

Sermon *Good News from Jesus' Sermon on the Plain*

Matt Matthews

Anthem *Steal Away* (traditional spiritual)

arr. Moses Hogan

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.

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 #379** *We Shall Overcome*

❖ **Charge and Benediction**

❖ **Congregational Sung Benediction #611** *Joyful, Joyful* (vs. 1)

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

❖ **Postlude**

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

The text and music for today's closing hymn is an African American spiritual adapted by Zilphia Horton, Frank Hamilton, Guy Carawan, and Pete Seeger.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

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Seventh Sunday after Epiphany



**Anyone who is in Christ
is a new creation.**

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 sanctuary, 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 stop by our Welcome Center downstairs in Westminster Hall after the service.
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 pen.

Greeting & Announcements

❖ Call to Worship

O sing to the LORD;

O sing God a new song!

This is the day the LORD has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

❖ Hymn #14 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Call to Confession

In confidence of God's enduring love and forgiveness

let us confess our sins to God.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, forgive us for thinking we know it all, for thinking too narrowly, for loving with small hearts. Expand our world through your grace. Use our touch to bring your salvation. Bless us, LORD, to be a blessing, in Christ's name we pray, AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the gospel and be at peace.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

By the grace of God in Jesus Christ we are God's forgiven people.

Thanks be to God.

Passing of the Peace (*Waves not touches!*)

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

Offertory

Sung Response #647 *Give Thanks*

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ the Son.

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And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"

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Prayer of Dedication

We Gather Around God's Holy Name

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 #474 *As a Child Rests*

As a child rests in its mother's arms, so will I rest in you.

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Gospel *Luke 6:27-38* (NT pg. 64)

²⁷ "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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")

This Week

Sunday, February 20

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM Sunday School/Gather in Westminster Hall
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy
- 11:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Zoom
- 2:00 PM John McCutcheon in Concert/Sanctuary

Monday, February 21

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Zoom
- 1:00 PM Women's Bible Study/Parlor
- 4:30 PM Environmental Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, February 22

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Zoom
- 9:00 AM PW Coordinating Team/Chapel & Zoom
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Zoom
- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 4:30 PM Community Mission Deacons/Parlor & Zoom

Wednesday, February 23

- 9:00 AM Cuba Steering Committee/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Zoom
- 12:00 PM Bach Concert/Sanctuary
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 3:00 PM ESL Classes/Zoom
- 4:30 PM CYF Meeting/Zoom
- 7:00 PM Adult Choir/Choir Room
- 7:30 PM ESL Classes/Zoom

Thursday, February 24

- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Zoom
- 10:30 AM Circle of Joy/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 1:00 PM Circle of Hope/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 7:00 PM Circle of Peace/Parlor & Zoom

Friday, February 25 Church Office closes at noon

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
- 7:30 PM Friday Nite Lights Study/Zoom

Saturday, February 26

- 6:00 PM French Prayer/Zoom

Announcements

- **We are glad you're here!** Questions about First Pres, contact **Pastor Matt** or call the church office.
- **Sandy Carr** is our liturgist this morning. We would love to have you serve as a liturgist! If interested, please contact **Carol Miles**.
- Everyone **must wear a mask** indoors for safety. Thank you!
- **Sunday School resumes in person TODAY!** Children will gather in Westminster Hall to meet with their teachers and walk over to the CE building. Lessons begin at 10:15 AM. Pick up is at 11:05 AM in the alley by the CE door. Masks must be worn over the nose and mouth at all times while indoors.
- There is no **Adult Sunday School** today. We encourage you all to return this afternoon at 2 PM for the McCutcheon concert.
- **If unable to attend church**, catch our 9 AM service live each Sunday morning at firstpres.live. The Sunday **sermon** is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.
- **The Rev. Dr. Rachel Matthews** will preach at this morning's 10:15 AM service at the Windsor of Savoy.
- **Bach Concerts** presented by the U of I Choral Department will be held Wednesdays at 12 noon in the Sanctuary. Join us February 23; March 9 and 30; and April 6 and 20. Concerts are free and open to the public. Masks required.
- **Two new small groups are starting.** One is for lunch, the other for dinner. Join us on Wednesday, March 2, at 11:30 AM in Centennial Hall. Catered by Michael's Catering at a cost of \$12. Or come to dinner on Wednesday, March 9, at 5 PM at Biaggi's. RSVP to the church office. Each participant covers their own cost.
- Help stock our **Free Little Pantry**. Supplies are very low and much appreciated during these cold winter months. Suggested items are small cereal boxes, self opening cans, protein bars, granola bars, small Kleenex packs, nuts and dried fruits. Items can be dropped off in the church office or Westminster Hall.
- If you or a loved one is **in the hospital or in need of a pastoral visit**, contact the church office.
- The **February newsletter** is available in the kiosks or at firstpres.church/newsletter.
- **The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held Sunday, March 6, immediately following the 9 AM service.**

John McCutcheon in concert

Sunday February 20th 2 PM matinee

Admission free; donations appreciated

All must wear a mask and provide proof of vaccination or negative COVID test