

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.

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 *Crucifixus* text from *Credo of the Mass* and from *Isaiah*; music by Michael Larkin

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.
Hear our prayer, O Lord.

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 #216** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

♦ **Charge and Benediction**

♦ **Congregational Sung Benediction #211** *Hear, O Lord, My Plea for Justice*
Hear, O Lord, my plea for justice; listen to my heartfelt prayer.
In your just deliberation may I find redemption there.

♦ **Postlude**

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

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

March 17, 2024

5th Sunday in Lent



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

Minute for Mission – One Great Hour of Sharing

Jeannie Snoeyink & Sallie Hutton

♦**Call to Worship** (James G. Kirk, *When We Gather*)

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Let us worship God!

♦**Hymn of Praise #223** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Call to Confession

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

Our old selves were crucified with him, so that we might be slaves to sin no more.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Loving Parent, your love for us will always exceed our understanding. In this time we ask that you would forgive us for where our love and care fails to meet your hopes for us. We pray that you would forgive us when we allow the business of our lives to take up space meant for you and your work. We pray that you would forgive us when we allow our own desires to cause us to ignore the needs of others and the community. We pray that you would forgive us when our comfortable lives allow us to ignore the struggles of your world. Be with us God, we cannot meet your call without your help. Be with us this and every day of our lives. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism. Believe this good news and give thanks: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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 – Sora Shepard

Response of Gratitude #637 *O Sing to the Lord*

O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song.

O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song.

O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song.

O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

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 #288 *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Scripture *John 12:20-32*

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

This Week

Sunday, March 17

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

Monday, March 18

- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building
- 1:00 PM Grow/Family Library
- 1:30 PM Women’s Bible Study/Library
- 3:00 PM Committee for J. Lundy Installation/Library
- 3:30 PM Environmental Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 3:30 PM DREAAM Mentoring/Room 206, 212, Gym
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, March 19

- 8:00 AM Men’s Breakfast Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 4:30 PM Community Mission Deacons/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Parent Titans/Cafe
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Tiny Titans/Gym
- 7:30 PM Together on Tuesdays/Zoom

Wednesday, March 20

- 9:00 AM Cuba Partners/Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building
- 3:30 PM Youth Bible Club/Centennial Hall & Kitchen
- 5:00 PM DREAAM Effective Black Parenting/Various spaces

Thursday, March 21

- 9:00 AM Women’s Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Life Coach Supervision/Cafe
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir/Choir Room
- 7:00 PM Session/Parlor & Zoom

Friday, March 22 Church Office closes at noon

- 8:15 AM Men’s Prayer/Zoom

Saturday, March 23

- 1:30 PM DREAAM SAT Prep/Cafe
- 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 worshiping in Westminster Hall while our elevator is being replaced.
- Please wear your **nametag** to help our **Associate Pastor Joe Lundy** get acquainted.
- Judi Geistlinger** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve, contact **Carol Miles**.
- Judi Geistlinger** will preach this morning’s service at the Windsor of Savoy.
- Throughout Lent **Adult Education** will be studying *Pause - Spending Lent with the Psalms* by Elizabeth Caldwell. This book guides us on a different sort of Lenten pilgrimage, lingering with the ancient words of the Psalms and uncovering layers of personal meaning from the divine poetry. Books are available at a cost of \$10 each. Grab a cup of coffee and join us in the Parlor immediately following worship.
- 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.
- One Great Hour of Sharing** offering will be received on Palm Sunday and Easter. OGHS is the single largest way that Presbyterians join together to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. Each gift helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations.
- 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.
- 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.
- This year’s **Illinois Marathon** on Saturday, April 27, brings back the first full marathon since Covid. The Saturday route runs down Church Street in front of the Education Building. Sign-up this morning to volunteer with other church members to cheer the runners on or help man the water/snack station that we will host at the Education Building. Contact **Joe Lundy** for more information and questions.

Holy Week & Easter Worship

Palm Sunday, March 24

9 AM Worship

Maundy Thursday, March 28

5:30 PM Worship and light supper in Centennial Hall

Good Friday, March 29

7 PM Worship with First Methodist Church at the Methodist Church

Easter Sunday, March 31

9 AM Worship

10:30 AM Worship