

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 – Kristina Engberg

♦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.

Prayers of the People

*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 #649 *Amazing Grace*

♦Charge and Benediction

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

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

Halle, halle, halle-lujah! Hallelujah, hallelujah! (2x)

♦Postlude

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



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

November 24, 2024

Christ the King Sunday



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church  
Bienvenue à La Première Eglise Presbytérienne de Champaign  
Bienvenidos a La Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana

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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**

### **Threshold Moment**

### **Call to Worship**

The Lord reigns over all, the Lord is robed in Majesty

**The Lord has established the world; it shall never be moved.**

Your throne, O God, was placed before our existence

**You are from everlasting.**

Our God is more majestic than the mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea!

**Your decrees are sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.**

### **♦Hymn of Praise #367 *Come Ye Thankful People***

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

### **Prayer of Confession**

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Silence is kept.*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

God has rescued us from the power of evil and claimed us for the realm of Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption. In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**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**

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

**Open my ears, illumine me, spirit divine.**

### **Scripture *John 18:33-37***

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**

Joe Lundy

### **♦Hymn for Reflection #327 *From All That Dwell Below the Skies***

## **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.



# This Week

## Sunday, November 24

- 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
- 1:30 PM DREAAM/Centennial Hall

## Monday, November 25

- 10:00 AM Coffee Shop Hours with Pastor Beth/Café Kopi
- 1:00 PM Grow/Family Library
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM DREAAM Cheer/Gym

## Tuesday, November 26

- 8:00 AM Men’s Breakfast Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 10:30 AM Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 4:30 PM World Mission/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:00 PM DREAAM Mentoring Program/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM DREAAM Dance/Gym

## Wednesday, November 27 Church Office Closed

## Thursday, November 28 Church Office Closed

## Friday, November 29 Church Office Closed

- 8:15 AM Men’s Prayer/Zoom

## Saturday, November 30

- 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.

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

●**Kristina Engberg** is our guest pianist this morning.

●**Adult Discussion** immediately following worship this morning. **Ken Chapman** begins our Advent themed series on Christmas traditions. Grab a cup of coffee and join us in the Parlor.

●**Poinsettias** will enhance our worship during December. If you would like to donate a poinsettia in memory or honor, drop your check for \$10 in the offering plate marking it “poinsettia.” Include a note who you are giving the poinsettia for.

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

●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.

●*A Ringing Christmas* **Bell Concert** Saturday, December 7, 7 PM in Westminster Hall presented by Bells in Motion of Central Illinois.

●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.

●**Music Sunday, December 15, 9 AM** *A Service of Lessons and Carols*. The music staff invites you to a beautiful, reflective service that weaves together scripture, poetry, and carols to tell the timeless Christmas story in a fresh way. Come and experience the wonder of Christmas as we journey through the story of Christ’s birth with love, joy, and community.

●**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.

●**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](http://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](http://firstpres.church/live). The Sunday **sermon** is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.