

◆Response of Gratitude #223 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (vs. 4)

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

◆Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving

Call to Prayer *To the Hills I Lift My Eyes*

Lee

Prayers of the People with The Lord's Prayer (pg. 35; *in the language and wording most familiar to you.*)

**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 #756 *O God of Every Nation*

◆Charge and Benediction

◆Congregational Sung Benediction #547 *Go, My Children, With My Blessing* (vs. 1)

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

◆Postlude

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

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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH** OF CHAMPAIGN

March 16, 2025

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church  
Bienvenue à La Première Eglise Presbytérienne de Champaign  
Bienvenidos a La Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana

삼패인 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 worshipping 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 (♦Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.)

### Threshold Moment

#### ♦Call to Worship (from *Psalm 19*)

The heavens declare the glory of God

**The firmament declares God's handiwork.**

Day to day pours forth speech

**Night to night declares knowledge.**

With no words their voice is heard,

**and it is heard across the whole world.**

#### ♦Hymn of Praise #5 *God the Sculptor of the Mountains*

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

### Prayer of Confession

The temple of the world can be a busy, noisy place, O God. Too often the rule is, "everyone out for themselves." Too often we don't stop to think about how our actions affect others. Forgive us. Turn us toward the temple of our hearts where you await. You entered our story through Jesus, now help us to enter fully into the story of your kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen. *Silence is kept.*

### Kyrie



### Assurance of Pardon

### 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!"

### *I Love to Tell the Story*

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory

To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love. (*Repeat*)

### Word with Children

### Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture *John 2:13-21*

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 *Table Tossing*

Joe Lundy

#### ♦Hymn for Reflection #211 *Hear, O Lord, My Plea for Justice*

## 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 *Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love!*

Powell

# This Week

## Sunday, March 16

- 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/Parlor

## Monday, March 17

- 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn/Centennial Hall
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 1:30 PM Bible Study/Library
- 5:00 PM AA/Centennial Hall

## Tuesday, March 18

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:15 AM Compassion, Peace, Justice/Zoom
- 10:30 AM Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 3:30 PM Community Mission Deacons/Parlor & Zoom

## Wednesday, March 19

- 9:00 AM Cuba Partners Leadership/Zoom
- 7:30 PM Wednesdays We Gather/Zoom

## Thursday, March 20

- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 3:30 PM Transition Team/Library
- 7:00 PM Session/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

## Friday, March 21 Church Office Closes at Noon

- 8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
- 10:00 AM Christ Community Church Korean Choir/Chapel

## Saturday, March 22

- 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](mailto: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.

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

●Thank you to **Jace Kim** for serving as our pianist this morning.

●**Large print bulletins** are available for use on Sunday mornings. Ask an usher if you cannot find one.

●**Help us celebrate the glory of Easter!** Potted plants will enhance our worship service Easter morning. Plants are \$10 each and can be purchased in honor, memory or celebration of someone. Make your check to the church with "Easter" in the memo along with the name(s) of who they honor.

●We are collecting royalties each time we sing or hear a **Spiritual** in our service. Royalties were never paid for this music. The royalties we collect will go to the DREAAM Choir. The donation box can be found in the Welcome Center.

●Join us immediately following worship for **Adult Discussion** in the Parlor. **Betty Hollister** will lead our discussion on the Parable of the Widow and the Judge.

●This week's **Lunch and Learn** join Pastor Beth as she explores the fundamental idea of dying with dignity. Our Christian core belief is that we belong to God in life and in death. We plan and celebrate birth with birth plans, and showers. We decorate the nursery and start a college fund. Death is often not so carefully thought out. Yet, if we plan for a good death, we help our loved ones know of our desires for our final time on earth.

●Join **Paster Beth** for coffee Wednesdays in March from 10-12 at Espresso Royale (2401 Village Green in Champaign).

●The **DREAAM middle school youth and staff** will again join us on our campus for fun activities, a Bible study, and to share a meal. We meet Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. The dates are March 26, April 16 & 30, and May 14. For more information, contact **Peter Yau** [pmyau@illinois.edu](mailto:pmyau@illinois.edu) (217-621-0448) with questions or to sign up to help in the kitchen. Please contact **Holly Ewan Nordheden** [hnordheden@gmail.com](mailto:hnordheden@gmail.com) (217-621-3450). Put the dates on your calendar and sign-up NOW!

●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 **March newsletter** is available in the kiosks or at [firstpres.church/newsletter](http://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](http://firstpres.church/live). The Sunday **sermon** is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.