Communion Hymn #516 *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* (vs. 1 & 2)

Communion

The Lord be with you
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up 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 or wording most familiar to you.)

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 #326** *For All the Saints*

✞**Charge and Benediction**

✞**Congregational Sung Benediction #546** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* (vs. 1)

✞**Postlude** *Canzone* Ernest Grosjean

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

•**Linda Peterson** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve as liturgist on a Sunday morning, contact **Carol Miles.**

•**Flowers this morning** are from the **family of Tom Ulen.** Tom's Memorial Service was held this past Friday at the church.

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

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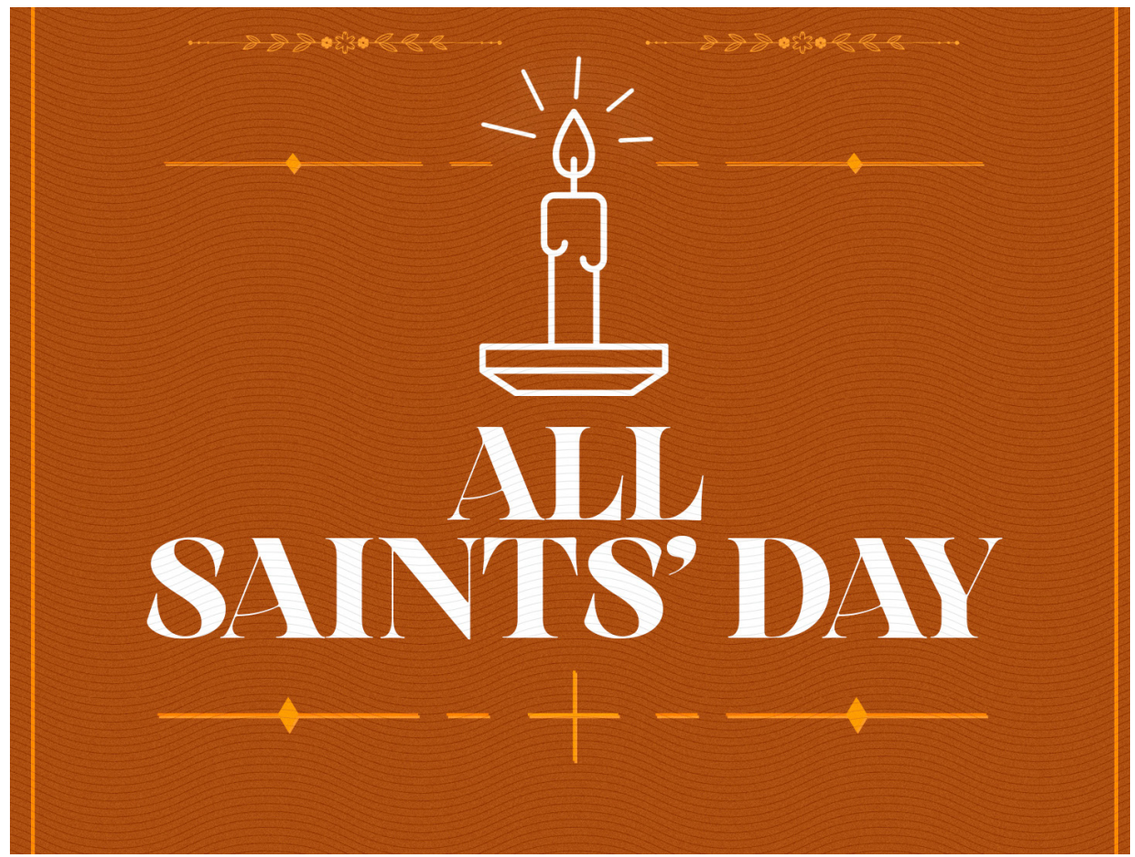
November 1, 2026 23rd Sunday after Pentecost



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church
Bienvenue à La Premiere Eglise Presbytérienne de Champaign
Bienvenidos a La Primera Iglésia Presbiteriana
샴페인 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. 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 *I Need Thee Every Hour* (arr. Lynne Perry Christofferson) Robert Lowry

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 pews.

Threshold Moment

✞**Call to Worship**

We come together to worship God this day,
God of our lives, be with us now.
We gather today, remembering those who have gone before us,
We remember those who are with you now.
We live in patient hope of the life to come,
We live in hope of our joyful reunion with God, and all God's saints.

