

of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

Call to Communion Hymn #460 *Break Thou the Bread of Life* (vs.1)

We are Invited

We give Thanks

*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.

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 #213 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

♦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 3, 2024

3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

♦**Call to Worship** (from *Psalms* 19)

The heavens tell us of God's glory.

**The earth proclaims God's handiwork.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul

**The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.**

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to our God:

**Our rock and our redeemer.**

♦**Hymn of Praise #307** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession** (from *The Presbyterian Outlook* by Ginna Bairby)

God of righteousness, we confess that have not kept your commandments. We bow down before idols, declaring our allegiance to other powers and principalities. We take your name in vain, using it to justify our own prejudices and opinions. We do not make adequate time to rest and remember your goodness, nor to revel in the delight of family and friends. We look the other way in the face of violence and oppression, misogyny and sexual assault, land grabs and unjust economic practices. Our dishonesty and greed get the better of us. Yet you gave us commandments not for condemnation, but so that we might live in justice and joy. Purify us by your righteousness and enfold us in your grace. Sanctify our intentions and actions, that our lives may begin to reflect your beloved community. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon** (from *The Presbyterian Outlook* by Ginna Bairby)

Hear these words from the Apostle Paul, "God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength." The grace of Christ is sufficient for us.

**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** – *Take My Life, That I May Be*

text, F. Havergal; music, Scott Perkins

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

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

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**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 2:13-22*

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 Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,**

# This Week

## Sunday, March 3

- 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 Ed/Parlor
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy

## Monday, March 4

- 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 Meeting/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

## Tuesday, March 5

- 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
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Parent Titans/Cafe
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Tiny Titans/Gym
- 7:30 PM Together on Tuesdays/Zoom

## Wednesday, March 6

- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building
- 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch/Parlor
- 5:00 PM DREAAM Effective Black Parenting/Various rooms

## Thursday, March 7

- 9:00 AM Women’s Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 2:30 PM Care Deacons/Parlor & Zoom
- 4:00 PM Spiritual Formation/Zoom
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir/Choir Room

## Friday, March 8 Church Office closes at noon

- 8:15 AM Men’s Prayer/Zoom

## Saturday, March 9

- 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.

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

●**Betty Hollister** will preach this morning’s service at the Windsor of Savoy. **Judi Geistlinger** is preaching in Gibson City this morning.

●**Sunday School classes for children K thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:15-11!** Walk across the alley, go upstairs, and see what’s happening. Youth will be escorted to their class.

●Join us this morning 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 diving 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.

●You can pick up your copy of the **Small Group Spring 2024** brochure this morning. Join a small group this Spring!

●Copies of the **2023 Annual Report** are available in print in the kiosks or online at <https://firstpres.church/newsletters-reports>.

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

●Plans are well underway for Bible Club on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5 PM DREAAM middle school youth and staff on our campus will join us. Can you help out on our kitchen team or serve as a table partner? Contact **Gary Peterson** ( [amer-swede@yahoo.com](mailto:amer-swede@yahoo.com) or 217-398-8504) or **Bob Kirby** ([rwk3213@gmail.com](mailto:rwk3213@gmail.com) or 217-621-5915) for more information or to sign up.





# Collecting for Cuban Adults & Children

“Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.” *Romans 12:13*

A delegation of five will visit our sister congregation in Cuba in mid-March. They will be carrying special gifts to help their mutual musical learning and playing of bells together. They also will take your donations for everyday needs so scarce in Cuba. Remember we would like to take things for both children and adults.

Please consider donating any of the following items dropping them off at the library adjacent to Westminster Hall or the church office. Or call the church office for pick up. Or, you can make a financial donation to the church in the memo: “Cuba”

- 1. Small clear empty medicine containers. We will clean off the labels.
- 2. Over the counter medicines Analgesics: aspirin, acetaminophen (Tylenol), ibuprofen (Motrin)... Decongestants: phenylephrine, pseudoephedrine (Sudafed)....Vitamins: multivitamins
- 3. Hygiene items  
Feminine hygiene products, shampoo, bathing soap, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste (Your dentist may have free samples.)
- 4. Adult diapers small, medium, and large
- 5. Wet wipes for babies and adults
- 6. Insulin syringes and insulin
- 7. Materials for Sunday School  
glue sticks and liquid like Elmer’s glue, pencils, crayons, erasers, construction paper...



# Upcoming Services for Holy Week & Easter

## 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