

Song for Centering #466 *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

Prayers of the People

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 #692** *Spirit, Open My Heart*

◆ **Charge and Benediction**

◆ **Congregational Sung Benediction #647** *Give Thanks*

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.
And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
Let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"
Give thanks. Give thanks.

◆ **Postlude**

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



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN**

November 12, 2023 24th 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 worshiping 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." 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

◆Call to Worship

This is the day the LORD has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

◆Hymn of Praise #694 *Great God of Every Blessing*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (adapted from the *Belhar Confession*)

While You, O God, have entrusted Your church with Your message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ, we confess we sometimes align with systems of sin and death. Forgive us when our words and attitudes espouse hatred, bitterness, and enmity instead of Your life-giving Word and Spirit. Enable us, Holy God, to live with renewed obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world. Help us always to fix our sights on your son, Jesus, who knows the way and, by your Holy Spirit, guides our steps. AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

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 *The Gift of Love*

Upper Room Ringers; Libby Sternhagen, Director

arr. Jason Krug

Response of Gratitude #582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

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 #688 *Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart*

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;

Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;

Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,

And make me love thee as I ought to love.

Scripture *Matthew 25:1-12* (NT, pg. 28)

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 *People, Get Ready*

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.

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Anthem – Sora Shepard

This Week

Sunday, November 12

- 9:00 AM Worship/Westminster Hall
- 10:10 AM 2nd Sunday Brunch/Centennial Hall
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy
- 3:30 PM Concert/Westminster Hall

Monday, November 13

- 9:00 AM Compassion, Peace & Justice/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL in-person/CE Building
- 1:00 PM Grow/Family Library
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor & Zoom
- 1:00 PM Prayer Ministry Team/Library
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 6:30 PM Cuba Study/Home of Bob & Claudia Kirby

Tuesday, November 14

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:00 AM PW Coordinating Team/Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL in-person/CE Building
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 11:30 AM ELL Thanksgiving Potluck/Centennial Hall
- 12:30 PM DREAAM Board Mtg/Chapel & Zoom
- 5:00 PM DREAAM Martial Arts/Gym
- 5:00 PM Worship Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:30 PM Together on Tuesdays/Zoom

Wednesday, November 15

- 9:00 AM Cuba Partners/Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL in-person/CE Building
- 5:30 PM Dinners for One/TBD

Thursday, November 16

- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 10:30 AM Circle of Joy/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 1:00 PM Circle of Faith/Parlor & Zoom
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Session/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room
- 7:00 PM Circle of Peace/Chapel & Zoom

Friday, November 17 Church Office Closes at Noon

- 8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom

Saturday, November 18

- 10:00 AM Cottage Gathering to Meet Joe Lundy/Gary & Linda Peterson home
- 6:00 PM French Worship Service/Chapel

Announcements

●**We are glad you're here!** Questions about First Pres, contact **Pastor Matt Matthews** or call the church office. We are presently worshipping in Westminster Hall while our elevator is being replaced.

●Please wear your **nametag** to help new **Associate Pastor Joe Lundy** get acquainted.

●**Jane Alsberg** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve, contact **Carol Miles**.

●**Second Sunday Brunch** this morning immediately after worship in Centennial Hall. Brunch is free; donations appreciated.

●**Judi Geistlinger** will preach this morning's service at the Windsor of Savoy.

●We are very excited about this year's **Advent Study**, *Holy Disruption* by Tracy Daub, based on the *Gospel of Mark*. *Holy Disruption* presents a fresh understanding of the holiness of Christmas grounded, not in a conventional cozy Christmas message, but through Mark's disquieting gospel. The *Gospel of Mark* doesn't have a nativity story. Where's the Advent message? It's in the Incarnation, God comes to earth in human form to be baptized, teach, heal, eat, and die. Mark shows us God's disruptive but transformative love for us and our world. What we celebrate at Christmas is every aspect of Jesus' life, to his death and beyond. Stop by the library this morning to purchase a book for the study.

●**Gary Winder**, clarinet, will present a concert accompanied by **Sora Shepard** THIS AFTERNOON, at 3:30 PM in Westminster Hall. In addition, **Sabrina Vaughan**, harp, and **Yvonne Redman**, soprano, will be featured.

●You are invited to **Thanksgiving Dinner** with our English language learners on Tuesday, November 14, at 11:30 AM in Centennial Hall. Bring a favorite Thanksgiving dish to share. RSVP to bonnie@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 **November 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.