

Leader: As we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Hymn #566 *Christ Has Died*

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Leader...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Hymn #568 *Amen*

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

Communion of the People (*We will hold the elements and partake together.*)

The Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, as we have proclaimed your death by eating this bread and drinking this cup, help us to wait for you, to wish for you, and to watch for you, so that when you come again you will find us ready. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and 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.*

Connecting with our Community

◆Hymn for Commitment #772 *Live Into Hope*

◆Charge and Benediction

◆Congregational Sung Benediction #741 *Guide My Feet* (vs. 1; Spiritual)

Guide my feet while I run this race; guide my feet while I run this race;
Guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

◆Postlude

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

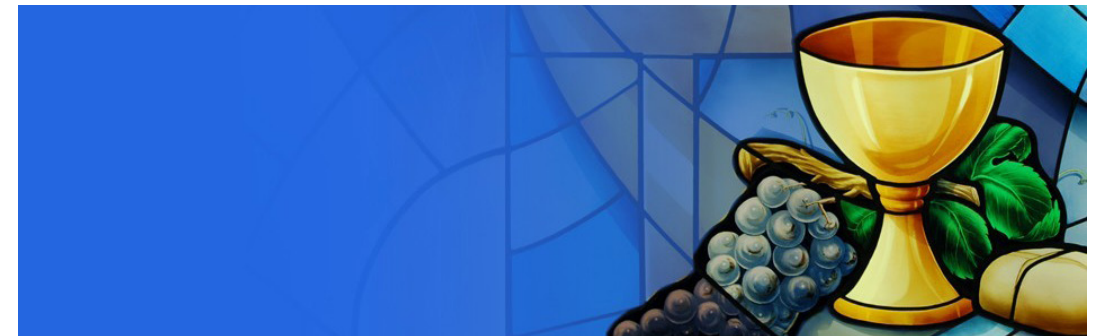
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

February 2, 2025

4th Sunday after Epiphany



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." How wonderful it is to be so loved! Our natural response is worship.

Prelude

Act of Friendship & Sharing of 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.

Greetings & Welcome

Threshold Moment

◆Call to Worship

In this world of striving,

we feel the yearn to earn.

The world measures our worth in those earnings.

But Jesus had different ideas.

When they demanded special treatment,

he offered healing and wholeness for all – not just for some.

When we feel our own resources are lacking,

we can view our lives and practices again from the economy of Jesus.

◆Hymn for Reflection #509 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

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

If we say we are completely put together, the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our distractions, our errors, and our anxieties, God will meet us and renew us.

Prayer of Confession

Before God and God's people, I confess that I have been reluctant to speak out clearly, naming the injustice I see and declaring God's vision. Before God and one another, we confess our reluctance to receive our calling as God's people, made by God and chosen as witnesses to God's dream of justice and joy. Remind me, God, that you have made me for your service and recharge me with your Word. Renew us, God. Grant us the courage to live out your Way of peace and grace. *Silence is kept.*

Confession Response #575 *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*

Assurance of Pardon

God has promised that whenever we repent and seek a new union with God, forgiveness is ours. That promise comes true now. Sisters and brothers, know that in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

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 #386 *Come, Worship God* (vs. 4)

Now let us listen, for you speak among us; open our hearts to receive what you say.
**Peace be to all who remember your goodness, trust in your word,
and rejoice in your way!**

Scripture *Luke 4:21-30*

Ceci est la Parole du Seigneur./**Gloire à Dieu** (pronounced "glow-ah ah dew")
This is the Word of the Lord./**Thanks be to God!**

Message

Beth Wagner

◆Hymn for Reflection #792 *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

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, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will 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.

