

Scripture *Psalm 77:1-2; 11-20* (OT pg. 537)

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 *Two AM Questions (Walking Through the Red Sea)* Elder Betty Hollister

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 *Immortal, Invisible God* arr. Eric Thiman

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.

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 #367 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

❖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 20, 2022 Christ the King Sunday



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 pen.

Greeting & Announcements

Minute for Ministry – Environmental Team

Ginny Waaler

❖Call to Worship

We pray to you, Lord God;

We beg you to listen.

In days filled with trouble, we search for you.

At night we lift our hands in prayer. (*Psalm 77*)

Hear our prayers, O God, and accept our praise.

Let us worship God.

The Lord's name be praised.

❖Hymn of Praise #365 *God Reigns, Let Earth Rejoice!*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, You have made of one blood all nations of women and men to dwell on the face of the earth;

By your grace in Christ—though many—we are one body

Remind us in this hour that First Presbyterian Church is only one part of a vast fellowship.

Blest be the tie that binds!

Turn our thoughts outward and help us to build and foster a closer communion with the whole church—the church across the street and the church across the world.

Help us, Lord.

Thank you for your church.

Thank you, Lord. Alleluia.

Forgive us for taking your church for granted.

Lord, have mercy.

In Christ's name, hear our prayer!

Amen and Amen!

Assurance of Pardon

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Alleluia!

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you.

(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

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!

Announcements

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

●**Miriam Chenault** and **Dave Whitford** are our liturgists this morning. If you would like to serve, contact **Carol Miles**. A big thank you and deep appreciation to **Betty Hollister** who is filling the pulpit this morning while **Matt and Rachel Matthews, Judi Geistlinger** along with **Carol Miles** are in Cuba celebrating with our sister church their 100th anniversary.

●Flowers this morning are given in memory of their great-grandmother, **Betty Eisner**, by Vivian, Addison, Trip and Liddy.

●**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.

●**Adult Education** this morning at 10:15 AM in the Parlor will feature a discussion on the TED talk *Faith and Doubt* by Greg Tonkinson. Grab a cup of coffee and join us.

●**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.

●**Gary Peterson** 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.

●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**

●Enduring the holidays can be tough if you have recently lost a family member. **Surviving the Holidays** will meet again on Wednesdays, 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.

●Interfaith Alliance of Champaign County will host the annual **Grateful Gathering** this afternoon 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.

●Westminster Presbyterian Church invites you to attend a **Taizé service** in their sanctuary on Wednesday, November 30, at 7 PM. (Taizé is a form of Christian prayer originating from the ecumenical Christian community of Taizé in France. Participants are invited to rest in God through the singing of psalm verses and other simple chants, alternating with periods of silent reflection.)

●Join us for the Presbyterian Women's **Christmas Tea**, Thursday, December 1, at 12 noon in the Sanctuary featuring the Uni High Madrigals followed by a reception in Westminster Hall.

●**Bells in Motion of Central Illinois** presents *A Ringing Christmas* Saturday, December 3, at 7 PM in the Sanctuary.

●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.

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Sunday, November 20

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 204
- 10:00 AM Brunch/Centennial Hall
- 10:15 AM Adult Ed/Parlor
- 1:00 PM APNC/Parlor & Zoom

Monday, November 21

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 1:30 PM Bible Study/Parlor
- 3:30 PM Environmental Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, November 22

- 8:00 AM Men’s Breakfast Study/Zoom
- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 4:30 PM Community Mission Team/Parlor & Zoom

Wednesday, November 23 (Church office closes at noon)

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