

Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Transforming God be with you.

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Living One.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Hymn #565 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

...As we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Hymn #566 *Christ Has Died*

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Hymn #568 *Amen*

Amen, amen, amen!

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The Lord's Prayer (pg. 35; in the language and wording most familiar to you.)
Communion of the People (We will hold the elements and partake together.)

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 #248 *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

✚Charge and Benediction

✚Postlude *Hallelujah Chorus*

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

Thank you to our Brass Quartet for joining us this joyful Easter morning...

Trumpet: Joshua Dolney, Eric Devey Trombone: Peter Karda, David Ivy



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

April 20, 2025

Easter



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.

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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
Greetings & Welcome/ Act of Friendship & 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.

Introit Christ is risen this day. Alleluia!
Threshold Moment

✚Call to Worship (✚Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.)
In the dark of the womb we wondered...
...what could be better than this warm and safe place?
Once we were birthed into this life, at times we wondered...
...could there be more than meets the eye?
In the dark of the tomb-times of our existence we wonder...
... is there life beyond these constraints?
When we hear the story of Jesus we wonder...
... is new life possible for me?
Then the love of the Divine reminds us,
“You too are my child. You can emerge to renewed life. Again and again.”

✚Hymn of Praise #232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Call to Confession (Congregation may be seated.)

Prayer of Confession
Living Lord, when we stand before the empty tomb, we don’t always feel the joy of resurrection. We feel fear, doubt, and distrust. We feel empty.
Forgive the fear that paralyzes us at the brink of new life. Forgive our doubt of your love. Forgive our distrust of your surprising, joyous plan.
Fill our emptiness with your glorious light. Raise us to abundant new life for the glory of your name. 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!”

Word with Children (Children are invited to stay with family and friends)

Prayer for Illumination #695 Change My Heart, O God (refrain)
Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you. (Repeat)

First Scripture John 20:1-10
Second Scripture John 20:11-15

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 Tombs and Cocoons Beth Wagner

✚Hymn for Reflection #246 Christ Is Alive

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 (United Church of Canada)
This Easter day, we rejoice that death is not the last word. God raised Jesus from death, turning sorrow into joy, despair into hope. We sing of Jesus raised from the dead. We sing hallelujah.
The Risen Christ lives today, present to us and the source of our hope. We sing of a church seeking to continue the story of Jesus by embodying Christ’s presence in the world.
We are called together by Christ as a community of broken but hopeful believers, loving what he loved, living what he taught, striving to be faithful servants of God in our time and place, even as we look in hope for a new heaven and a new earth.

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

Offertory Christ Is the King Carl Schalk

✚Response of Gratitude #822 When We Are Living (vs. 2)
Through all our living, we our fruits must give. Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when we are receiving, we belong to God; we belong to God.

✚Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving

This Week

Sunday, April 20

- 9:00 AM Worship/Westminster Hall
- 10:30 AM Worship/Westminster Hall

Monday, April 21 Church Office Closed

- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, April 22

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL In-Person Classes/CE Building & Café
- 9:30 AM PW Board Meeting/Zoom
- 10:30 AM Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Library
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 4:30 PM World Mission/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:00 PM DREAAM Mentoring/Café
- 6:00 PM DREAAM Praise Dance/Chapel

Wednesday, April 23

- 9:15 AM ELL In-Person Classes/CE Building & Café
- 1:00 PM Beth's Tea Time/Hopscotch Bakery in Champaign
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 5:00 PM DREAAM Parenting Class/Centennial Hall
- 7:30 PM Wednesdays We Gather/Zoom

Thursday, April 24

- 9:30 AM ELL Conversation/Café
- 10:30 AM Circle of Joy/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 1:00 PM Circle of Faith/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 7:00 PM Circle of Peace/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:00 PM Session/Chapel & Zoom
- 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Friday, April 25 (Church Office Closes at Noon)

- 8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
- 10:00 AM Christ Community Church Korean Choir/Chapel
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building

Saturday, April 26

- 8:30 AM DREAAM STEM/CE Bldg
- 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). We are presently worshiping in Westminster Hall while the elevator to our historic Sanctuary is being replaced.

●Please wear your **nametag** to help our **staff** get acquainted.

●**Sarah Laufenberg** is our liturgist at 9 AM while **Miriam Chenault** is at the 10:30 AM service 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.

●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.

●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.

●**It's time to celebrate graduates!** Contact **Brandi Lowe** (brandiscrapbook@yahoo.com) with information on your graduate. Please submit their name, where graduating from including degree, relation to you, information on future plans and a picture.

●**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 30, and May 14. Contact **Peter Yau** pmyau@illinois.edu (217-621-0448) with questions or to sign up to help in the kitchen. Contact **Holly Ewan Nordheden** 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.

●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. The Sunday **sermon** is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.