

Invitation to the Offering & 2026 Pledge Campaign *(We are invited to return God's tithes and give our offering.)*

Offertory *Now Thank We All Our God*

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

Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (pg. 35; *in the language and 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 #697 *Take My Life* (vs. 1-4)

✚Charge and Benediction

✚Congregational Sung Benediction #549 *May the Love of the Lord*

✚Postlude *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH** OF CHAMPAIGN

November 16, 2025 23rd 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 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 *Simple Gifts*

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** (from *Psalms* 24; ✠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.

For God has founded it on the seas

And established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? Who will stand in God's Holy place?

**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is
false and do not swear deceitfully.**

✠**Opening Prayer**

✠**Hymn of Praise #700** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

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

Prayer of Confession

**Giver of all things you have bestowed us with many gifts. You have given us time,
skills, talents, and wealth. So often we hoard these gifts, relying on them rather than on
your grace and love. We hold them close, not using them for your will. Forgive us God,
help us to recognize your gifts, and where you would have us use them. Amen.**

Silence is kept.

Confession Response #555 *O Lamb of God*

Assurance of Pardon

Our God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, full of unfailing love. Today, receive God's forgiveness.

Thanks be to God!

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 #709 *God, We Honor You*

Scripture in French *Luke 13:18-21*

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

Anthem *Set Me As a Seal*

Quintet

René Clausen

Scripture in English *I Peter 4:8-11*

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

Message *Gifts of All Kinds*

Rev. Joe Lundy

✠**Hymn for Reflection #708** *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

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** (*A Brief Statement of Faith PCUSA*)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the
captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling
all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the
depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of
sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

This Week

Sunday, November 16

9:00	AM	Worship/Sanctuary
10:10	AM	Sunday School/CE Building Classrooms
10:10	AM	Easy English Fellowship/Rooms 204 & 207
10:10	AM	Advent Study/Parlor
1:00	PM	Becky Grant Memorial Service/Sanctuary

Monday, November 17

9:15	AM	ELL Classes/CE Building & Café
10:00	AM	Coffee with Beth/Coffee RX (downtown Champaign)
1:00	PM	GROW/Chapel
1:30	PM	Women’s Bible Study/Library
1:00	PM	DREAAM After School Academy/CE Building
5:30	PM	AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, November 18

8:00	AM	Men’s Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
9:15	AM	ELL Classes/CE Building & Café
9:30	AM	PW Coordinating Team/Zoom
10:30	AM	Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
12:00	PM	Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
1:00	PM	DREAAM After School Academy/CE Building
2:30	PM	Community Mission Deacons Setting up Angel Tree/Westminster Hall
3:30	PM	Community Mission Deacons/Parlor & Zoom

Wednesday, November 19

9:15	AM	ELL Classes/CE Building & Café
11:00	AM	Thanksgiving Dinner/Centennial Hall
12:00	PM	DREAAM IYIP Life Skills/Room 201
1:00	PM	DREAAM After School Academy/CE Building
4:30	PM	DREAAM Family Meal/Centennial Hall
7:00	PM	Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room
7:30	PM	Wednesdays We Gather/Zoom

Thursday, November 20

9:00	AM	Women’s Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
9:15	AM	ELL Classes/CE Building & Café
10:30	AM	Circle of Joy/Parlor & Zoom
12:30	PM	Windsor of Savoy Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
1:00	PM	DREAAM After School Academy/CE Building
1:00	PM	Circle of Faith/Parlor & Zoom
7:00	PM	Circle of Peace/Parlor & Zoom
7:00	PM	Session/Westminster Hall & Zoom

Friday, November 21

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
5:00	PM	Newman-Rock Wedding Rehearsal/Sanctuary
7:00	PM	French Prayer/Zoom

Saturday, November 22

8:00	AM	DREAAM Thanksgiving Food Give Away/CE Building
4:00	PM	Newman-Rock Wedding/Sanctuary
6:00	PM	Francophone Bethesda Fellowship/Chapel

Announcements

- 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.
- Linda Peterson** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve as liturgist, contact **Carol Miles**.
- 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.
- The flowers this morning are from the **family of June Cullum** whose Memorial Service was held on Friday. Anyone interested in **donating flowers for use on Sunday mornings during worship**, please contact **Nancy Dankle** @ 217-778-4088 or nkdankle@icloud.com.
- The Spiritual Formation Committee has chosen *A Surprising God – Advent Devotions for an Uncertain Time* for this year’s **Advent Study** beginning this morning immediately following worship. Books can be purchased at class.
- 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.
- Join us for **Coffee and Conversation** at 10 AM Mondays in November at Coffee RX in downtown Champaign.
- Warm Winter Compassion Collection.** We are partnering with the Immigration Services of C-U to provide blankets, winter wear and pantry goods for our immigrant neighbors. Check out the November newsletter for a full list of items requested or contact the church office. Bring your gifts to the church office or the mission table in Westminster Hall before November 17. Monetary donations are also accepted. Make checks payable to ISCU, 201 Kenyon Road, Champaign, IL 61820.
- All are invited to join us for **Thanksgiving Dinner** with our English Language Learners on Wednesday, November 19, at 11 AM in Centennial Hall. Food provided by members of ELL and the Nurture Committee. Bring a covered dish to share if you would like.
- 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 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 **service video** is available on-line this week; audio sermon available the following Sunday at 10:30 AM on WDWS 1400AM.