

♦Response of Gratitude #694 *Great God of Every Blessing*

Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
You are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

♦Prayer of Dedication

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving and 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.

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 #700 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

♦Charge and Benediction

♦Congregational Sung Benediction #591 *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

Halle, halle, halle-lujah! Halle, halle, halle-lujah!

Halle, halle, halle-lujah! Hallelujah, hallelujah!

♦Postlude

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



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

November 10, 2024

26th 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.

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Welcome to worship!

When you enter the worship space, please be mindful of the silent prayers of those around you.

We are presently worshipping 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." How wonderful it is to be so loved! Our natural response is worship.

Prelude

Act of Friendship/Sharing of 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.

Greetings/Welcome/Announcements

Minute for Mission – Advent Offering

Jeannie Snoeyink

Threshold Moment

Call to Worship

We are called in many directions.

First we will give ourselves to the Lord.

There are many who make claims upon our attention, energies, resources, and loyalty.

First, we will give ourselves to the Lord.

We are a people who have received much and who have much to give.

First, we will give ourselves to the Lord.

Come and worship God, revealed to us in Christ Jesus.

Amen.

♦Hymn of Praise #693 *Though I May Speak*

Call to Confession (Congregation may be seated.)

Prayer of Confession

God of all the saints, God of all the sinners, hear our prayer.

We would be saintlike – holy, good, patient, loving.

But we end up feeling more like sinners – full of failures of morality, selfish, mean.

Perhaps You see us simply as human – as beloved, and flawed, and trying, and failing, and succeeding.

In all of this, forgive the wrong that we have done and bless the good we have accomplished. Keep on loving us and helping us, and molding us more and more into the image of Christ, in whose name we pray. *Silence is kept.*

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that we are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve.

Alleluia! Amen.

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

Open my ears that I may hear, voices of truth thou sendest clear.

Open my ears, illumine me, spirit divine.

Scripture 2 Corinthians 8:1-7

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")

Message *Giving to God*

Beth Wagner

♦Hymn for Reflection #716 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

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 (*The Confession of 1967*)

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

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

Offertory *Rejoice in the Lord Always*

Henry Purcell

This Week

Sunday, November 17

- 9:00 AM Worship/Westminster Hall
- 10:10 AM Easy English Fellowship/Rooms 204, 206, 207
- 10:10 AM Children's Sunday School/CE Building
- 10:10 AM Adult Education/Parlor

Monday, November 18

- 9:15 AM ELL Classes In-Person/CE Building & Café
- 10:00 AM Coffee Shop Hours with Pastor Beth/Café Kopi
- 1:00 PM Grow/Family Library
- 1:30 PM Bible Study/Church Library
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 3:30 PM Environmental/Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM DREAAM Cheer/Gym

Tuesday, November 19

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL Classes In-Person/CE Building & Café
- 9:30 AM PW Board/Zoom
- 10:30 AM Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 3:30 PM Community Mission Deacons/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:00 PM DREAAM Mentoring Program/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM DREAAM Dance/Gym

Wednesday, November 20

- 9:00 AM Cuba Partners/Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL Classes In-Person/CE Building & Café
- 11:00 AM Thanksgiving Dinner/Centennial Hall
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 3:00 PM DREAAM Family Night/CE Building
- 6:00 PM DREAAM Dance Team/Gym
- 7:30 PM Together on Tuesdays/Zoom

Thursday, November 21

- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:00 AM Compassion, Peace, Justice/Zoom
- 10:30 AM Circle of Joy/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:30 PM Windsor of Savoy Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 1:00 PM Circle of Faith/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 5:00 PM DREAAM Elite Study Hall & Dinner/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM DREAAM Cheer/Gym
- 7:00 PM Circle of Peace/Chapel & Zoom
- 7:00 PM Session/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Friday, November 22 Church Office closes at noon

- 8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
- 10:00 AM Christ Community Church Choir Rehearsal/Chapel
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building

Saturday, November 23

- 6:00 PM French Worship Service/Chapel

Announcements

●**We are glad you're here!** Questions about First Pres, see **either pastor** after the service or contact the church office (info@firstpres.church). We are presently worshipping in Westminster Hall while the elevator to our historic Sanctuary is being replaced.

●Please wear your **nametag** to help our **staff** get acquainted.

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

●**Adult Discussion** immediately following worship this morning is focused on a series of discussions about the Minor Prophets led by **Rev. Joseph Lundy** and the Adult Spiritual Formation Committee.

●**During November...**Join **Paster Beth** at **Café Kopi** (109 N Walnut) on Mondays from 10-12.

●**Together on Tuesdays Zoom Study at 7:30 PM is moving to Wednesday** for the next several weeks. Although still called *Together on Tuesdays* it will be on Wednesdays for a few weeks.

●The **DREAAM middle school youth and staff will again join us on our campus** for fun activities, a Bible study, and to share a meal on December 11 from 3:30-5 PM. For more information, contact **Peter Yau** pmyau@illinois.edu (217-621-0448) to help in the kitchen, or **Holly Nordheden** hnordheden@gmail.com (217-621-3450) to serve as table partners we need to greet our guests and facilitate conversation with prepared questions during our shared meal.

●You are invited to join our ELL Students and Staff for a **Thanksgiving Dinner** on Wednesday, November 20, from 11 AM to 1 PM in Centennial Hall.

●The response to the **Angel Tree** was overwhelming. Every child's ornament was taken. An angel has been hung in place of each ornament. You are those angels! Heartfelt thanks to all.

●We are compiling a booklet of the **interviews from the church history research** for the history book, *Heritage, Vision, and Mission*. If you would be interested in a copy at \$10, please contact the church office (info@firstpres.church) or **Nancy Martin** nemartin81@hotmail.com

●**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** is the recipient of this year's **Advent Offering** in December. With our nation's recent disasters as well as world disasters, we feel this is a very meaningful way to share God's love. Please think about your gift to PDA and write *Advent* on your check or online contribution.

●Join us at the **Christmas Gathering Thursday, December 5** at 12 noon in Westminster Hall. Uni Madrigals will be performing for us this year. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

●**DREAAM** is adding a **sewing class** to the after school program. If you are willing to donate or loan your sewing machine, please email DREAAM at info@dreameam.org or call 217.373.4848. Pick up service will be provided.

●Help us stock our **Free Little Pantry**. Donations are appreciated. This time of year stocking hats and gloves are great. Drop off contributions in the church office or in Westminster Hall on Sundays.

●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 **sermon** is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.