

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

Offertory *I Praise You O God* David Sims

✚ **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**

Call to Prayer #5 *God the Sculptor of the Mountains* (vs. 4)
God the unexpected infant, God the calm, determined youth.
God the table-turning prophet, God the resurrected truth:
You are present every moment; We are searching; meet us now.

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 #20** *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

✚ **Charge and Benediction**

✚ **Congregational Sung Benediction #742** *We Will Walk With God*
We will walk with God, my brothers; we will walk with God.
We will walk with God, my sisters; we will walk with God.
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.

✚ **Postlude**

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



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH** OF CHAMPAIGN

April 27, 2025 2nd Sunday of 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.

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** (adapted from Wild Goose Resource Group) (✠Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.)

All you works of God, all you mighty heavens, all you angels of light, all you saints in glory

Worship and praise your maker.

All you heavenly bodies, sun, moon, and stars; all you earthly weathers, wind and rain and thunder

Worship and praise your maker.

Fire and searing heat, ice and deadly cold; light and deepest dark endless nights and days

Worship and praise your maker.

Mountains and high hills, forests and tall trees, countless flowers and plants, waterfalls and streams

Worship and praise your maker.

Whales beneath the seas, birds throughout the skies, all that leaps or crawls, all creatures wild and tame

Worship and praise your maker.

People young and old of all genders and all ages; all who do heaven's will, all who love the Lord

Worship and praise your maker.

✠**Hymn of Praise #14** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

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

Prayer of Confession (from Creation Justice Ministries)

Creating God, we thirst for power and not for righteousness.

Loving God, renew us.

We are quick to show our dominance but hide our dependence.

Loving God, renew us.

We take what we want without thought of what we should give back.

Loving God, renew us.

We see your creation as resources not members of our community.

Loving God, renew us.

We remove mountaintops and clear-cut forests.

Loving God, renew us.

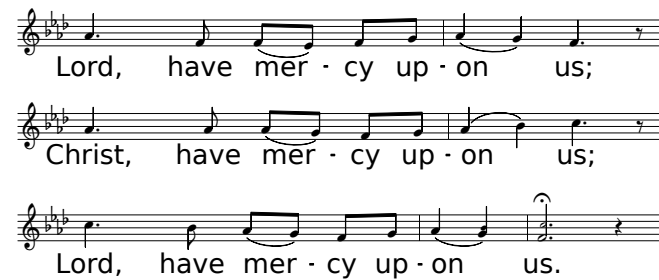
We drill for oil in land that should be protected.

Loving God, renew us.

We drain the earth to fuel our lifestyles.

Loving God, renew us. Transform our hearts and minds so that we might transform the world that we live in. *Silence is kept.*

Kyrie



Assurance of Pardon (from Creation Justice Ministries)

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

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)

Scripture *Mark 5:21-34*

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

Joe Lundy

✠**Hymn for Reflection #247** *Now the Green Blade Rises*

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** (from the *Confession of 1967*)

God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of his dealings with men. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator.

This Week

Sunday, April 27

9:00	AM	Worship/Westminster Hall
10:10	AM	Easy English Fellowship/Rooms 204, 206, 207
10:10	AM	Children’s Sunday School/CE Building
10:10	AM	Adult Discussion/Parlor

Monday, April 28

9:15	AM	ELL In-Person Classes/CE Building & Café
12:00	PM	Lunch & Learn/Centennial Hall
1:00	PM	Knifty Knitters/Parlor & Zoom
1:00	PM	Grow/Family Library
2:00	PM	DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
3:30	PM	Transition Team/Library
3:30	PM	Environmental Team/Parlor & Zoom
5:30	PM	AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, April 29

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

Wednesday, April 30

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
3:30	PM	DREAAM Bible Club/Centennial Hall
5:00	PM	DREAAM Parenting Class/Centennial Hall
7:30	PM	Wednesdays We Gather/Zoom

Thursday, May 1

9:30	AM	ELL Conversation/Café
12:30	PM	Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
2:00	PM	DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
2:30	PM	Congregational Care Deacons/Parlor & Zoom
4:00	PM	Spiritual Formation/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, May 3

8:300	AM	DREAAM/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.

●**Laura Aull Johnston** 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 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 **Pastor Joe Lundy** this morning after worship in the Parlor as he leads this week’s **Adult Discussion** in the Parlor on celebrating God’s earth.

●**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** returns Monday, April 28, at noon in Centennial Hall. Bring a sack lunch and join the inquiring minds.

●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.

●All are invited to the **Spring Gathering** hosted by Presbyterian Women on Thursday, May 22, at 11:30 AM in Centennial Hall. **Kena Jo Chapman** will share her experiences and lead us in a discussion of the last Circle study for the year. A light lunch will follow the program.

●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.