

**Glad Tidings**

**Reading** *T*

**Scripture** *Luke 2:10-11*

**Anthem** *O Holy Night*

John Rutter

**Peace**

**Scripture** *Isaiah 54:10*

**Reading** *The Peace of Wild Things*

Wendell Berry

**Anthem** *Silent Night*

Brandon Waddles

✦ **Carol #134** *Joy to the World* (vs. 1,2,4)

✦ **Postlude** Carillon on *Come, All Ye Shepherds*

Peter Pindar Stearns

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

**Participants this morning include:**

Trumpets:  
**Kevin Kierspe, Joshua Dolney**

Horn:  
**Rebecca Salo**

Trombone:  
**Jackson Parker**

Tuba:  
**Logan Clark**

Collaborative Keyboards:  
**John Muir, Yuxi Chen**

And our amazing **Chancel Choir** under the direction of **Samuel Stephenson**.

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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH** OF CHAMPAIGN

**December 7, 2025      Second Sunday in Advent**



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 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!**

**Pre-Service Music**

Die Bänkelsängerlieder – Brass Quintet Anon  
Jingle Bells – Bell Choir  
Cradle Hymn based on Away in a Manger – Organ Gordon Young

**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.

**Rejoice**

**Candle Lighting**

In a world full of fear, where do you see glimmers of peace?  
**We see glimmers of peace in the quiet of early morning, when people shake hands,  
when loved ones say they’re sorry, and when the church sings together.**  
You are right. Even in a fearful world, peace is all around us. Today we light the candle of peace as  
a reminder of this good news. May this flicker of light help us remember that even in a fearful  
world, peace is present. We only have to look for it.  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**#85** *Light One Candle to Watch For Messiah* (vs. 2)

✠**Call to Worship** (✠Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.)  
Rejoice greatly, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is  
coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey – even on a  
donkey’s colt.  
**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**  
You are our God, and we will praise You!  
**You are our God, and we will exalt You!**  
O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.  
**His faithful love endures forever!**

**Scripture** *Psalms 118:19-29*

**Carol #119** *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* arr. Willcocks

*In Dulci Jubilo* – Bell Choir

**Gathering**

**Scripture** *Micah 6:8*

**Aria** *I’ll Walk with God* – Claudia Espinoza Portocarrero Nicholas Bordszky

**Reading** *Joy of Gathering, Love’s Festivity* Luke Shires

**Scripture** *Luke 2:8-16*

**Carol #133** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* arr. Willcocks

**Humility**

**Reading** *The Joy of Little Things*

**Scripture** *Zephaniah 2:3*

**Carol** *Festival First* Nowell Dan Forrest

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

**Offertory** *Once in Royal David’s City* Dale Wood

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

**Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving**

**Communion**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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

**Communion of the People**

**Prayer after Communion**

# This Week

## Sunday, December 7

9:00	AM	Worship/Sanctuary
10:10	AM	Sunday School/CE Building Classrooms
10:10	AM	Easy English Fellowship/Rooms 204 & 207
10:10	AM	Advent Study/Parlor

## Monday, December 8

9:15	AM	ELL Classes/CE Building & Café
1:00	PM	GROW/Chapel
1:00	PM	Transition Team/Library
1:00	PM	Knifty Knitters/Parlor & Zoom
1:00	PM	DREAAM After School Academy/CE Building
5:30	PM	AA/Centennial Hall

## Tuesday, December 9

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	Tea with Beth/Hopskotch Bakery
1:00	PM	DREAAM After School Academy/CE Building
4:30	PM	Mission Team/Parlor & Zoom

## Wednesday, December 10

9:15	AM	ELL Classes/CE Building & Café
9:30	AM	Nurture/Parlor & Zoom
1:00	PM	DREAAM After School Academy/CE Building
5:30	PM	Outreach/Parlor & Zoom
6:00	PM	Worship/Library & Zoom
7:00	PM	Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room
7:30	PM	Wednesdays We Gather/Zoom

## Thursday, December 11

9:15	AM	ELL Classes/CE Building & Café
12:30	PM	Windsor of Savoy Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
1:00	PM	DREAAM After School Academy/CE Building
4:30	PM	Finance Team/Parlor & Zoom

## Friday, December 12 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
7:00	PM	French Prayer/Zoom

## Saturday, December 13

9:00	AM	DREAAM Saturday Academy/CE Buiding
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 access 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.
- Miriam Chenault** 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](mailto:info@firstpres.church)).
- Please wear your **nametag** to help our **staff** get acquainted.
- Poinsettias will enhance our worship service beginning mid-December.** If you would like to donate a plant at \$10 each, please mark your check/cash contribution with whom you are giving in memory or honor of.
- The Spiritual Formation Committee has chosen *A Surprising God – Advent Devotions for an Uncertain Time* for this year’s **Advent Study** this morning immediately following worship. Books can be purchased at class.
- 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 Tuesdays in December for **Tea with Beth** 1-3 PM at Hopscotch Bakery on John Street in Champaign.
- It's Week 2 of the Angel Tree!** After worship, visit the tree in Westminster Hall and choose an ornament with gift requests for children at Courage Connection, CU's domestic abuse shelter. Please return purchased gifts by next week, December 14. Please help our church bring a bit of magic of Christmas morning to the children and mothers at Courage Connection.
- There will be a **Congregational Meeting for the Election of Church Officers** on Sunday, December 14, at the 9 AM worship service.
- Annual Christmas Caroling Tuesday, December 16, at 5 PM.** Meet at the church; we will then carpool to Windsor of Savoy and Carriage Crossing to *deck the halls* with joyful singing. We will return to the church for hot chocolate and cookies.
- 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 **December newsletter** is available in the kiosks or at [firstpres.church/newsletter](http://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](http://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.
- Scam Alert** ... Please know that your pastors will **never** send a text, email or voicemail asking you to help them by purchasing gift cards. **This** is a scam, you should immediately delate the message. **If** you are unsure please reach out to the pastors directly to confirm the request is real.