

Song for Centering & Call to Prayer #411 *God Is Here Today*

God is here today; as certain as the air I breath,
As certain as the morning sun that rises,
As certain when I sing you'll hear my song.

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 #175 *Seek Ye First*

❖ Charge and Benediction

❖ Congregational Sung Benediction #310 *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* (vs. 1)

I love thy kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode,
The church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

❖ Postlude

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

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

March 12, 2023 3rd Sunday in Lent/Cuba Sunday



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 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

Minute for Mission – Cuba

Cross Testimony *The Cross Is a Downer*

Bob Kirby

❖**Call to Worship** (based on *Psalms* 42:1-2)

As a deer longs for flowing streams

so our souls long for you, O God.

Our souls thirst for God, for the living God.

When shall I come and behold the face of God?

❖**Hymn of Praise #216** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (from *Psalms* 51)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast us away from your presence,

and do not take your holy spirit from us.

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus said, "Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty." Come,
drink deep, and know that you are forgiven. Amen.

Hosanna in the highest!

Passing of the Peace

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

Offertory Song – Take My Life and Let It Be

arr. Patricia Sanders Cota

Upper Room Ringers; Libby Sternhagen, director

Response of Gratitude #205 *Live In Charity*

Live in charity and steadfast love.

Live in charity; God will dwell with you. (Repeat)

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 #425 *Son of God, Whose Heart Is Peace* (vs. 3)

Warm our hearts to love you, Lord, you who died to save us;

Gather us within your arms, Jesus, on this day.

Scripture *Romans 5:1-11* (NT pg. 155)

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 *Reconciled*

Rachel Matthews

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.*

Anthem Hymn #734 *Hope of the World*

arr. Carl Schalk

Congregation will join as directed

Affirmation of Faith (from *The Book of Confession of 1967*)

(In unison when directed...)

**The risen Christ is the Savior for all people. Those joined to him by faith are set
right with God and commissioned to serve as his reconciling community. Christ is
head of this community, the church, which began with the apostles and continues
through all generations. Alleluia!**

This Week

Sunday, March 12

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM 2nd Sunday Brunch
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy
- 1:00 PM APNC/Parlor

Monday, March 13

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 1:00 PM Prayer Ministry Team/Library
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor & Zoom
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, March 14

- 8:00 AM Men’s Breakfast Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 11:30 AM PW Staff Lunch/Centennial Hall
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 4:30 PM Mission Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:00 PM Worship Team/Parlor & Zoom

Wednesday, March 15

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212

Thursday, March 16

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:00 AM Women’s Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 6:30 PM Bell Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Session/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Friday, March 17 Church Office Closes at Noon

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

Saturday, March 18

- 6:00 PM French Worship Service/Centennial Hall

Announcements

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

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

●**Sunday School** for children will not meet this morning. Children are invited to attend the **2nd Sunday Brunch** with their parents.

●This Sunday, March 12, is **Cuba Sunday** when we celebrate our relationship with the Presbyterian Church in Luyanó. There will be NO Lenten discussion today. Join us instead for our **2nd Sunday Brunch** Cuban style featuring Cuban style scrambled eggs, thin cut cold ham, Cuban bread pudding, fried plantains, corn and rice, coffee and tea, mango/guava juices and other Cuban flavors.

●**Judi Geistlinger** will preach today’s 10:15 AM service at the Windsor of Savoy.

●Pick up a copy of the **2023 Lenten Daily Devotional** from the Welcome Center or one of the kiosks. Electronic copies are also available. Contact church office for an electronic copy.

●**Spring flowers will decorate the Sanctuary on Easter.** If you would like to give a monetary donation in honor or memory of someone, please note so on your check's memo line. Please include a note who the flowers are in honor or memory of. You may also sign up to give flowers throughout the year on the flower calendar in Westminster Hall.

●**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.

●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 for yourself.

●**The Little Free Pantry** is a small but important way you can help our neighbors without an address (and others on financial hard times). Food bars, snack bars, nut bars, dried goods, canned soups and meats with pull top lids, and other pantry items are great contributions. Donations may be brought to the church office or Westminster Hall.

●The **March newsletter** is available in the kiosks or at firstpres.church/newsletter.

●**Jo Foley** will celebrate her 95th birthday on April 2. The family asks our help in showering her with cards. Cards may be sent to Jo at 32 Willow Court, Champaign, IL 61822.

●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.