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

Offertory *God's Gonna Set This World on Fire* (Spiritual)

◆Response of Gratitude

**Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.**

◆Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving

Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Sovereign One be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: ...and so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their unending hymn:

Hymn #565 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

This Week

Sunday, February 2

- 9:00 AM Worship/Westminster Hall
- 10:10 AM Easy English Fellowship/Rooms 204, 206, 207
- 10:10 AM Children's Sunday School/CE Building
- 10:10 AM Adult Discussion/Centennial Hall

Monday, February 3

- 9:15 AM ELL In-Person Classes/CE Building & Café
- 10:00 AM Beth's Coffee Shop Hours/Good Judy's Espresso & Bagel Bar
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 1:30 PM Women's Bible Study/Library
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 4:00 PM HR/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, February 4

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:00 AM Small Group Leaders/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL In-Person Classes/CE Building & Café
- 10:30 AM Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 5:00 PM DREAAM Learning Lab/Centennial Hall
- 5:00 PM DREAAM Mentoring/Café
- 6:00 PM DREAAM Praise Dance/Chapel
- 7:00 PM Worship Team/Parlor & Zoom

Wednesday, February 5

- 9:15 AM ELL In-Person Classes/CE Building & Café
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 5:00 PM DREAAM Parenting Class/Centennial Hall & CE Building
- 5:15 PM Children's Ministry Team/Zoom
- 7:30 PM Together on Tuesdays/Zoom

Thursday, February 6

- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:30 AM ELL Conversation/Café
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 2:30 PM Congregational Care Deacons/Parlor & Zoom
- 4:00 PM Spiritual Formation/Zoom
- 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Friday, February 7 Church Office Closed

- 8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building

Saturday, February 8

- 6:00 PM French Worship Service/Chapel

Announcements

- We are glad you're here!** Questions about First Pres, see **either pastor** after the service or contact the church office (info@firstpres.church). We are presently worshipping in Westminster Hall while the elevator to our historic Sanctuary is being replaced.
- Please wear your **nametag** to help our **staff** get acquainted.
- Bruce Rainey** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve, contact **Carol Miles**.
- We have sung or listened to **American Negro Spirituals** throughout our lives. Normally, a composer would collect royalties for their music, but that never happened with these songs. We have started a new project. Each time we sing one of these songs, it will be listed as **Spiritual**. We will set out a collection box at the Welcome Center. All monies collected will go to support the **DREAAM choir**.
- Grab a cup of coffee and join us this morning immediately following worship in **Centennial Hall** for **Sunday Discussions**. This morning **Peter Yau** talks about addiction.
- Join **Paster Beth** for coffee again this week on Monday from 10-12 at **Good Judy's**, 2740 S. Philo Road, Suite D, Urbana. It has plenty of parking and bagels! Beginning Thursday February 13, she returns to Bakelab at Lodgic (1807 South Neil Street) on Thursdays from 10-12.
- The Church Office will be closed Friday, February 7.**
- The Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will be held Sunday, February 16, immediately following worship.
- In February, you are invited to **“Lunch and Learn”** on Mondays from 12-1:30 PM in Centennial Hall. Bring a lunch from and come with a mind to learn! **February 10** – SPAM: what is it, and how do we spot it? **February 17** – Navigating Facebook, search the internet. How do we stay safe? **February 24** – AI. What is it? And how do we live with it now that it is here?
- Join the Nurture Committee for the **2nd Annual Chili Cook Off** on Sunday, February 23, at 4 PM in Centennial Hall. Details will be coming soon so pull out your favorite receipt and join us for food and fun.
- Ash Wednesday, March 5, marks the beginning of Lent.** Join us at 5 PM for a meaningful and peaceful start to a season of growth and transformation.
- During **inclement weather** the church office follows the closure of Parkland College. If Parkland College cancels classes or closes their offices, the church office will be closed.
- Help **DREAAM by donating Capri-Suns** (any flavor, any amount) for its Saturday Schools in Champaign and Rantoul. This program is once a month and teaches Black cultural enrichment and friendship skills. Drop off your donation in the DREAAM donation box in Westminster Hall or ship to the DREAAM office, 2009 Fox Drive, Suite C, Champaign, IL 61820.
- 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 **sermon** is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.