

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 *Animato*

Upper Room Ringers; Libby Sternhagen, director

Cynthia Dobrinski

Song for Centering & Call to Prayer #796 *We Come To You For Healing, Lord* (vs. 1)

We come to you for healing, Lord, of body, mind, and soul,
And pray that by your Spirit's touch we may again be whole.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Concern

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.

Commissioning Members & Friends for Service to Cuba

Judi Geistlinger
Rachel and Matt Matthews
Carol Miles

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 #372** *O For a World*

❖ **Charge & Benediction**

❖ **Congregational Sung Benediction #542** *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* (vs. 1)

God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

❖ **Postlude**

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

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

November 13, 2022 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

*We come into worship
and take our Sabbath rest.*

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 our Welcome Center downstairs 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 pew.

Greeting & Announcements

Minute for Ministry – *Surviving the Holidays*

Sallie Hutton

❖Call to Worship (from hymn *Psalm 127*)

When our work seems fruitless, and we are burdened with cares and worry,

We come into worship and take our Sabbath rest.

When we need rest from our efforts, and we are tired and discouraged,

We come into worship and take our Sabbath rest.

Let us worship God together.

❖Hymn of Praise #361 *O Christ, the Great Foundation*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we come before you as those who are often afraid to confess all the many ways in which we have disappointed and betrayed you. You have given us opportunities to serve and love others, but we have withdrawn into lives of selfishness and greed. We have turned our backs on others in need. We have denied the gifts you have given us. Forgive us. Your voice calls to us to come home, to come to you unafraid, to receive forgiveness and healing. Help us understand the many ways in which you love us, and help us share that love with all those whom we meet. For we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Even though we have turned away from God, yet God is faithful still. We are beloved of God and recipients of God's love and blessings. Rejoice, children of God! For God's mercies are ever before us.

Allelujah!

Passing of the Peace

And now, since God has forgiven us in Christ let us share Christ's peace with one another.

The peace of Christ be with you all...

(Please greet one another in the peace of Christ.)

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

Sora Shepherd

Response of Gratitude #643 *Now Thank We All Our God* (vs. 1)

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,

Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;

Who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way

With countless gifts of love, and still is our today.

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 – We Thank Our Veterans

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 out hearts with Your peace, Alleluia!

Scripture *Isaiah 65:17-25* (OT pg. 696)

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 *Wishful Thinking?*

Matt Matthews

Announcements

●**We are glad you're here!** Questions about First Pres, contact **Pastor Matt** or call the church office.

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

●**Sunday School** for children this morning at 10 AM. Sign in children at the Welcome Center 8:45-9. After worship, they will be escorted to their class. Meet your child or children in the library in the Education Building at 11. Transportation is not being provided at this time.

●**Poinsettia plants will decorate the Sanctuary in December.** Plants are \$15 each and given be given in memory or honor of someone. We will be ordering them December 1st. Please send donations marked poinsettia to FPC before November 28.

●**The Rev. Dr. Rachel Matthews** will preach today's 10:15 AM service at the Windsor of Savoy.

●**If unable to attend church**, catch our 9 AM service live each Sunday morning at firstpres.live. The Sunday **sermon** is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.

●Join us this morning for our **Second Sunday brunch**. Donations appreciated to help cover costs.

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

●The **November newsletter** is available in the kiosks or at firstpres.church/newsletter.

●God is good! We have met our goal of paying for the choir chairs to be used on the chancel. **Thank you for your generosity and support...**from **Joe Grant and the Worship Committee**

●**DREAAM Winter Coat Drive...**children's coats will be distributed on November 19. Please donate a new coat or give a monetary gift to purchase a coat by November 18. Checks may be made out to First Presbyterian Church marked "winter coat drive."

●We will be sending **four delegates to Cuba** to celebrate Iglesia Luyano's 100th anniversary in November. They leave on Thursday! We are collecting items to take with us to further their ministry. These include: candles (liturgical purposes); materials for knitting group (yarn, fabric, etc.); baby clothes and baby items (can be used); rechargeable lamps, over the counter medicines (aspirin, acetaminophen, anti-diarrhea and antacid and also vitamins), toothpaste and brushes, deodorant, soap, shampoo and feminine hygiene products. Bring items to the church office or Westminster Hall on Sunday labeled "FOR CUBA."

