

trust and obey in life and in death. We reject the false doctrine, as though the church could and would have to acknowledge as a source of its proclamation, apart from and besides this one Word of God, still other events and powers, figures and truths, as God's revelation.

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

Offertory

Response of Gratitude *Let Us Be Makers* (vs. 2)

Let us be makers, makers of change, compassion and courage for each new exchange.
As we discern, God, our offerings now, gift us and bless us, show us just how.

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.*

Connecting with our Community

‡Hymn for Commitment #729 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

‡Changemaker Blessing

‡Charge and Benediction

‡Congregational Sung Benediction

Praise to the Maker, the One who gives breath. Praise to Christ Jesus, who reigns over death.

‡Postlude *Lead On, O King Eternal*

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

Service Material References

- Call to Worship, Confession, Prayer of Illumination, and Changemaker Blessing adapted with permission from Rev. Lindsey Bell-Kerr, coach and instructor of *The Changemaker Initiative*.
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

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Transfiguration of the Lord



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church
Bienvenue à La Première Eglise Presbytérienne de Champaign
Bienvenidos a La Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana

삼패인 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 *Just As I Am*

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 pews.

✠**Call to Worship** (✠Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.)

The world needs to change. And we are the changemakers! This work of changemaking is going to take a while.

We are called to be changemakers for our whole lives!

And this work is going to take all of us. If we want to keep change going, we need to be inviting others, joining with others, witnessing to others, and empowering others to do this work with us. For many of us, this is the hardest part of making change,

but we are ready to be bold.

We come to worship this morning, eager to be part of this movement and to bring others along in our work. We come to worship this morning, trusting that God will empower us. We are the changemakers, and we are ready!

Thanks be to God!

Opening Prayer

✠**Hymn of Praise #69** *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

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

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, you have shown us how to empower other people through the life of Jesus Christ, and yet, we insist on doing this changemaking work alone. We say that's because no one else came to do the work, but did we bother to invite them? No, we didn't.

Maybe we were too afraid to ask. Maybe we were afraid they would say, 'No.' We don't like the feeling of rejection. Or maybe we wanted things done our way, and we didn't want someone else to mess it up. We do like the feeling of control. But in all of this, we forget that the work of changemaking is not about us. It is God's work. It is important work that must continue beyond us, and after us.

Forgive us.

Forgive us for making your work small. Forgive us for our weakness and timidity. Send us your spirit again, and free us from our fear and complacency. Embolden us.

Make us unafraid of change, and undeterred in our work of changemaking. Amen..

Silence is kept.

Kyrie #579 *Lord, Have Mercy*

Assurance of Pardon

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 #463 *How Firm a Foundation* (vs. 1)

Scripture in French *Mark 10:46-52*

Ceci est la Parole du Seigneur./Gloire à Dieu (pronounced "glow-ah ah dew")

Anthem *Sing to the Lord a Marvelous Song*

Eugene Butler

Scripture in English *Mark 6:30-44*

This is the Word of the Lord./**Thanks be to God!**

Message *You Do It!*

Rev. Beth Wagner

✠**Hymn for Reflection #757** *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

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.

Affirmation of Faith *(The Theological Declaration of Barman)*

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no one comes to the Father, but by me."

(John 14:6). "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door

but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ... I am the door; if

anyone enters by me, he will be saved." *(John 10:1, 9). Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us*

in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to

This Week

Sunday, February 15

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Annual Meeting/Sanctuary & Zoom
- 10:15 AM Valentine Brunch/Centennial Hall

Monday, February 16

- 10:00 AM Eastern Illinois Foodbank Truck/Church Parking Lot
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 1:30 PM Women's Bible Study/Library
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, February 17

- 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
- 3:30 PM Community Mission Deacons/Parlor & Zoom

Wednesday, February 18

- 9:00 AM Cuba Partners/Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building & Café
- 10:00 AM Coffee with Beth/Good Judy's Bagels
- 11:00 AM Francophone Ministry/Library
- 1:00 PM DREAAM After School Academy/CE Building
- 4:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service/Sanctuary
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Family Dinner/Centennial Hall
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room
- 7:30 PM Wednesdays We Gather/Zoom

Thursday, February 19

- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building & Café
- 11:00 AM Christ Community Church Korean Choir/Chapel
- 12:30 PM Windsor of Savoy Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 1:00 PM DREAAM After School Academy/CE Building
- 7:00 PM Session/Westminster Hall & Zoom

Friday, February 20 Church Office closes 12 noon

- 8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
- 12:00 PM New Americans/Chapel
- 1:00 PM DREAAM After School Academy/CE Building
- 7:00 PM French Prayer/Zoom

Saturday, February 21

- 9:30 AM DREAAM Illini Mentoring/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM Francophone Bethesda Fellowship/Chapel

Announcements

- The flowers this morning are from **Ritchie Drennen** in loving memory of his wife, Mamie, whose birthday was in January. They were in the Sanctuary this past Sunday but we were able to use them again this week.
- Hazel Leakey** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve as liturgist on a Sunday morning, contact **Carol Miles**.
- Large print bulletins** available for use on Sunday mornings. Ask an usher if you cannot find one.
- We have access to our hearing assistant loop during worship. 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.
- 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 **name tag** 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.
- 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 **Pastor Beth** for **coffee in February on Wednesdays from 10 AM - 12 NOON** at Good Judy's, 2740 S. Philo Road in Urbana.
- Gather at the church at 11:30 AM Friday, February 20, as we go together to catch the bus to and from the free Thai lunch and the **YMCA Friday Forum** and Conversation Cafe. Check the February newsletter for topic and speaker.
- The **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will be held TODAY immediately following worship. **Copies of the Annual Report** can be found in the kiosks or on the church website
- Please join us for a special **Valentine brunch immediately following the Annual Meeting** Nurture invites you to a special buffet with table games. Be ready for some good food and fun.
- Ash Wednesday Service** Wednesday, February 18, 4 PM in the Sanctuary. Worship with the imposition of ashes. Afterwards the Sanctuary will remain open until 7 PM as a quiet place to reflect, read scripture and pray. Ashes will be available for those desiring them.
- 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.
- 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.
- Scam/Email Spoof Alert ...** Please know that your pastors will **never** send a text, email or voicemail asking you to help them by purchasing gift cards. The latest spoof is an email with an attachment. Most note FEB with a "proposal." This is a scam, you should immediately delete the message and not open the attachment. If in doubt, please contact the church office.