

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.

Anthem *Promised Land*

arr. Michael Richardson

Affirmation of Faith (from *Psalms 23, King James Version*)

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

²He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Song for Centering & Call to Prayer #413, *Come Into God's Presence*

Come into God's presence singing "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia."

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 for Commitment #267 *Come Christians Join to Sing*

♦Charge and Benediction

♦Congregational Sung Benediction #305 *Come Sing, O Church in Joy!*

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!

In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

♦Postlude

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

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

April 30, 2023 4th 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 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

Minute for Mission – Habitat/Salt & Light Jane Alsberg, Community Misison Deacon

♦Call to Worship

The Lord is risen!

The Lord is risen, indeed!

Let us worship God.

The Lord's name be praised.

♦Hymn of Praise #265 *Jesus Shall Reign Wh'er'er the Sun*

Call to Confession

We pause to examine our hearts, our wills, and our motives.

Open our eyes, O Lord.

We pause to examine the sin that warps the systems of which we are a part.

Open our eyes, O Lord, and hear our prayer of confession.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, cleanse us from all unrighteousness, and heal us from the idea that we have no unrighteousness. Help us be honest with ourselves, with others, and with you. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Alleluia!

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Passing of the Peace

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

Offertory – Sora Shepard

Response of Gratitude #22 *God of the Sparrow* (vs. 3)

God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave,

How does the creature say Grace? How does the creature say Thanks?

Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving

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 #471 *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.

When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer.

O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

Scripture *Psalm 23* (from *The Good News* version)

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 *The Lord Is My Shepherd*

Tracy Dace & Matt Matthews

This Week

Sunday, April 30

9:00	AM	Worship/Sanctuary
10:00	AM	Sunday School/Christian Education Building
10:00	AM	Easy English Fellowship/Room 204
10:15	AM	Adult Education/Parlor
10:15	AM	Worship/Windsor of Savoy
1:00	PM	APNC/Parlor

Monday, May 1

8:00	AM	DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
10:00	AM	ELL In-Person/Room 204
1:00	PM	GROW/Family Library
1:30	PM	Bible Study (Rempe)/Westminster Hall
2:00	PM	DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
4:00	PM	HR Meeting/Zoom
5:30	PM	AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, May 2

8:00	AM	Men’s Breakfast Study/Parlor & Zoom
8:00	AM	DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
9:00	AM	Small Group Leaders/Parlor & Zoom
9:30	AM	ELL In-Person/Rooms 102, 103, 104, 201, 204, 205, 206, 207, Café
10:30	AM	Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
12:00	PM	Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
2:00	PM	DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
3:30	PM	DREAAM Culinary Arts Club/Centennial Hall & Kitchen

Wednesday, May 3

8:00	AM	DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
9:30	AM	ELL In-Person/Rooms 102, 103, 104, 201, 204, 205, 206, 207, Café
11:30	AM	Lunch Bunch/Westminster Hall
2:00	PM	DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
3:30	PM	DREAAM Youth Club Event/Centennial Hall & Sanctuary

Thursday, May 4

8:00	AM	DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
9:00	AM	Women’s Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
10:00	AM	Fair Trade Rug Event/Westminster Hall
12:30	PM	Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
2:00	PM	DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
2:30	PM	Care Deacons/Parlor & Zoom
4:00	PM	Spiritual Formation/Zoom
6:30	PM	Bell Rehearsal/Bell Room
7:30	PM	Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Friday, May 5 Church Office Closes at Noon

8:00	AM	DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
8:15	AM	Men’s Prayer/Zoom
10:00	AM	Fair Trade Rug Event/Westminster Hall
12:00	PM	DREAAM Family Meal Prep & Dinner/Centennial Hall & Kitchen
2:00	PM	DREAAM After School Program/CE Building

Saturday, May 6

10:00	AM	Fair Trade Rug Event/Westminster Hall
10:00	AM	Music Sunday Rehearsal/Sanctuary
1:00	PM	M. Booth Flute Recital/Chapel
6:00	PM	French Worship Service/Centennial Hall

