

highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

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

**Offertory** *Forlana*  
Gary Winder

Gerald Finzi

♦ **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 #215** *What Wondrous Love Is This*

♦ **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** *Carol*  
Gary Winder

Gerald Finz

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

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## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** OF CHAMPAIGN

April 13, 2025

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 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." How wonderful it is to be so loved! Our natural response is worship.

**Prelude** *Prelude* from 5 Bagatelles  
Gary Winder

Gerald Finzi

### **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**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

**God's steadfast love endures forever!**

Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

The Lord is our God, and has given us light;

**Great is our God, and we give thanks to the Lord.**

Hosanna to the Son of David!

**Hosanna! Save us, O God. Hosanna!**

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

#### **♦Hymn of Praise #196** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

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

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Here we are, Jesus. We find ourselves alongside you in a garden of grief for the violence so many of this world endure. We are tired. We don't know what to do next.

And so we sleep sometimes, hoping to awake from a bad dream.

Forgive us, O God. Help us face this hour knowing you are always here. You only ask the same of us... to be present, to be awake. 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**



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us;

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us;

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### **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** *Mark 14:32-36*

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

#### **Scripture** *Ephesians 6:11-17*

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**

Beth Wagner

#### **♦Hymn for Reflection #218** *Ab, Holy Jesus*

## **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** *Philippians 2:5-11*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also

# This Week

## Sunday, April 13

- 9:00 AM Worship/Westminster Hall
- 10:10 AM Second Sunday Brunch/Centennial Hall

## Monday, April 14

- 9:15 AM ELL In-Person Classes/CE Building & Café
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

## Tuesday, April 15

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL In-Person Classes/CE Building & Café
- 9:15 AM Compassion, Peace, Justice/Zoom
- 10:30 AM Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Library
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 3:30 PM Community Mission Deacons/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:00 PM DREAAM Mentoring/Café
- 6:00 PM DREAAM Praise Dance/Chapel

## Wednesday, April 16

- 9:00 AM Cuba Partners/Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL In-Person Classes/CE Building & Café
- 11:00 AM French Ministry Team/Family Library
- 1:00 PM Beth's Tea Time/Hopscotch Bakery in Champaign
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 3:30 PM DREAAM Bible Club/Centennial Hall
- 5:00 PM DREAAM Parenting Class/Centennial Hall
- 7:30 PM Wednesdays We Gather/Zoom
- 8:00 PM Brass Quartet Rehearsal/Westminster Hall

## Thursday, April 17 Maundy Thursday

- 9:30 AM ELL Conversation/Café
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 5:00 PM Maundy Thursday Communion Service & Soup Supper/Centennial Hall
- 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

## Friday, April 18 Good Friday (Church Office Closes at Noon)

- 8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
- 10:00 AM Christ Community Church Korean Choir/Chapel
- 7:00 PM Worship/First United Methodist Church

## Saturday, April 19

- 8:00 AM DREAAM Family Day/Parking Lot, CE Bldg, Centennial Hall
- 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.
- Bob Kirby** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve, contact **Carol Miles**.
- Large print bulletins** are available for use on Sunday mornings. Ask an usher if you cannot find one.
- We welcome **Gary Winder** on clarinet as our guest musician this morning.
- The PCUSA's **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering is taken on Palm Sunday and Easter. It supports the Presbyterian Disaster Agency and aids in their efforts to provide relief due to natural disasters. In difficult times, we are called to respond through generosity, action and prayer.
- Help us celebrate the glory of Easter!** Plants \$10 each will enhance our worship service Easter. 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 hear a **Spiritual** in our service. Royalties were never paid for this music. Money we collect will go to the DREAAM Choir. A donation box is on the Welcome Center.
- Join us for **brunch** in Centennial Hall this morning immediately following worship. Brunch is free as is the fellowship. Donations welcomed.
- Lunch and Learn** is on hiatus until April 28.
- Join **Paster Beth** for "tea time" Wednesdays in April from 1-3 at Hopscotch Bakery and Market, 802 West John in Champaign.
- Help DREAAM in April by donating Gatorade** for their basketball and football teams totaling 70+ young athletes. Donate Gatorade drinks or powder, a single bottle or case. Your act of kindness is appreciated. Drop off in the donation box in Westminster Hall or have it delivered to DREAAM, 2009 Fox Drive, Suite C, Champaign, IL 61820.
- The **DREAAM middle school youth and staff** 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 April 16 & 30, and May 14. Contact **Peter Yau** [pmyau@illinois.edu](mailto:pmyau@illinois.edu) (217-621-0448) with questions or to sign up to help in the kitchen. Contact **Holly Ewan Nordheden** [hnordheden@gmail.com](mailto:hnordheden@gmail.com) (217-621-3450) to serve as a table host.
- 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 **April 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.

## Maundy Thursday – Centennial Hall – April 17, 5 PM

We will hear the Word proclaimed, share a light supper and fellowship with Communion as Jesus did that Last Supper.

## Good Friday – First United Methodist – April 18, 7 PM

Join us for a powerful Good Friday Service featuring Henrich Schutz's *Seven Last Words of Christ* – a 20 minute Baroque masterwork that brings Jesus' final words to life with profound emotion and depth.

## Easter – April 20, 9 & 10:30 AM

We celebrate the risen Christ with Communion. Special music from our choir will be accompanied by a brass quartet at both services.