

Look around, take it in
It's all about God grace, and not about your sin.
Pass the cup, break the bread.
Lead with your loving heart, and follow with your head.

We give Thanks (sung to "Day Is Done" Ar Hyd Y Nos)
For the fruit of all creation, Thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, Thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, For the truths that still confound us.
Most of all that love has found us, Thanks be to God...

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.**

The Meal is Set (*Let us hold the elements and partake together.*)

The Meal is Shared

We close in Prayer

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 #828 *More Love to Thee, O Christ*

◆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 5, 2023 23rd 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 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** (from the *Belhar Confession*)

We gather as the Church of Jesus Christ to worship God in the power of God's Holy Spirit.

We rejoice that we share one faith,

have one calling,

are of one soul and one mind;

we have one God and Father,

are filled with one Spirit,

are baptized with one baptism,

eat of one bread and drink of one cup,

We confess one name,

are obedient to one Lord,

work for one cause,

and share one hope.

With one, strong voice, let us worship God.

The Lord's name be praised.

♦**Hymn of Praise #326** *For All the Saints*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (adapted from the *Belhar Confession*)

While You, O God, have entrusted Your church with Your message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ, we confess we sometimes align with systems of sin and death. Forgive us when our words and attitudes espouse hatred, bitterness, and enmity instead of Your life-giving Word and Spirit. Enable us, Holy God, to live with renewed obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world. Help us always to fix our sights on your son, Jesus, who knows the way and, by your Holy Spirit, guides our steps. AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Passing of the Peace

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

Offertory *Let Saints On Earth* (Scottish Psalter, 1615)

arr. Alan McMillan

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.

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 23:1-12* (NT, pg. 25)

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 *Hope from the Belhar Confession*

Matt Matthews

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

We are Invited

Break the Bread, Pass the Cup

Matt Matthews (August 6, 2023)

Break the bread, pass the cup

Gather sleepy-eyed, the sun is up.

Pass the peace, reach out your hands

greet your next-door neighbor from every single land

Praise the Lord, from whom all our blessings flow

Praise the Lord, to whom all our praises go.

Close your eyes, lift up your prayers

Just say it straight to God, you don't need to put on airs.

Be yourself, you're the apple of God's eye.

Be who you really are, and not some other guy.

This Week

Sunday, November 5

- 9:00 AM Worship/Westminster Hall
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 104
- 10:10 AM Sunday School/CE Building
- 10:10 AM Adult Education/Parlor
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy

Monday, November 6

- 9:15 AM ELL in-person/CE Building
- 11:30 AM Cottage Gathering to Meet Joe Lundy/Sabrina & Wen-Mei Hwu's
- 1:00 PM Grow/Family Library
- 1:30 PM Women's Bible Study/Library
- 4:00 PM HR Meeting/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 6:30 PM Cuba Study/Home of Bob & Claudia Kirby

Tuesday, November 7

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:00 AM Small Group Leaders/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
- 5:00 PM DREAAM Martial Arts/Gym
- 7:30 PM Together on Tuesdays/Zoom

Wednesday, November 8

- 9:15 AM ELL in-person/CE Building
- 3:00 PM CYF Meeting/Parlor

Thursday, November 9

- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 4:30 PM Finance Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 6:30 PM Nurture/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Friday, November 10 Church Office Closes at Noon

- 8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom

Saturday, November 11

- 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.

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

●**Sunday School classes for children K thru 8th grade from 10:15-11!** Walk across the alley, go upstairs, and see what's happening. Youth will be escorted to their class.

●Grab a cup of coffee and stop by the Parlor at 10:10 this morning for **Adult Education**. **Associate Pastor Joe Lundy** is the guest speaker for Faith in the Real World.

●**Gale Brandner** will preach this morning's service at the Windsor of Savoy. **Judi Geistlinger** is preaching in Hoopeston this morning.

