

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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.

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

The Welcome

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture *Luke 19:35-40* (NT pg. 83)

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 *Holy Parade*

Matt 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.

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 #200** *A Cheering, Chanting Dizzy Crowd*

❖ **Charge and Benediction**

❖ **Congregational Sung Benediction #766** *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound* (vs. 1)

❖ **Postlude**

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

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

April 10, 2022

Palm 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

❖Call to Worship

It is holy to gather.

It is holy to sing.

It is holy to be generous, to throw our coats on the road.

It is holy to celebrate justice when we see it.

It is holy to shout, "Hosanna!"

It is holy to remember.

It is holy to gather.

It is holy to sing.

Here and now, let us do all of these things.

❖Hymn #197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Tracy Parish, DMA, Trumpet

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of street parades and hosannas,

we know that you are counting on us to speak out against oppression,

to speak up for love and to speak hope to fear,

but so often we are silent.

We worry that we'll say the wrong thing,

so we don't say anything at all.

We worry that we'll offend,

so we keep our convictions to ourselves.

We worry that we'll speak up and won't be heard,

so we stay silent. Forgive us.

And meanwhile, the parade marches on. Unravel our fears.

Spark conviction in us. Give us the courage to yell, "Hosanna!"

Gratefully we pray, amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, even when we are silent, even when we are scared,

even when we miss the moment,

even when we choose to speak and say the wrong thing— we belong to God.

There is nothing said or unsaid, done or undone that can undo that, so rest in this good news:

We are forgiven. We are known. We belong to God, every day and always. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

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

Offertory Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates (Psalm 24:7-10)

William Mathias

Sung Response #595 Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!

Prayer of Dedication

We Gather Around God's Holy Name

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!"

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism

Sentences of Scripture (from *Matthew 28:18-20*)

The Presentation

Profession of Faith

Constitutional Questions for the Parents

Constitutional Questions for the Congregation

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows for the Congregation

Do you renounce all evil, and powers in the world which defy God's righteousness and love?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that separate you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior?

I do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love, to your life's end?

I will, with God's help.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

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.

This Week

Sunday, April 10

9:00	AM	Worship/Sanctuary
10:15	AM	Sunday School/Gather in Westminster Hall
10:15	AM	Adult Sunday School/Sanctuary
10:15	AM	Human Sexuality & Faith Series/Parlor
10:15	AM	Worship/Windsor of Savoy
11:00	AM	Easy English Fellowship/Zoom
11:15	AM	The Gathering/Chapel

Monday, April 11

9 & 10:00	AM	ESL Classes/Zoom
12:00	PM	Organist Search/Library
1:00	PM	Knifty Knitters/Parlor & Zoom
1:00	PM	Prayer Ministry Team/Chapel
1:00	PM	GROW/Family Library
2:00	PM	DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
5:30	PM	Called Session Meeting/Parlor & Zoom
5:30	PM	AA/Centennial Hall
7:00	PM	ESL Classes/Zoom

Tuesday, April 12

8:00	AM	Men’s Breakfast Study/Zoom
9:30	AM	ESL Classes/Rooms 204, 205. 206, 207, Café
10:00	AM	ESL Classes/Zoom
10:30	AM	Staff Meeting/Parlor & Zoom
11:45	AM	Staff Appreciation Lunch/Westminster Hall
12:00	PM	Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
2:00	PM	DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
4:30	PM	Mission Team/Parlor & Zoom
5:30	PM	DREAAM Dance-Cheer Clinic/Gym

Wednesday, April 13

9 & 10:00	AM	ESL Classes/Zoom
2:00	PM	DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
4:00	PM	ESL/Zoom
4:30	PM	Finance/Zoom
5:30	PM	Dinner for One/Rainbow Garden
5:30	PM	DREAAM Dance-Cheer Clinic/Gym
6:00	PM	Bell Choir/Bell Room
7:00	PM	Adult Choir/Choir Room

Thursday, April 14

9:00	AM	Women’s Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
9:00	AM	U of I Choral Group/Westminster Hall
9:30	AM	ESL Classes/Rooms 204, 205. 206, 207, Café
10:00	AM	ESL Classes/Zoom
12:30	PM	Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
2:00	PM	DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
4:30	PM	DREAAM Brotherhood Dinner/Centennial Hall Kitchen & Dining
7:00	PM	Maundy Thursday Communion Service/Sanctuary

Friday, April 15 Church Office closes at noon

8:30	AM	Men’s Prayer/Zoom
7:00	PM	Good Friday Service/First United Methodist Church, Champaign
7:30	PM	Friday Nite Lights Study/Parlor & Zoom

Saturday, April 16

6:00	PM	French Prayer/Zoom
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Announcements

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

●**Mary Jane Kelley** is our liturgist this morning. We would love to have you serve as a liturgist! If interested, please contact **Carol Miles. Jose Pukuta** will read our scripture in French this morning.

●**Jaylen Mayasi Nkunku**, son of **Chris Nkunku and Patricia Pukuta**, will be baptized at this morning’s 9 AM service.

●**Coffee is back on Sunday mornings!** Please consider signing up for coffee cleanup. A sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center each Sunday morning.

●**Sunday School is back meeting in person!** Children will gather in Westminster Hall to meet with their teachers and walk over to the CE building. Lessons begin at 10:15 AM. Pick up is at 11:05 AM in the alley by the CE door. Masks must be worn over the nose and mouth at all times while indoors.

●**Human Sexuality and Faith Series** continues this morning in the Parlor at 10:15 AM.

●**Adult Sunday School** at 10:15 AM in the Sanctuary. “Resurrection means the worst thing is never the last thing.”—Frederick Buechner. The last session of the Lenten study, *24 Hours That Changed the World*, will be held TODAY. It will focus on the Despair after the crucifixion of Jesus and the great Joy in the Victory of the Resurrection over forces of evil and over death.

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

●**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 Presbyterian Women are hosting a **Staff Appreciation** luncheon pm Tuesday, April 12, to say thank you. Please multiply PW’s appreciation by letting staff know how grateful we all are.

●**Dinner for One** on Wednesday, April 13, 5:30 PM Rainbow Garden,1402 S. Neil Street, Champaign. Call the church office to make a reservation.

●**Beautiful flowers will decorate the Sanctuary on Easter morning.** If you would like to donate towards the cost and give a contribution in honor or memory of someone, please drop your check in the offering plate marked “Easter flowers” along with a note who the contribution is for.

●**Bach Concert** presented by the U of I Choral Department will be held Wednesday, April 20, at 12 noon in the Sanctuary. Concerts are free and open to the public.

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

Leading to the joy of Easter! We invite you to join us throughout Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday, April 14
7 PM Communion Service

Good Friday, April 15
7 PM Joint Worship (at First United Methodist Church)

Easter Sunday, April 17
9 AM Worship 11:15 AM Contemporary Worship

