

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Prayers continue...

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 #700** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

❖ **Charge and Benediction**

❖ **Congregational Sung Benediction #543** *God Be the Love* (vs. 1)

God, be the love to search and keep me;

God, be the prayer to move my voice;

God, be the strength to now uphold me.

❖ **Postlude**

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

Communion prayers by Michelle Henrichs in *Come to the Table*

Liturgy by Rose Schrott Taylor in *Presbyterian Outlook* for 2/5/23

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

February 5, 2023

5th Sunday after Epiphany



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Bienvenue à La Première Eglise Presbytérienne de Champaign

Bienvenidos a La Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana

샴페인 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 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 pew.

Greeting & Announcements

❖Call to Worship *(Psalm 27:1)*

We are called to the work of Israel, to the work of Jesus.

We are called to spread God's love in this world.

We can do this work, as we are, because of the Holy Spirit.

By God's grace, we are salt.

We purify, we cleanse, we bind, we bring out the best in people.

By God's grace, we are light.

We allow things to be seen as they are. We point to holiness.

By God's grace, we follow the commandments and the law.

We love the Lord our God and our neighbors as ourselves.

By God's grace, we are salt. We are light. God transforms us and uses us.

Let us worship our God, so full of transformative grace.

❖Hymn of Praise #65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Call to Confession

In worship, everyone is welcome as they are. We invite each other to set our burdens down,
including the burden of false pretenses.

**Let us be honest with God and with our selves about the ways that we fail so that
we can hear the good news of Jesus' redemption anew.**

In confidence of God's enduring love and forgiveness

let us confess our sins to God. *(1 John 1:8-9)*

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have called us to bring out the best in the world around us, to be
bold in our faith, to share your love with those around us. We have failed your
command. We choose conflict. We choose laziness. We choose excuses. Forgive us for
rejecting the identity that you offer us freely, for rejecting the work of your Holy Spirit
in our hearts.

Assurance of Pardon

Even when we fail, even when we are not perfect, God still claims us. God still calls us by
name. God still places God's Spirit upon us.

We are known and loved and forgiven.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God.

Passing of the Peace

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

Offertory Song – *Make a Joyful Noise*

Don Kalbach

Response of Gratitude #25 *O Lord Our God How Excellent* (vs. 5)

O Lord, our God, how excellent, how glorious is your name,

Majestic in your holiness. We sing, and praise your fame.

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 #458 *Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet* (refrain)

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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Scripture *Matthew 5:13-20* (NT pg. 4)

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 *Being Reminded*

Jean Oliver-Holder

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.*

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

We Are Invited #507 *Come to the Table of Grace* (vs. 1)

Come to the table of grace, Come to the table of grace.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of grace.

We Give Thanks

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

This Week

Sunday, February 5

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Sunday School/Christian Education Building
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 204
- 10:15 AM Faith in the Real World/Parlor
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy
- 1:00 PM APNC/Parlor

Monday, February 6

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 10:00 AM ELL In-Person/Room 204
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 1:30 PM Bible Study (Rempe)/Westminster Hall
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 4:00 PM HR Team/Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, February 7

- 8:00 AM Men’s Breakfast Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:30 AM ELL In-Person/Rooms 102, 103, 104, 201, 204, 205, 206, 207, Café
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 3:30 PM DREAAM Culinary Arts Club/Centennial Hall & Kitchen

Wednesday, February 8

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:30 AM ELL In-Person/Rooms 102, 103, 104, 201, 204, 205, 206, 207, Café
- 1:30 PM Pakistan Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 6:30 PM Compassion, Peace, Justice/Parlor & Zoom

Thursday, February 9

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:00 AM Women’s Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 4:30 PM Finance Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 6:30 PM Nurture/Parlor & Zoom
- 6:30 PM Bell Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Friday, February 10 Church Office Closes at Noon

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 8:15 AM Men’s Prayer/Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 7:30 PM Friday Night Lights/Zoom

Saturday, February 11

- 6:00 PM French Worship Service/Centennial Hall

Announcements

●We are glad you’re here! Questions about First Pres, contact **Pastor Connie Bandy** or call the church office.

●The **church phone system** has been out this week due to maintenance by I3. We apologize for any inconvenience. Hopefully all will be right by next week.

●**Jane Seiler** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve, contact **Carol Miles**.

●**The Rev. Dr. Rachel Matthews** will preach today’s 10:15 AM service at the Windsor of Savoy. **Gary Peterson** is in Ashmore this morning as part of our Amateur Preacher’s program.

●You can sign up on the flower chart in Westminster Hall near the Welcome Center to **donate flowers for Sunday worship** in memory of a loved one, for a celebration, or just because.

Consider buying plants for Sundays instead of flower arrangements. **Remember no lilies!** You can donate money for the flowers too, make checks out to First Pres, specify that it is for flowers.

●Would you be willing to serve as a **greeter** on Sunday mornings? If so, place a smiley face next to your name on this morning’s Friendship Pad. No experience required...just a warm welcome! Help is also needed, 15-20 minutes on Sunday mornings, to greet people and let them in the CE Building door, 9:55-10:15 AM. Once a month? Every week? Contact **Mary Gritten** if you can help in CE Building.

●**Sunday School** for children this morning at 10 AM. Sign in children at the Welcome Center 8:45-9. After worship, they will be escorted to their class. Meet your child or children in the library in the Education Building at 11. Transportation is not being provided at this time.

●**Sabbatical Pastor Connie Bandy** will lead this morning's Faith in the Real World at 10:15 AM in the Parlor.

●The **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will be held Sunday, February 26, immediately following the 9 AM service.

●**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 **Winter/Spring Small Group brochure** is now available in the kiosks, at the Welcome Center or on the church website. Check out the many opportunities to join a small group this winter/spring.

●If you or a loved one is **in the hospital or in need of a pastoral visit**, contact the church office.

●We need your help. **The Little Free Pantry** is a small but important way you can help our neighbors without an address (and others on financial hard times). We are currently low on supplies for our Little Pantry and are asking for food bars, snack bars, nut bars, dried goods, canned soups and meats with pull top lids, and other pantry items. Also socks, gloves and hats. Cold weather is a critical time for these items. Thank you for your generosity.

●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 the law office on Sunday mornings. The spaces behind the law office belong to Meyer/Capel. They generously let us use the unmarked spaces on Sundays but need to reserve spots marked 24/7 for staff that work weekends.