●We are very excited about this year's **Advent Study**, *Holy Disruption* by Tracy Daub, based on the *Gospel of Mark*. *Holy Disruption* presents a fresh understanding of the holiness of Christmas grounded, not in a conventional cozy Christmas message, but through Mark's disquieting gospel. The *Gospel of Mark* doesn't have a nativity story. Where's the Advent message? It's in the Incarnation, God comes to earth in human form to be baptized, teach, heal, eat, and die. Mark shows us God's disruptive but transformative love for us and our world. What we celebrate at Christmas is every aspect of Jesus' life, to his death and beyond. Stop by the library this morning to purchase a book for the study.

●Please enjoy meeting **Joe Lundy** at the home of one of the **Cottage Gathering** hosts. Space is limited so RSVP to the church office. Monday, November 6 @ 11:30 **Sabrina & Wen-Mei Hwu**; Saturday, November 18 @ 10 **Linda & Gary Peterson**.

●**Western Illinois University's** choir concert Monday, November 6, has been **CANCELLED**.

●**Gary Winder**, clarinet, will present a concert on Sunday, November 12, at 3:30 PM in Westminster Hall. Gary played solos for us on a couple of occasions this past summer and is an excellent performer.

●You are invited to **Thanksgiving Dinner** with our English language learners on Tuesday, November 14, at 11:30 AM in Centennial Hall. Bring a favorite Thanksgiving dish to share. RSVP to bonnie@firstpres.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 firstpres.church/newsletter.

●Please **do not park** in the spaces marked Reserved 24/7 behind the law office on Sundays.

●**If unable to attend church**, catch 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.

Remembering the Saints

This morning we remember those who have died this past year.

Leland Andrews

Beth Farthing (daughter-in-law of Bruce & Patty Farthing)

Sandy Carr

Chip Castelo

Donald Clegg

Esther Fay

Royce Hinton

Carol Karch

Beverly Kelton

Hunter Miley

Gene Miller

Bill Mitchell

Marilyn Parkhill

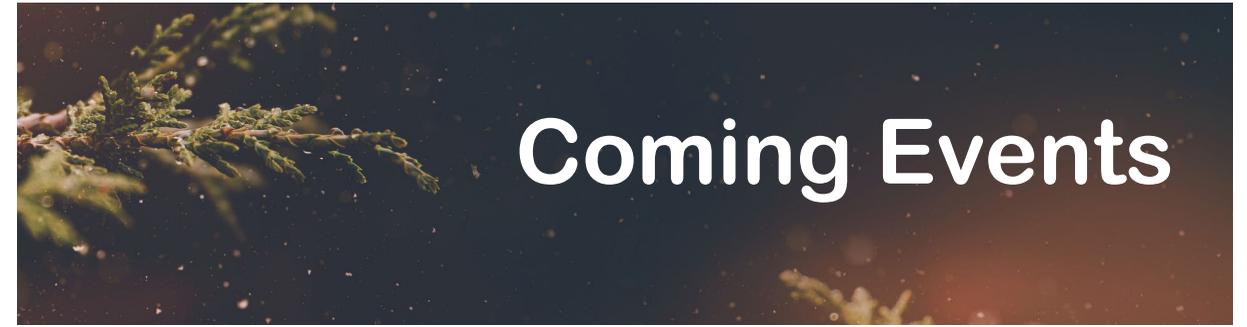
Margaret Parkinson

Jo Tummelson

Sophia Van Arsdell

Priscilla Visek

Wanda Whitsitt



Sunday, November 12

3:30 pm Clarinet Concert by Gary Winder

Tuesday, November 14

11:30 am Thanksgiving Dinner w/English Language Learners

Sunday, December 3

3 pm Blue Christmas (An advent service for those experiencing grief or for whom this season is a time of grieving. It offers a space to express those feelings, but also to experience the hope we find in Christ.)

Sunday, December 10

9 am Christmas Music Sunday with choir with instrumentalists

Sunday, December 17

Caroling Party...more info to come

Sunday, December 24

9 am Worship

4 pm Family Christmas Eve Service

8 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service