

The Meal is Set (*Let us hold the elements and partake together*)
The Meal is Shared
We Close in Prayer

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 Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and buried; he descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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 #516** *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*
 - ❖ **Charge and 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**
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- ❖ Please stand if able. Remain seated if need be.

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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN**

November 6, 2022 22nd 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 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

❖Call to Worship (from hymn *God Is Here!*)

God is here!

We, your people, meet to offer praise and prayer.

May we find in fuller measure ...

What it is in Christ we share.

❖Hymn of Praise #644 *Give Thanks, O Christian People*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We confess our discomfort with uncertainty. We confess our desire for personal power and our desperate grabs for control. We confess our need for everything to make sense. And yet, Great God of mystery, there is so much beyond us and our understanding. Forgive us. Remind us we are human. Humble us in your presence. Help us rest in the faith that your grace is sufficient. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God's grace is given freely. God's love is steadfast. Receive the good news that you are forgiven, and live liberated from sin to the glory of God.

Alleluia!

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God.

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

And also with you.

Passing of the Peace

God calls us to love one another as God loves us. In this we know the truth of Christ's peace.

Share signs of Christ's peace with one another.

(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.*

Bread of Mercy

Text: Reginald Heber; Music: Austin Lovelace

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 *Psalms 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!

Scripture *Luke 19:1-10* (NT pg. 82)

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 *We Wish To See Jesus*

Matt Matthews

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

We Are Invited

#507 *Come to the Table of Grace* (vs. 1)

Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of grace.

We Give Thanks

Prayers continue...

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.

Announcements

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

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

●The **flowers in the sanctuary** this morning are from **Nancy and Casey Dankle** in honor of Nancy's father, William Richards Kindig (March 9, 1936-November 1, 2019).

●**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.

●There will be a **Congregational Meeting** this morning immediately following the 9 AM service to approve a slate of Elders and Deacons presented to the congregation by the Officer Nominating Committee.

●**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.

●**The Rev. Dr. Rachel Matthews** 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.

●The ELL (English Language Learner) Program wants to invite the congregation to join them for a **Thanksgiving Potluck** to say "thank you" for your support of this wonderful program. Plan to come Wednesday, November 9, from 11 AM to 1 PM. Dinner to be held in Centennial Hall.

●Join us next Sunday, November 13, for our **Second Sunday brunch**. Volunteers are needed to help with brunch. If interested, please contact **Jan Wittler, Gary Peterson** or the church office. Donations appreciated to help cover costs.

●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.

●**DREAAM Winter Coat Drive...**children's coats will be distributed on November 19. Please donate a new coat or give a monetary gift to purchase a coat by November 18. Checks may be made out to First Presbyterian Church marked "winter coat drive."

●We will be sending **four delegates to Cuba** to celebrate Iglesia Luyano's 100th anniversary in November. We are collecting items to take with us to further their ministry. These include: candles (liturgical purposes); materials for knitting group (yarn, fabric, etc.); baby clothes and baby items (can be used); rechargeable lamps, over the counter medicines (aspirin, acetaminophen, anti-diarrhea and antacid and also vitamins), toothpaste and brushes, deodorant, soap, shampoo and feminine hygiene products. Bring items to the church office or Westminster Hall on Sunday labeled "FOR CUBA."

●Enduring the holidays can be tough if you have recently lost a family member. **Surviving the Holidays** will meet Wednesdays, November 16, December 21 and January 4 at 5 PM in the Parlor. Contact **Rachel Matthews, Sherry Marble** or **Sallie Hutton** with questions.

●November 18, 7-9 P.M., at the Virginia Theater **Salt & Light** will present *Praise to Raise*, a night of praise and worship led by local worship leaders and singers. Tickets are available now at thevirginia.org. All proceeds support the fundraising efforts of Salt & Light.

●Interfaith Alliance of Champaign County will host the annual **Grateful Gathering** on Sunday, November 20, 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.

●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 will go up the weekend before Thanksgiving 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.

●The Session has approved a proposal by the worship committee to undertake the purchase of **new chairs for the choir loft**. The chairs will match the maroon, cushioned chairs now in use in Westminster Hall. In the same way we were able to purchase the "new" hymnals, we are looking to you to sponsor a chair or five at \$60 each. This will almost completely cover the cost of the chairs, shipping and other administrative fees. Checks should be made out to First Presbyterian Church and dropped off or mailed to the church (302 W. Church St. Champaign, 61820) or put in the collection basket. Please write "chancel chairs" in the memo line.

This Week

Sunday, November 6

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Sunday School/Education Building
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 204
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy
- 1:00 PM APNC/Parlor & Zoom

Monday, November 7

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:00 AM ELL (English Language Learners)/Zoom
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 1:30 PM Bible Study/Parlor
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 4:00 PM HR Team/Zoom
- 5:00 PM DREAMette Dance Team/Gym
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 6:30 PM Epilepsy Support/Westminster Hall
- 7:00 PM ELL/Zoom

Tuesday, November 8

- 8:00 AM Men’s Breakfast Study/Zoom
- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 8:30 AM DREAAM Mental Health Aid/Westminster Hall
- 9:30 AM ELL In-Person/CE Building
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 3:00 PM DREAAM/Room 205
- 4:30 PM Mission Team/Family Library
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Cheer Team/Gym
- 7:00 PM Worship Team/Parlor & Zoom

Wednesday, November 9

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:30 AM ELL In-Person/CE Building
- 10:00 AM ELL/Zoom
- 11:00 AM ELL Thanksgiving Dinner/Centennial Hall
- 1:30 PM CYF Meeting/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 5:00 PM DREAMette Dance Team/Gym
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Robotics Club/CE Building
- 6:30 PM CPJ/Parlor
- 7:00 PM ELL/Zoom

Thursday, November 10

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:00 AM ELL/Zoom
- 9:00 AM Women’s Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 4:30 PM Finance Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 6:30 PM Nurture/Parlor & Zoom
- 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Friday, November 11 Church Office closes at noon

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 8:30 AM Men’s Prayer/Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Bldg
- 7:30 PM Friday Night Lights/Zoom

Saturday, November 12

- 2:00 PM Brunch Set Up/Centennial Hall

Nominations for Church Officers

From the Officer Nominating Committee

Mary Nicholas, Catherine Emanuel, Elizabeth Hutchens, Sallie Hutton, John Pickering, John Seiler and Vernon Snoeyink.

Elder

Ken Chapman
Diane Mortensen
John Muirhead (year to year)
Trenna Thomas

Congregational Care Deacons

Gary Bowen
Sue Fischer

Mary Jane Kelley
Linda Sandquist
Annilee Shaul

Community Mission Deacons

Holly Nordheden
Lola Ruthmansdorfer
Leslie Thomas