

For the wonders that astound us, For the truths that still confound us.
Most of all that love has found us, Thanks be to God...

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.

The Meal is Set (*Let us hold the elements and partake together*)

The Meal is Shared

We close in Prayer

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 #494 *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

◆Charge and Benediction

◆Congregational Sung Benediction #558 *Amen*

◆Postlude

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



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

February 4, 2024

5th Sunday after Epiphany



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** (based on *Isaiah 40:21-31*)

Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told to you from the beginning?

It is God who sits above the earth, who stretches the heavens out like a tent to live in.

It is God who brings princes to naught, who makes the rulers of earth as nothing

To whom can we compare God, who is God's equal?

God gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless

Those who wait for the Lord will renew their strength, they will mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

♦**Hymn of Praise #645** *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (from *When We Gather* by James G. Kirk)

O God, you heal the brokenhearted; save us from sin when we inflict pain on our neighbors. We bear grudges against those who deceive us. We seek revenge on those who hurt us. Some we judge inferior, since they don't meet our standards.

Others we deem unworthy of our respect and support. Jesus had compassion upon all who were afflicted. Forgive us, O God, when our hearts are hardened against neighbors in need. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Our righteousness is found in Christ alone,

A gift of God by faith.

Beloved people of God, believe the good news:

Through the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

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

Offertory – We Are Waiting

John Helgen; arr. Priscilla L. Landis

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 *Psalms 147:1-11, 20c*

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

Joe Lundy

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.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

We are Invited

We give Thanks (sung to "Day Is Done" Ar Hyd Y Nos)

For the fruit of all creation, Thanks be to God.

For the gifts to every nation, Thanks be to God.

This Week

Sunday, February 4

- 9:00 AM Worship/Westminster Hall
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 204 & 207
- 10:10 AM Sunday School/CE Building
- 10:10 AM Adult Education/Parlor
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy

Monday, February 5

- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building
- 1:00 PM Grow/Family Library
- 1:30 PM Women's Bible Study/Library
- 3:30 PM DREAAM Mentoring/Room 206, 212, Gym
- 4:00 PM HR/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, February 6

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:00 AM Small Group Leaders/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/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 7

- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building
- 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch/Parlor
- 3:30 PM Youth Bible Club/Centennial Hall & Kitchen
- 5:00 PM DREAAM STEM/Centennial Hall & Kitchen

Thursday, February 8

- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 4:30 PM Finance/Parlor & Zoom
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir/Bell Room
- 6:30 PM Nurture/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir/Choir Room

Friday, February 9 Church Office close at noon

- 8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom

Saturday, February 10

- 11:00 AM Jim Andrews' Memorial Service/Westminster Hall
- 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 worshipping in Westminster Hall while our elevator is being replaced.
- Please wear your **nametag** to help our new **Associate Pastor Joe Lundy** get acquainted.
- **Jane Seiler** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve, contact **Carol Miles**.
- **Joe Lundy** will preach this morning's service at the Windsor of Savoy. **Judi Geistlinger** is preaching in Gibson City this morning.
- Grab a cup of coffee and join us this morning at 10:10 AM in the Parlor for **Adult Education**. **Lindsey Karr of Lifeline Pilots** is our guest speaker this morning.
- You can sign up to donate flowers for the coming year on the **flower calendar** on the bulletin board just outside Westminster Hall. Donate flowers in honor, memory or for a celebration on a Sunday morning.
- 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 **January newsletter** is available in the kiosks or at 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. The Sunday **sermon** is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.
- Some of us recently learned of **Cathy Emanuel's** work with a community coalition advocating for more nursing home beds in Champaign County. The group is now called "**Advocates for Aging**". If you are 60 or greater would you please complete the survey. It is not difficult. Regardless of your age, would you share this link with folks over 60 who might.
<https://www.christieclinic.com/News/6020/Advocates-for-Aging-Care-and-ChampaignUrbana-Public-Health-District-to-Launch-Survey-January-15/news-detail/>
- In the next month the newly formed **CYF and Outreach committees** will be meeting, so if you have any input or questions for those groups let **Joe Lundy** know!
- Plans are coming together for Bible Club on Wednesdays from 3 to 5 PM. DREAAM middle school youth and staff on our campus will join us. Will you join a list of people interested in serving? 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 or 217-398-8504) or **Bob Kirby** (rwk3213@gmail.com or 217-621-5915) for more information or to sign up.
- The **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will be held Sunday, February 11, 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.
- 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! Enter through the on-line link in Matt's Friday Email.