

and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another.

Communion Hymn #525 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Communion

The Invitation to the Meal

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise. . .

It is right to praise you ... And those who have joined you this year: James Andrews, Lowella Biddle, Beverly Cottrell, Ronald Deering, Ralph "Pete" Fletcher, David Hunter, Stuart Jenkins, Douglas Mills, Sue Moore, Gene Morgan, Dorothy Pearson, Marjorie Sodemann, Joyce Wittler

We join together with them in singing your praise:

Sanctus #595 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!

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.

Prayer after Communion

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 #340 *This Is My Song*

◆Charge and Benediction

◆Congregational Sung Benediction *Love Has Broken Down the Walls*

Cast aside your doubts and fears. Cast aside your doubts and fears.

Peace and love freely offered here; cast aside your doubts and fears.

Cast aside your doubts and fears.

◆Postlude

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

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

November 3, 2024

24th 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 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

Today, as this series draws to a close ... kindness, compassion, humility, respect and love.

Love has broken down the wall. Love has broken down the wall.

Let us join our hearts as one, Love has broken down the wall.

Call Into Community

Call to Worship

Wait.

Breathe.

Let the anxiety take a break for just a moment.

Breathe again.

We are not alone.

Christ is with us.

Passing of the Peace

Let this moment permeate our souls, and let us pass the peace of Christ between us.

This peace is meant for all people. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

◆**Hymn of Praise #301** *Let Us Build a House*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you call us to your merciful, gracious love freely given without expectation or strings attached. While we are eager to experience your mercy and grace in our own lives, we are quick to make our extension of your mercy and grace conditional for others. We would rather show mercy to those we judge worthy. We would rather extend grace to those who will show us grace in return. We would rather love those who are easiest to love. Forgive us, Redeeming God. So, transform our hearts with your amazing grace and unconditional love that our relationships are transformed as we extend your mercy and grace as an expression of our gratitude for your saving love we know in Jesus Christ. *Silence is kept.*

Assurance of Pardon

God's grace overflows and brings us new life. Friends, trust the good news: through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

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

Offertory *Draw the Circle Wide*

Mark Miller

◆**Response of Gratitude #607** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit ever more; praise Triune God, whom we adore. 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!"

Pastoral Prayer of Illumination

Word with Children

Prayer for Illumination #386 *Come, Worship God* (vs. 4)

Now let us listen, for you speak among us; open our hearts to receive what you say.

Peace be to all who remember your goodness, trust in your word,

and rejoice in your way!

Intro to Scripture

Scripture *Matthew 22:34-40*

*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 *Love God. Love Your Neighbor.*

Beth Wagner

◆**Hymn for Reflection #345** *In an Age of Twisted Values*

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** *(Confession of Belbar)*

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain; that this unity the people of God must be manifested

This Week

Sunday, November 3

- 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 4

- 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
- 4:00 PM HR Meeting/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM DREAAM Cheer/Gym

Tuesday, November 5 Election Day

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

Wednesday, November 6

- 9:15 AM ELL Classes In-Person/CE Building & Café
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Family STEM Night/Centennial Hall
- 7:30 PM Together on Tuesdays/Zoom

Thursday, November 7

- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:30 PM Windsor of Savoy Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 2:30 PM Congregational Care Deacons/Parlor & Zoom
- 4:00 PM Spiritual Formation/Zoom
- 5:00 PM DREAAM Elite Study Hall & Dinner/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM DREAAM Cheer/Gym
- 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Friday, November 8 Church Office closes at noon

- 8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
- 10:00 AM Christ Community Church Choir Rehearsal/Chapel

Saturday, November 9

- 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 our elevator to our historic Sanctuary is being replaced.
- Please wear your **nametag** to help our **staff** get acquainted.
- **Miriam Chenault** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve, contact **Carol Miles**.
- Thank you to **Jace Kim** for serving as our pianist this morning.
- **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.
- **Coffeshop Office Hours during November...** Join **Paster Beth** at **Café Kopi** (109 N Walnut) on Mondays from 10-12. Café Kopi is closing in December after 30 years in downtown Champaign. So, one last cup at Café Kopi.
- **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. We'll meet November 13 and December 11 from 3:30-5 PM. For more information, contact **Peter Yau** pmyau@illinois.edu (217-621-0448) with questions or to sign up to help in the kitchen, or **Holly Nordheden** hnordheden@gmail.com (217-621-3450) with questions or to sign up to serve as one of the 4-6 table partners we need to greet our guests and facilitate conversation with prepared questions during our shared meal. Put the dates on your calendar and sign-up NOW!
- There will be a **Congregational Meeting** on Sunday, November 10, immediately following worship for the purpose of electing new church officers for 2025.
- 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.
- Kemmerer Village is the recipient of our **2024 Angel Tree** offering. Christmas is a time of wonder, a time to dream and a time of hope with the coming of the Christ child. With each ornament, you have the ability to give a child that special Christmas joy and hope. Ornaments will highlight a child and include his or her special wish. Our Angel Tree will go up early this year (November 10) as our gifts need to be delivered to Kemmerer the first week of December.
- Help us stock our **Free Little Pantry**. Donations are much appreciated. Drop off any 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.