

Communion
Communion Hymn #497 *Bread of Life from Heaven* (vs. 1, 5)
Invitation
Great Thanksgiving
May God our refuge be with you!
And also with you!
People of God, lift your hearts to the One who created you.
We offer them to God, who writes words of hope upon our hearts.
God's children, come to the Table of grace.
We will feast on the wonders of the God who loves us.
You took creation by the hand ... we say our thanksgiving to you:
Holy, holy, holy are you, God who forms our hearts.
All creation finds refuge in your tender care.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who sets us free by your truth!
Hosanna in the highest!
You are our strength, God of holiness ... we proclaim that mystery called faith:
Christ died, his heart broken for us;
Christ is risen, resurrection written upon his heart;
Christ is ever with us, in every moment until your days come.
Pour out your Spirit ... God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.
The Lord's Prayer (pg. 35; in the language and wording most familiar to you.)
Words of Institution
Communion of the People

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.*

A Moment for Stewardship
Connecting with our Community
✠Hymn for Commitment #318 *In Christ There Is No East or West*
✠Charge and Benediction
Because God has not forsaken us,
We will go to be with all rejected by our world.
Because Jesus has not left us alone,
We will be sisters and brothers to all who are lonely.
Because the Spirit has not forgotten us,
We will remember those who are oppressed and work to bring them justice.
✠Congregational Sung Benediction #549 *May the Love of the Lord*
✠Postlude *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*
✠Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH** OF CHAMPAIGN

November 2, 2025 21st 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 *Adagio k.356*

Mozart

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

The changing colors of leaves, the laughter of children playing dress-up, the flowers and trees that become food for foraging creatures.

Lord, your creation boasts of your goodness.

The Sunday School teachers who taught us your Word, the stranger who asked us if we were okay, the parent who showed us right and wrong, the neighbor who dropped by to say hello.

Lord, your creation boasts of your love.

Let us join together as a community and worship our Creator, the author of everything that is beautiful.

✠**Opening Prayer**

✠**Hymn of Praise #730** *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

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

Prayer of Confession

Heart of the Covenant: we have known your hopes for us, and disappointed every one of them; we have heard your words of faithfulness, and forgotten every one of them; we have seen your dreams for us, and turned every one of them into ashes.

Forgive us, Hope's Heart. Silence every blustering word, so we may hear your mercy; still every feeble attempt to justify ourselves, so we may be made right with you; melt every frozen heart, so we might be drenched in your river of joy. May Jesus Christ continue to live in us, so we might be free to live forever with you. *Silence is kept.*

Confession Response #555 *O Lamb of God*

Assurance of Pardon

Be still and know the good news: God has not forsaken nor forgotten us, but redeems us.

Why should we be afraid? God is in our midst – forgiving, restoring, sending. Thanks be to God! 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 #709 *God, We Honor You*

Scripture in French *John 12:27-28*

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

Anthem *Walk In Jerusalem* (Spiritual)

arr. Rollo Dilworth

Scripture in English *1 Kings 19:1-18* (The Message)

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

Message *A Gentle Quiet Whisper*

Rev. Beth Wagner

✠**Hymn for Reflection #102** *Savior of the Nations, Come*

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 Nicene Creed)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

Offertory *Ray of Light*

Gary Winder, Clarinet; Yuxi Chen, piano

arr. Gary Quo

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

Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving

This Week

Sunday, November 2

- 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 Small Group Mission Study/Parlor, Westminster Hall, Centennial Hall

Monday, November 3

- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building & Café
- 10:00 AM Coffee with Beth/Coffee RX (downtown Champaign)
- 12:00 PM Small Group Mission Study/Westminster Hall, Centennial Hall
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 1:30 PM Women’s Bible Study/Library
- 1:00 PM DREAAM After School Academy/CE Building
- 4:00 PM HR Team/Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, November 4

- 8:00 AM Men’s Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building & Café
- 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 Small Group Mission Study/Westminster Hall
- 6:00 PM Small Group Mission Study/Centennial Hall

Wednesday, November 5

- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building & Café
- 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
- 5:15 PM Children’s Ministries/Zoom
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room
- 7:30 PM Wednesdays We Gather/Zoom

Thursday, November 6

- 9:00 AM Women’s Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building & Café
- 12:30 PM Transition Team/Westminster Hall
- 12:30 PM Windsor of Savoy Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 1:00 PM DREAAM After School Academy/CE Building
- 2:30 PM Congregational Care Deacons/Parlor & Zoom
- 4:00 PM Spiritual Formation/Zoom

Friday, November 7 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
- 7:00 PM French Prayer/Zoom

Saturday, November 8

- 8:00 AM DREAAM Imagine STEM Saturday/CE Building
- 9:30 AM DREAAM Mentoring/Centennial Hall
- 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.

●**Sarah Laufenberg** 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.

●Anyone interested in **donating flowers for use on Sunday mornings during worship**, please contact **Nancy Dankle @** 217-778-4088 or nkdankle@icloud.com.

●**Small Group Discussions** as part of our Mission Study for transitioning to a new pastor conclude this week with three groups meeting this morning immediately following worship.

●The Spiritual Formation Committee has chosen *A Surprising God – Advent Devotions for an Uncertain Time* for this year’s **Advent Study** beginning Sunday, November 16, immediately following worship. Books will be on sale soon in Westminster Hall.

●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 **Pastor Beth** for **Coffee and Conversation** at 10 AM Mondays in November at Coffee RX in downtown Champaign.

●Set aside **Sunday, November 9, at 3 PM. Gary Winder and clarinet students** from the U of I will present a clarinet recital in the Sanctuary. All are welcome! Plan to join us for an afternoon of music!

●**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 missin 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.

●Pick up a **Fall/Winter Small Group Opportunity** flyer from the kiosk this morning.

●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.

*Today we remember the saints
that have gone before us this past year...*

Gary Bowen
Stuart Clark
Mimi Cozad
Newt Dodds
Mamie Drennen
Bernard Dunn
Judy Gamble
Dottie Garrett
Morris Huck
Carole Ann Hunter
Richard "Itch" Jones
Joanne Kelly
John Lammers
Katie Parkhill
Ginny Tutje
Mary Twardock
Jack Waaler

WINTER COAT

& Pantry Drive

We are partnering with Immigration Services
to help provide winter clothing and pantry
items to our immigrant neighbors.

HATS | GLOVES | COATS | SOCKS | BLANKETS

**See November newsletter
for a full list of items**

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or mission table
in Westminster Hall
before November 17.**

For more Information
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