Announcements

- We are glad you’re here! Questions about First Pres, contact **Pastor Matt Matthews** or call the church office.
- Sarah Laufenberg** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve as a Sunday liturgist, contact **Carol Miles**.
- Flowers this morning** are given by **Larry and Joanne Walther**.
- Sunday School** for children this morning at 10 AM. Sign in children at the Welcome Center 8:45-9. After worship, they will be escorted to their class. Meet your child or children in the library in the Education Building at 11.
- Join us this morning in the **Parlor at 10:15** for a presentation from **Tracy Dace and the DREAAM staff** on the DREAAM program.
- Dave Whitford** 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 at firstpres.live. The Sunday **sermon** is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.
- Do you have a **family member graduating this year from high school or college?** They don’t have to be a member of the church or even live in the area. Please send a photo and a message including where they are graduating from and what their future plans might be to **Brandi Lowe** brandiscrapbook@yahoo.com or text 217-369-5844. Please submit no later than May 14.
- Fair Trade Rug Event** May 4-7. Experience hundreds of hand-knotted, heirloom quality rugs made by fairly paid adults at the Rug Event sponsored by Ten Thousand Villages. The event will be held Thursday, May 4, through Saturday, May 6, from 10 AM - 6 PM in Westminster Hall and again Sunday, May 7, from 12-1 PM.
- Flower Sale May 5-6 to benefit the Boys & Young Men of DREAAM.** The 2023 KKG Flower Sale will be held Friday, May 5, from 9 AM to 5 PM and Saturday, May 6, from 9 AM to 12 NOON at the Indian Acres Swim Club on Kirby (behind Busey Bank on Kirby).
- Presbyterian Women’s Spring Gathering** Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 11:30 AM. **Lisa Wilson**, the Executive Director of the Refugee Center, will be the guest speaker.
- 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 for yourself.
- The **May newsletter** is available in the kiosks or at firstpres.church/newsletter.
- Please **do not park** in the spaces marked Reserved 24/7 behind the law office on Sunday mornings. The spaces behind the law office belong to Meyer/Capel.

Music Sunday

“Joy in the Lord”

featuring the Chancel Choir accompanied by a brass quartet and strings.

Sunday, May 7

9 AM

building
community



Items we accept

- Antiques
- Appliances
- Artwork
- Bicycles
- Building materials
- Cabinets
- Collectibles
- Electrical supplies
- Electronics
- Exercise equipment
- Flooring
- Furniture
- Hardware
- Home goods
- Lawn & garden
- Lighting
- Media items
- Plumbing supplies
- Sporting goods
- Tools

MAY 14 DEADLINE TO RESERVE

A PICK UP FOR LARGE ITEMS.

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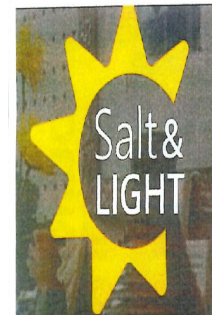
SMALL ITEMS

MAY 30 - JUNE 3

AT THE CHURCH.

RESERVE FOR

LARGE ITEMS.



WHAT WE CAN ACCEPT

- CLOTHING & SHOES (IN ANY CONDITION!)
- BOOKS, DVDS, AND CDS
- PURSES AND BELTS
- HOUSEHOLD GOODS
- FURNITURE (NO RIPS, HOLES, OR STAINS)
- KITCHENWARE
- TOYS AND STUFFED ANIMALS
- LINENS
- SMALL ELECTRONICS
- LARGE APPLIANCES (IN WORKING CONDITION)
- HEALTH, BATH, AND BEAUTY AIDS
- COLLECTIBLES
- FLAT-SCREEN TVS & MONITORS
- JEWELRY
- COMPUTERS & ACCESSORIES
- ANTIQUES
- TOOLS
- EXERCISE EQUIPMENT
- AREA RUGS
- MEDICAL EQUIPMENT (WHEELCHAIRS, WALKERS, CANES, ETC.)

DONATION HOURS:

MONDAY THRU SATURDAY 9AM-8PM
(BOTH LOCATIONS)

SUNDAY 11AM-5PM (URBANA ONLY)

WHAT WE CAN'T ACCEPT

- FOOD
- MATTRESSES/BOXSPRINGS
- PRINTERS, IN ANY CONDITION
- TORN OR BROKEN FURNITURE
- PAINT OR TOXIC CHEMICALS
- CAR SEATS
- DROP-SIDE CRIBS
- HOUSEHOLD FIXTURES THAT NEED TO BE INSTALLED
- PROJECTION OR TUBE TVS
- CARPET AND PADDING
- BLINDS
- VCR TAPES
- PIANOS/ORGANS
- ENTERTAINMENT CENTERS

*WE MAY BE UNABLE TO ACCEPT OTHER ITEMS DUE TO CONDITIONS OR CIRCUMSTANCES.

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