We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise. The prayer continues... 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. Celebration of Holy Communion Prayer after Communion

Hymn #629 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

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.

*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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April 3, 2022 Fifth Sunday in Lent



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church Bienvenue à La Premiere Eglise Presbytérienne de Champaign Bienvenidos a La Primera Iglésia Presbiteriana 샴페인 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 pem.

Greeting & Announcements

*Call to Worship

May we find courage here—

courage to follow our call, courage to live out our faith. May we find hope here—

hope for a better world, hope that refuses to let us go. May we find truth here—

truth that lives in sacred community, truth that lives in ancient stories. May we find all that we seek.

And in our seeking, may we know God. Amen.

♦Hymn #31 Let Us With a Gladsome Mind

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Jesus of Nazareth, we admit that often we tuck our faith into our pockets, hiding in a place of comfort rather than proudly declaring: yes we are Christian, yes we believe, yes this faith has changed me. We are so afraid of offending others or embarrassing ourselves that we have established rules: no faith at the dinner table, no faith in politics, no faith with strangers.

Forgive us for whispering when we could be singing. Forgive us for staying quiet when we could be part of rewriting the narrative. We want to be brave. We want to pour out perfume over your feet. These things we pray, amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Family of faith, hear this good news: Even in our silence, **God loves us.**

Even in our fear or shame, God chooses us. Even when we sin, God wraps us in grace. You are free—to be bold, to be brazen, to be exactly who God called you to be. Thanks be to God, amen. Passing of the Peace (*Waves not touches!*)

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

 Offertory

 Anthem O Love Divine (text by Charles Wesley)
 arr. David A. White

 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!"

Word with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture *John 12:1-8* (NT pg. 106)

¹² Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

This is the Word of the Lord./Thanks be to God!

Ceci est la Parole du Seignuer./Gloire à Dieu (pronounced "glow-ah ah dew")

Sermon Full-Filled

Celebration of the Lord's Supper Invitation Great Thanksgiving The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. Rachel Matthews

This Week

Sunday, April 3 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary Sunday School/Gather in Westminster Hall 10:15 AM 10:15 AM Adult Sunday School/Sanctuary 10:15 AM Human Sexuality & Faith Series/Parlor 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy Easy English Fellowship/Zoom 11:00 AM 11:15 AM The Gathering/Chapel 1:00 PM APNC/Parlor Monday, April 4 9 & 10:00 AM ESL Classes/Zoom 1:00 pm Women's Bible Study/Parlor 1:00 pm GROW/Family Library 2:00 pm DREAAM After School Program/CE Building 4:00 pm HR Meeting/Zoom 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall 7:00 PM ESL Classes/Zoom Tuesday, April 5 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Zoom 9:00 AM Small Group Ministry/Parlor & Zoom 9:30 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204, 205. 206, 207, Café ESL Classes/Zoom 10:00 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor & Zoom 10:30 AM 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom DREAAM After School Program/CE Building 2:00 pm 5:00 рм DREAAM/Centennial Hall 5:30 pm DREAAM Dance-Cheer Clinic/Gym Wednesday, April 6 9 & 10:00 AM ESL Classes/Zoom 12:00 рм Bach Concert/Sanctuary 12:30 рм Dinner for One/Centennial Hall Pakistan Study/Parlor & Zoom 1:30 pm 2:00 pm DREAAM After School Program/CE Building 4:00 PM ESL Classes/Zoom 5:30 рм DREAAM Dance-Cheer Clinic/Gym 6:00 рм Bell Choir/Bell Room 7:00 pm Adult Choir/Choir Room Thursday, April 7 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom 9:30 AM ESL Classes/Rooms 204, 205. 206, 207, Café ESL Classes/Zoom 10:00 AM 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy DREAAM After School Program/CE Building 2:00 PM 4:00 PM Spiritual Formation/Zoom 4:30 PM DREAAM Brotherhood Dinner/Centennial Hall Kitchen & Dining 6:30 PM Compassion, Peace & Justice/Zoom Friday, April 8 Church Office closes at noon 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom

7:30 PM Friday Nite Lights Study/Parlor & Zoom

Saturday, April 9

6:00 PM French Prayer/Zoom

Announcements

•We are glad you're here! Questions about First Pres, contact Pastor Matt or call the church office. •Miriam Chenault is our liturgist this morning. We would love to have you serve as a liturgist! If interested, please contact Carol Miles.

Coffee is back on Sunday mornings! If you enjoy the coffee 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 hosted by Mindy Watts-Ellis.

•Just 24 hours. From sundown to sundown. The world was changed. Our world is changed. This morning following worship in the sanctuary join us for **Adult Sunday School** at 10:15 AM in the Sanctuary. Throughout Lent, we will look at what Jesus did in his last 24 hours on earth and how those hours "changed the world."

The Rev. Dr. Rachel Matthews 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 <u>firstpres.live</u>. The Sunday sermon is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.

•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 Concerts presented by the U of I Choral Department will be held Wednesdays at 12 noon in the Sanctuary. Join us April 6 and 20. Concerts are free and open to the public.

•Dinners for One Wednesday, April 6, at 12:30 (change of time due to Bach concert) Centennial Hall with \$12 box lunches ordered from Michael's Catering. Go to michaelscateringevents.com; choose from the menu and call the church office (217-356-7238) by Monday, April 4 for reservation and order.

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

•The April newsletter is available in the kiosks or at firstpres.church/newsletter.

•Adopt-a-Highway (clean up along State Street) will be held Saturday, April 9, at 8:15 AM. Stop by Westminster Hall this morning or the church office throughout the week to sign a waiver. Questions? Contact Liz Miley 217.356.5402.

•For many years, the Presbyterian Women's group has held a **Staff Appreciation** luncheon to say thank you to the church staff who lead us, inspire us and keep the church wheels turning. This year's luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12. Please multiply PW's appreciation by letting staff know how grateful we all are for their expertise and dedication.