Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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

Offertory *Give Thanks With a Greatful Heart*

Response of Gratitude #609 *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (pg. 35*; in the language and wording most familiar to you.*)

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.

A Moment for Stewardship

Connecting with our Community

✞**Hymn for Commitment #721** *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* (verses in English; refrain in Spanish)

✞**Charge and Benediction**

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

✞**Postlude** *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

✞Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.

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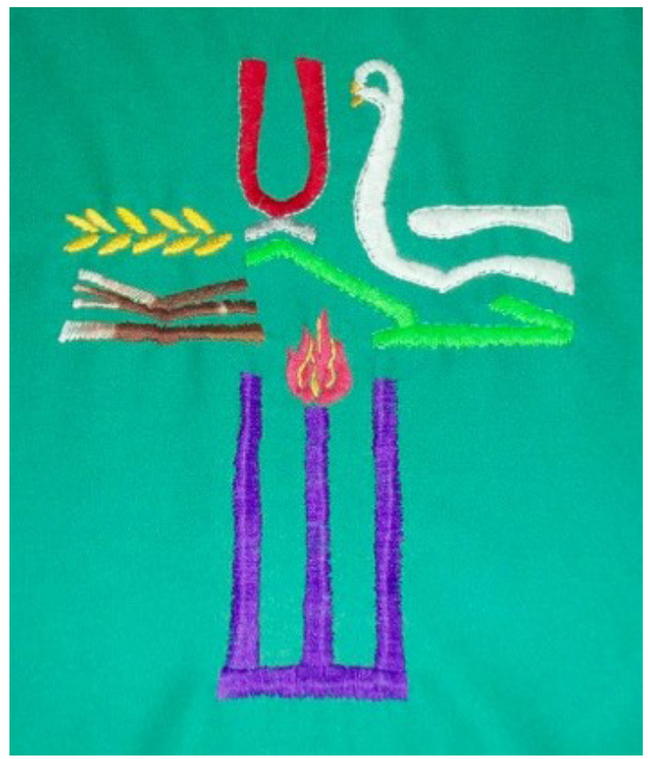
Clockwise from chalice:
1. (red) the cup
2. (white) dove and wing of the machete for those who fought for independence
3. (green) plow and silhouette of the island of Cuba
4. (purple) The trinity
5. (orange) the flame of the spirit (center of cross over the middle prong of the Trinity)
6. (gold over brown)The open bible – the Word
7. (light yellow) grains of wheat- bread



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church
Bienvenue à La Premiere Eglise Presbytérienne de Champaign
Bienvenidos a La Primera Iglésia Presbiteriana
샴페인 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 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 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
Chiming of the Hour on Tower Bell
Greetings & Welcome/Act of Friendship & 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.

✞**Call to Worship** (✞Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.)
You, O Lord, roar your voice
And from pasture green to mountain top we listen.
Seeking good and not evil
We humbly approach your throne desiring life in all its fullness.
Seeking justice and righteousness
Running down like ever-flowing waters may we worship you with all we are and in all we do.

✞**Opening Prayer**

✞**Hymn of Praise #768** *Somos el cuerpo de Cristo* (*We Are The Body of Christ*)

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

Prayer of Confession
Lord, you request us to seek good and not evil. It is a sentiment easy to concur with yet harder to make reality amidst the challenges of life.
It is our intention as your people to live good lives modelled on Jesus your Son, our Lord. His example of goodness is there for us to follow: his fight against the evil within manifested through temptation, doubt, hunger for power, judgement, prejudice, apathy, is evident in the story of his life and is a reminder to us to resist the lures of temptation.
Lord, you ask us to hate evil and love good.
There is so much in the world that is counter to your vision. You call on us to resist wrongdoing and to stand up against those who propagate evil within our societies and world. You call on us to promote all that is good; to work for fair and caring societies, to help build a just and peaceful world.
Yet, merciful God, it is sometimes not so easy for us to comply with your desire for us and our world. Sometimes we slip as individuals and become less good than we could be. Sometimes we are lax and noncommittal in playing our part in fighting evil and in creating the world you want for us and all people. In your mercy, forgive our weakness and lack of faithful living.
Grant, in your love for us, a fresh start. Show us the path to new life, we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. *Silence is kept.*

Confession Response #555 *O Lamb of God*

Assurance of Pardon
Response: **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 #709 *God, We Honor You*

Scripture in French *Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15*
Ceci est la Parole du Seignuer./**Gloire à Dieu** (pronounced "glow-ah ah dew")

