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Friday, October 13 Church Office Closes at Noon

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 110, 212
- 8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom

Saturday, October 14

- 11:00 AM Hunter Miley Memorial Service/Westminster Hall
- 6:00 PM French Worship Service/Chapel

Congregational Meeting

for the purpose of hearing and acting on report from Officer Nominating Committee

Sunday, October 15 immediately following worship

Announcements

- **We are glad you're here!** Questions about First Pres, contact **Pastor Matt Matthews** or call the church office.
- Please wear your **nametag** to help new **Associate Pastor Joe Lundy** get acquainted.
- **Mary Jane Kelley** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve, contact **Carol Miles**.
- NO Sunday School classes today! **All are invited to join us in Centennial Hall immediately following worship for the 2nd Sunday Brunch.** Brunch is free; donations welcome.
- **Dave Whitford** will preach this morning's service at the Windsor of Savoy.
- Please enjoy meeting **Joe Lundy** at the home of one of the **Cottage Gathering** hosts. Space is limited so RSVP to the church office. Tuesday, October 17 @ 4 **Sallie Hutton**; Monday, November 6 @ 11:30 **Sabrina & Wen-Mei Hwu**; Saturday, November 18 @ 10 **Linda & Gary Peterson**.
- The **Fall/Winter Small Group brochure** is now available in kiosks throughout the church.
- **Books from the collection of Leland Andrews** have been donated for the congregation to take home and cherish. They are displayed on the table in the church library.
- **Trunk or Treat** will be held Sunday, October 29, from 4-5:30 PM for children ages 2-12 accompanied by parents/guardians. Treats and books will be handed out; there will be music, games and lots of fun! Look for a sign-up sheet to donate treats, with specific suggestions, at church in October. Looking for fun-loving volunteers to furnish a decorated trunk. Questions? Contact **Nicole Miller** reservationsforfive@gmail.com or 217.355.8512.
- **All Saints Day** will be celebrated in church on Sunday November 5. We will recognize those who have died this past year during the 9 AM worship service. Any saints who are not members of the church which should be celebrated can be added to the list. Please contact the church office with names.
- **Western Illinois University's** choir will present a concert Monday, November 6, 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary. They will be joined by the University High School's Madrigal Choir directed by **Richard Murphy**. If you are willing to host a couple of the WIU students overnight following the concert, please contact **Joe Grant**.
- **Gary Winder**, clarinet, will present a concert on Sunday, November 12, at 3 PM in the Sanctuary. Gary played solos for us on a couple of occasions this past summer and is an excellent performer. A reception will follow.
- 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 the law office on Sundays.
- **If unable to attend church**, catch 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.