✞**Hymn of Praise #731** *Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm*

(✞Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we know that we may rest in the promises of our baptism — we know that your grace rests on us this day and every day. Never for a moment are we outside of your constant care. And yet, things happen. Life tumbles in and your promises seem distant. We retreat into fear. We worry about what we cannot change. We forget why we do what we do in the name of our arisen Lord. Forgive our anxious fears. Lead us to be the people of God that you created us to be, disciples of Jesus Christ, in whose name we offer our prayers …*Silence is kept.*

Confession Response #416 *O Come unto the Lord* (vs. 1; refrain)

Assurance of Pardon

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing: it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one might boast.
For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.
Believe the promise of the Gospel:
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 #458 *Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet* (refrain)

Scripture in French *Revelation 7:9-17*

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

Anthem *The Lord Is My Shepherd* Mack Wilberg

Owen Gonzalez, soloist

Scripture in English *Matthew 5:1-12*

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

Message *Reversal* Pastor Joe Lundy

✞**Hymn for Reflection #346** *For the Healing of the Nations*

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** (from the *Heidelberg Catechism*)

What is your only comfort in life and in death?
That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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

Offertory *Invocation* Ernest Grosjean

Response of Gratitude #609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving

Remembering those who have died this past year

This Week

Sunday, November 1
9:30 AM Worship/Sanctuary
10:30 AM Easy English Fellowship/Rms. 204 & 207
10:30 AM Youth Sunday School/CE Building
10:30 AM Adult Discussion/Parlor

Monday, November 2
9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Bldg. Classrooms & Café
1:00 PM GROW/Room 105
1:30 PM Women's Bible Study/Library
3:30 PM Pastor Nominating Committee/Library
4:00 PM HR Team/Zoom
5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, November 3
9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Bldg. Classrooms & Café
10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom

Wednesday, November 4
8:45 AM Nominating Committee/Parlor & Zoom
9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Bldg. Classrooms & Café
5:15 PM Children's Ministry Team/Zoom
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room
7:30 PM Wednesdays We Gather/Zoom

Thursday, November 5
9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Bldg. Classrooms & Café
11:00 AM Food Distribution/Food Pantry
12:30 PM Windsor of Savoy Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
2:30 PM Congregational Care Deacons/Parlor & Zoom
4:00 PM Spiritual Formation/Zoom

Friday, November 6
8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
10:00 AM Korean Choir Rehearsal/Chapel
7:00 PM French Prayer/Zoom

Saturday, November 7
8:00 AM We Reteach/Rooms 206 & 207
6:00 PM Francophone Bethesda Fellowship/Chapel

Announcements

•We have access to our hearing assistant loop during worship. 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.

•Grab a cup of coffee and join us for **Adult Discussion** this morning immediately following worship in the Parlor. **George Johnston** will lead the discussion on the Second Book of Peter, chapter 1.

•Forms for **Recommendations for Church Officers** can be found at the Welcome Center in Westminster Hall near the "Nominations" box. Please submit your suggestions.

•**Environmental Stewardship Committee** has scheduled a **Litter Pick-up**, November 7, 10 AM. A sign-up sheet is located at the Welcome Center in Westminster Hall.

•We are partnering again with **Immigrant Services** collecting new winter wear. We are focusing on gloves, mittens, hats, hand warmers, scarves and warm blankets of any size. Drop your donations on the Mission table in Westminster Hall.

•**We've updated our church website** to help members stay connected with the life of the church and help visitors find what they need quickly and easily. You'll find worship service links, the church calendar, sermons, bulletins, newsletters, and an easy way to tithe. We hope it's your first stop when looking for information! It's easy to use—but if you'd like help, see **Melinda Miller** or **Camille James** after worship. Take a few minutes to visit firstpres.church—and stop by often!

•**Thank you for your amazing and overwhelming support of the food pantry!** We are off to a great start! Volunteers are always needed; monetary contributions welcomed! Distribution is the first Thursday of each month from 11 AM to 12:30 PM.

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

•Anyone interested in **donating flowers for use on Sunday mornings during worship**, please contact **Nancy Dankle** 217.778-4088 or nkdankle@icloud.com.

•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. Donation box is on the Welcome Center.

•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 the service live each Sunday at firstpres.church/live. The Sunday **service video** is available on-line this week; audio sermon available the following Sunday at 10:30 AM on WDWS 1400AM.

•**Scam/Email Spoof Alert** ... Your staff will **never** send a text, email or voicemail asking you to purchase gift cards. If in doubt, contact the church office.

Remembering the Saints

This morning we remember those who have died this past year.

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