Anthem *Like as the Hart Desireth the Waterbooks* Herbert Howells

Scripture in English *Amos 5:14-15, 21-24*
This is the Word of the Lord./**Thanks be to God!**

Message *Rolling, Rolling Water* Rev. Beth Wagner

✞**Hymn for Reflection #346** *For the Healing of the Nations*

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** (*A Brief Statement of Faith PCUSA 1983*)
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our

This Week

Sunday, November 9
- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:10 AM Second Sunday Brunch/Centennial Hall
- 3:00 PM Clarinet Recital/Sanctuary

Monday, November 10
- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building & Café
- 10:00 AM Coffee/Coffee RX (downtown Champaign)
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor & Zoom
- 1:00 PM DREAAM After School Academy/CE Building
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, November 11
- 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:00 AM Compassion, Peace & Justice/Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building & Café
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 1:00 PM DREAAM After School Academy/CE Building
- 4:30 PM Mission Team/Parlor & Zoom

Wednesday, November 12
- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building & Café
- 9:30 AM Nurture/Parlor & Zoom
- 1:00 PM DREAAM After School Academy/CE Building
- 4:30 PM DREAAM Family Meal/Centennial Hall
- 5:30 PM Outreach/Parlor & Zoom
- 6:00 PM Worship Team/Library & Zoom
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room
- 7:30 PM Wednesdays We Gather/Zoom

Thursday, November 13
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building & Café
- 11:00 AM International Game Night Wrap Up/Parlor
- 12:30 PM Windsor of Savoy Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 1:00 PM DREAAM After School Academy/CE Building
- 4:30 PM Finance/Parlor & Zoom

Friday, November 14 Church Office closes at 12 noon
- 8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
- 10:00 AM Korean Choir Rehearsal/Chapel
- 12:00 PM New American's Ministry/Chapel
- 1:00 PM DREAAM After School Academy/CE Building
- 2:00 PM June Cullum Memorial Service/Sanctuary & Westminster Hall
- 7:00 PM French Prayer/Zoom

Saturday, November 15
- 8:00 AM DREAAM Imagine STEM Saturday/CE Building
- 9:30 AM DREAAM Mentoring/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM Francophone Bethesda Fellowship/Chapel

Announcements

●**Large print bulletins** available for use on Sunday mornings. Ask an usher if you cannot find one.

●With our return to the sanctuary, we have acccess to our hearing assistant loop. This technology allows people with hearing aids equipped with **T-Coil technology** to hear the service through their hearing aids. If you know you have T-coil technology, plan to turn on the T-coil via your phone each Sunday morning.

●**Bob Kirby** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve as liturgist, contact **Carol Miles.**

●**We are glad you're here!** Questions about First Pres, see **either pastor** after the service or contact the church office (info@firstpres.church).

●Please wear your **nametag** to help our **staff** get acquainted.

●Anyone interested in **donating flowers for use on Sunday mornings during worship,** please contact **Nancy Dankle** @ 217-778-4088 or nkdankle@icloud.com.

●Join us this morning immediately following worship for **Second Sunday Brunch** in Centennial Hall. Brunch is free but donations welcome.

●The Spiritual Formation Committee has chosen *A Surprising God – Advent Devotions for an Uncertain Time* for this year's **Advent Study** beginning Sunday, November 16, immediately following worship. Books will be on sale soon in Westminster Hall.

●We are collecting royalties each time we hear a **Spiritual** in our service. Royalties were never paid for this music. Money we collect will go to the DREAAM Choir. A donation box is on the Welcome Center.

●Join us for **Coffee and Conversation** at 10 AM Mondays in November at Coffee RX in downtown Champaign.

●**Today at 3 PM Gary Winder and clarinet students** from the U of I will present a clarinet recital in the Sanctuary. All are welcome! Plan to join us for an afternoon of music!

●**Warm Winter Compassion Collection.** We are partnering with the Immigration Services of C-U to provide blankets, winter wear and pantry goods for our immigrant neighbors. Check out the November newsletter for a full list of items requested or contact the church office. Bring your gifts to the church office or the missin table in Westminster Hall before November 17. Monetary donations are also accepted. Make checks payable to ISCU, 201 Kenyon Road, Champaign, IL 61820.

●All are invited to join us for **Thanksgiving Dinner** with our English Language Learners on Wednesday, November 19, at 11 AM in Centennial Hall. Food provided by members of ELL and the Nurture Committee.

●Pick up a **Fall/Winter Small Group Opportunity** flyer from the kiosk this morning.

●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 **service video** is available on-line this week; audio sermon available the following Sunday at 10:30 AM on WDWS 1400AM.