

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.

Anthem *O Keep Me As the Apple Of Your Eye* text: Susan Cherwin; music: William B. Roberts

Song for Centering #466 *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

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 #643 *Now Thank We All Our God*

♦Charge and Benediction

♦Congregational Sung Benediction #647 *Give Thanks*

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;  
Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.  
And now let the weak say, "We are strong";  
Let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"  
Give thanks. Give thanks.

♦Postlude

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

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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN**

November 26, 2023 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 worship space, please be mindful of the silent prayers of those around you.*

*We are presently worshiping 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." 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 pads.*

### **Greeting & Announcements**

### **♦Call to Worship**

Let us sing to the Lord!

**Let us make joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

**Let us worship God with songs of praise!**

For the Lord is a great God,

**And we are the people of God's pasture**

And the sheep of God's hand.

### **♦Hymn of Praise #15 *All Creatures of Our God and King* (vs. 1-4)**

### **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession** (written by Gina Bairby for *Presbyterian Outlook*)

**Shepherding God, you have called to us, but we have not answered. You have sought us out, but we have continued to wander. You have tenderly gathered us together and cared for us, but we have not extended that same care and mercy to others. Forgive us. Remind us. Teach us. Set us free from sin that we might turn toward your love and justice for the whole world. Guide us so that, tentative step after tentative step, we may walk your way. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the good news!

**Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism.**

Believe in this goodness and give thanks:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen!**

### **Passing of the Peace**

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

**Offertory** – Sora Shepard

### **Response of Gratitude #582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me***

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,**

**Whose grace has pardoned me,**

**And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

### **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 #688 *Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart***

**Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;**

**Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;**

**Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,**

**And make me love thee as I ought to love.**

### **Scripture *Matthew 25:31-46* (NT, pg. 28)**

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**

Joe Lundy

## **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.*

### **Affirmation of Faith**

**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**

# This Week

## Sunday, November 26

- 9:00 AM Worship/Westminster Hall
- 10:10 AM Easy English Fellowship/Family Library
- 10:10 AM Advent Study/Parlor
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy

## Monday, November 27

- 9:00 AM Compassion, Peace & Justice/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL In-person/CE Building
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor & Zoom
- 1:00 PM Grow/Family Library
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

## Tuesday, November 28

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL In-person/CE Building
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 4:30 PM World Mission/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:00 PM DREAAM Martial Arts/Gym
- 7:30 PM Together on Tuesdays/Zoom

## Wednesday, November 29

- 9:15 AM ELL In-person/CE Building
- 5:00 PM DREAAM Dance Group/Centennial Hall

## Thursday, November 30

- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

## Friday, December 1 Church Office close at noon

- 8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom

## Saturday, December 2

- 8:00 AM DREAAM Life Coaching Seminar/Cafe
- 10:30 AM PEB Watch Party/Parlor
- 6:00 PM French Worship Service/Chapel

# Announcements

- We are glad you're here!** Questions about First Pres, contact **Pastor Matt Matthews** or call the church office. We are presently worshipping in Westminster Hall while our elevator is being replaced.
- Please wear your **nametag** to help new **Associate Pastor Joe Lundy** get acquainted.
- Bob Kirby** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve, contact **Carol Miles**.
- Grab a cup of coffee and stop by the Parlor at 10:10 this morning for our **Adult Education/Advent Study, *Holy Disruption*** by Tracy Daub, based on the *Gospel of Mark*.
- Joe Lundy** will preach this morning's service at the Windsor of Savoy. **Judi Geistlinger** is in Gibson City this morning.
- The **Angel Tree and Advent Offering** are combined this year to support The Refugee Center. Monetary donations will go towards a refugee's first month's housing. Our church and other organizations will be collecting household items needed. We have a collection box in Westminster Hall. Items needed: full sheet set; twin sheet set; 1 tall trash can and one box of trash bags; 4 towel/washcloth sets; 2 small waste baskets; 1 set of pots and pans; 1 12+ piece dinnerware set; 1 kitchen utensil set; 2 can openers; 1 pack-n-play.
- Would you like to attend the annual **Carol Concert at Krannert Center** on December 3 at 3 PM? Pastor Matt has offered to drive the church van so we have no parking difficulties and no long walk. You may already have a ticket, if not you can get it online for \$10 or \$7/65 & older (krannertcenter.com). To reserve a seat on the van, contact the church office.
- All are cordially invited to the **Christmas Gathering hosted by Presbyterian Women** on Thursday, December 7 at 12 noon In Westminster Hall. Uni High Madrigals will be performing during the program. A delicious lunch will follow! Please RSVP to church office.
- Sunday, December 10, at 3 PM Blue Christmas service.** This is an advent service for those experiencing grief or for whom this season is a time of grieving. The service will offer a space to express feelings but also to experience the hope we find in Christ.
- Please join us for a **Christmas Charcuterie Brunch** on Sunday, December 10 immediately following the service. **Christmas Caroling** will take place on Sunday, December 17 from 3-5 PM. Please meet at the church at 2:30 PM.
- Cuba 2024?** Are you interested in joining a delegation to our sister church in Cuba probably between March 9-18. Deadline to commit is December 7. To travel you must be a member or staff of a Presbyterian Church, have a US passport valid until at least December 17, 2024. Please contact Mission Coordinator Pastor Rachel for further details at rachel@firspres.church.
- 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 [firspres.church/newsletter](http://firspres.church/newsletter).
- Please **do not park** in the spaces marked Reserved 24/7 behind the law office on Sundays.
- If unable to attend church**, watch our 9 AM service live each Sunday at [firspres.church/live](http://firspres.church/live). The Sunday **sermon** is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.