●Enduring the holidays can be tough if you have recently lost a family member. **Surviving the Holidays** will meet Wednesdays, November 16, December 21 and January 4 at 5 PM in the Parlor. This week's meeting on Wednesday will meet from 5-7 PM in the Parlor while December's meeting will start in the Parlor then end the evening at *The Longest Night* worship service in the Sanctuary. Contact **Rachel Matthews, Sherry Marble** or **Sallie Hutton** with questions.

●November 18, 7-9 P.M., at the Virginia Theater **Salt & Light** will present *Praise to Raise*, a night of praise and worship led by local worship leaders and singers. Tickets are available now at thevirginia.org. All proceeds support the fundraising efforts of Salt & Light.

●Interfaith Alliance of Champaign County will host the annual **Grateful Gathering** on Sunday, November 20, at 3 PM at the Bethel AME Church, 401 East Park Street, Champaign. You are invited for prayers and reflections on gratitude, and some great fellowship over cookies! A free will offering will be taken to benefit the Bridgewater-Sullivan Community Life Center. **Socks** are also a welcome donation.

●The response to the **Angel Tree** gifts to Kemmerer Village last year was so great that when the invitation came to help their 200 children have a better Christmas this year, the Community Mission Deacons unanimously agreed to set up the Angel Tree this year for Kemmerer Village. The Angel Tree is up for you to choose an ornament with a child's wishes on it. We will need to send the gifts to Kemmerer Village by December 11.

●Set aside Sunday, December 11. In the morning we will celebrate the holidays with Christmas Music Sunday at our 9 AM service presented by our Chancel Choir. That afternoon will be a Caroling Party starting with an open house at the home of **Michael Hogue and Bruce Rainey**, 1104 West Clark, Champaign, from 1-3 PM. At 3, we will walk/drive the neighborhood between Clark Street and the church and carol.

This Week

Sunday, November 13

9:00	AM	Worship/Sanctuary
10:00	AM	Easy English Fellowship/Room 204
10:05	AM	Special Meeting of Session/Library
10:15	AM	Brunch/Centennial Hall
10:15	AM	Worship/Windsor of Savoy
1:00	PM	APNC/Parlor & Zoom
7:00	PM	Session/Parlor & Zoom

Monday, November 14

8:00	AM	DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
9:00	AM	ELL (English Language Learners)/Zoom
1:00	PM	GROW/Family Library
1:00	PM	Prayer Ministry Team/Library
2:00	PM	DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
5:00	PM	DREAMette Dance Team/Gym
5:30	PM	AA/Centennial Hall
5:30	PM	Officer Training/Parlor
7:00	PM	ELL/Zoom

Tuesday, November 15

8:00	AM	Men’s Breakfast Study/Zoom
8:00	AM	DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
9:00	AM	PW Coordinating Team/Zoom
9:30	AM	ELL In-Person/CE Building
10:30	AM	Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
12:00	PM	Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
2:00	PM	DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
3:00	PM	DREAAM/Room 205
4:30	PM	World Mission Team/Family Library
5:30	PM	DREAAM Cheer Team/Gym

Wednesday, November 16

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1:30	PM	Pakistan Study/Parlor & Zoom
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5:00	PM	DREAMette Dance Team/Gym
5:00	PM	Surviving the Holidays/Parlor
5:30	PM	DREAAM Robotics Club/CE Building
6:30	PM	Welcomed & Affirmed Series/Zoom
7:00	PM	ELL/Zoom

Thursday, November 17 Cuba Delegates Depart

8:00	AM	DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
9:00	AM	ELL/Zoom
9:00	AM	Women’s Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
10:30	PM	Circle of Joy/Parlor & Zoom
1:00	PM	Circle of Faith/Parlor & Zoom
2:00	PM	DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
6:30	PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
7:00	PM	Circle of Peace/Parlor & Zoom
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2:00	PM	DREAAM After School Program/CE Bldg
7:30	PM	Friday Night Lights/Zoom

Saturday, November 19

9:00	AM	DREAAM Robotics Bootcamp/CE Bldg
11:00	AM	DREAAM/Centennial Hall
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