

Anthem *Hush! Somebody's Callin' My Name* (Traditional Spiritual)

arr. Brazeal Dennard

## Prayers of Thanksgiving & Concern

*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.**

### **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 #370** *This Is My Father's World*

◆ **Charge and Benediction** from scripture, as noted, and *The Book of Order*

We, who are many, are one body in Christ! (*Romans 12:5*)

**The Church is the hands and feet of Jesus! Alleluia! Thanks be to God.**

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. (*1 Corinthians 12:12*)

**The Church is the eyes and ears of Jesus! Alleluia! Thanks be to God.**

Holy God, thank you for calling us to be your Church. We rejoice that . . .

**Christ gives the Church its life.**

**Christ is our hope.**

**Christ is our foundation.**

In Christ, the Church participates in God's mission for the transformation of creation and humanity...

**The church proclaims the good news of God's love;**

**The church offers all people the grace of God at font and table;**

**The church calls all people to discipleship in Christ.**

Help us, LORD, to be your faithful Church. And let the whole Church say,  
**AMEN!**

◆ **Congregational Sung Benediction #558** *Amen*

◆ **Postlude**

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

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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

February 11, 2024

Transfiguration of the Lord



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 (Psalm 121:1-2)**

I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?

**My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Let us worship the Lord with gladness!

**Praise the Lord.**

### **♦Hymn of Praise #156 *Sing of God Made Manifest***

### **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, by your grace in Christ, though many we are one body. Remind us that First Presbyterian Church is only one part of a vast fellowship. Forgive us when we think too highly of ourselves. Forgive us when we don't think highly enough of your church in the world. Forgive us for taking your church for granted. Have mercy upon us, and awaken us to your grace as we strive to be your church. Amen and 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 – Sora Shepard**

### **Response of Gratitude #623 *I've Got Peace Like a River***

**I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river;**

**I've got peace like a river, in my soul. I've got peace like a river, in my soul.**

### **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 #314 *Longing for Light* (refrain)**

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.**

**Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

### **Scripture *Mark 9:2-9***

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 *Transfiguration***

Matt Matthews

### **Affirmation of Faith (from *Philippians 2*)**

**Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,**

**who, though he existed in the form of God,**

**did not regard equality with God**

**as something to be grasped,**

**but emptied himself,**

**taking the form of a slave,**

**assuming human likeness.**

**And being found in appearance as a human,**

**he humbled himself**

**and became obedient to the point of death—**

**even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God exalted him even more highly**

**and gave him the name**

**that is above every other name,**

**so that at the name given to Jesus**

**every knee should bend,**

**in heaven and on earth and under the earth,**

**and every tongue should confess**

**that Jesus Christ is Lord,**

**to the glory of God the Father.**

# This Week

## Sunday, February 11

- 9:00 AM Worship/Westminster Hall
- 10:00 AM Annual Meeting/Westminster Hall
- 10:10 AM Second Sunday Brunch/Centennial Hall
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy

## Monday, February 12

- 9:00 AM Compassion, Peace, Justice/Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building
- 1:00 PM Grow/Family Library
- 3:30 PM DREAAM Mentoring/Room 206, 212, Gym
- 4:00 PM Worship Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

## Tuesday, February 13

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:30 PM DREAAM Board Mtg/Chapel & Zoom
- 4:30 PM Mission Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Parent Titans/Cafe
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Tiny Titans/Gym
- 7:30 PM Together on Tuesdays/Zoom

## Wednesday, February 14

- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building
- 3:30 PM Youth Bible Club/Centennial Hall & Kitchen
- 4:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service/Westminster Hall

## Thursday, February 15

- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Life Coach Supervision/Cafe
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir/Choir Room
- 7:00 PM Session/Parlor & Zoom

## Friday, February 16 Church Office close at noon

- 8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom

## Saturday, February 17

- 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 worshiping in Westminster Hall while our elevator is being replaced.
- Please wear your **nametag** to help our **Associate Pastor Joe Lundy** get acquainted.
- Linda Peterson** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve, contact **Carol Miles**.
- Gale Brandner** will preach this morning's service at the Windsor of Savoy. **Judi Geistlinger** is preaching in Hoopeston this morning.
- The **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will be held TODAY immediately following worship in Westminster Hall. After the Annual Meeting, plan to join us in Centennial Hall for our **Second Sunday Brunch**. Enjoy good food and fellowship all at no cost.
- You can sign up to donate flowers for Sunday worship on the **flower calendar** on the bulletin board just outside Westminster Hall. Donate flowers in honor, memory or for a celebration of family or friends.
- You can pick up your copy of the **Small Group Spring 2024** brochure this morning. Join a small group this Spring!
- Copies of the **2023 Annual Report** are available in print or online at <https://firstpres.church/newsletters-reports>.
- Join us for **Ash Wednesday Worship Service** on February 14 at 4 PM in Westminster Hall.
- 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 **February newsletter** is available in the kiosks or at [firstpres.church/newsletter](https://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**, watch our 9 AM service live each Sunday at [firstpres.church/live](https://firstpres.church/live). The Sunday **sermon** is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.
- Beginning Sunday, February 18, throughout Lent **Adult Education** will be studying *Pause - Spending Lent with the Psalms* by Elizabeth Caldwell. This book guides us on a different sort of Lenten pilgrimage, lingering with the ancient words of the Psalms and uncovering layers of personal meaning from the diving poetry. Books are available at a cost of \$10 each.
- Plans are well underway for Bible Club on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5 PM. DREAAM middle school youth and staff on our campus will join us. Can you help out on our kitchen team or serve as a table partner? Table partners greet guests and facilitate conversation while eating with DREAAM tweens and staff. Contact **Gary Peterson** ([amer-swede@yahoo.com](mailto:amer-swede@yahoo.com) or 217-398-8504) or **Bob Kirby** ([rwk3213@gmail.com](mailto:rwk3213@gmail.com) or 217-621-5915) for more information or to sign up.
- We're having a **Chili Cook-off!** Consider entering a crock pot of your fav chili or dessert on Sunday, February 25, at 3 PM. Be creative! Entry forms are available in Westminster Hall or via the link in Matt's Friday Email.