

...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!
Amen, amen, amen!

The Lord's Prayer (pg. 35; *in the language and wording most familiar to you.*)

Communion of the People

Concluding Prayer

In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. 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.*

Connecting with our Community

◆Hymn for Commitment #530 *One Bread One Body*

◆Charge and Benediction

◆Congregational Sung Benediction #547 *Go, My Children, With My Blessing* (vs. 3)

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

◆Postlude

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

Service Material References

Liturgy and Design © 2019 worshipdesignstudio.com

Communion- *A Wee Book of Worship* GLA Publications /inc Chicago 1999 pages 80-92

Office: 302 West Church, Champaign, IL 61820 ♦ 217.356.7238

info@firstpres.church ♦ Rev. Beth Wagner (beth@firstpres.church) ♦ Rev. Joe Lundy (joseph@firstpres.church)

www.firstpres.church ♦ Facebook: fb.com/firstpreschampaign



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN**

April 6, 2025
5th Sunday in Lent

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

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

A table is set before us. A feast is prepared for us.

A meal of bread and wine, of meat and bitter herbs.

The Lord calls us to this supper of remembrance.

The Lord calls us to serve and to be served.

As we break the bread and share the cup,

our understanding may fail us.

But we will never forget Christ's example.

We will never forget the full extent of his love.

◆Hymn of Praise #366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

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

Prayer of Confession

Let us pray together:

Sometimes we just aren't paying attention. We can keep our heads in the sand when we really need to attend to difficult situations, or the needs of your people. Forgive us, O God. Guard us from distancing ourselves, and help us to care for what's right in front of us. 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 *John 13:1-6; 30-35*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture *Luke 4:16-21*

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 *Setting an Example*

Beth Wagner

◆Hymn for Reflection #202 *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*

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 PCUSA *The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

Offertory *Take Up Your Cross*

Lloyd Larson

◆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

Invitation to Communion

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
May love and grace be with us all.
Let us lift our hearts up to our God.
It is right to give our thanks.

Great Thanksgiving

...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.

This Week

Sunday, April 6

- 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 7

- 9:15 AM ELL In-Person Classes/CE Building & Café
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 1:30 PM Bible Study/Library
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 4:00 PM HR Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, April 8

- 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 PW Staff Lunch/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Library
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 4:30 PM Mission Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:00 PM DREAAM Mentoring/Café
- 6:00 PM DREAAM Praise Dance/Chapel
- 7:00 PM Worship Team/Parlor & Zoom

Wednesday, April 9

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

Thursday, April 3

- 9:30 AM ELL Conversation/Café
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 4:30 PM Finance Team/Zoom
- 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Friday, April 11 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 12

- 8:30 AM DREAAM STEM Saturday/CE Building
- 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 worshipping in Westminster Hall while the elevator to our historic Sanctuary is being replaced.
- Please wear your **nametag** to help our **staff** get acquainted.
- **Betty Hollister** 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.
- Today's **coffee** is from farms in Southern Mexico where the coffee is ground, packaged and shipped. These efforts lift impoverished Mexican farmers to independence and help deter immigration. This month we invite you to sample a carafe of Café Justo. We will provide a different choice each week. We value your response with the flavor you prefer. Drop a "yes" (I like it) or "no" (not so good) into the bowls.
- **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 immediately following worship for **Adult Discussion** in the Parlor. This morning **Pastor Joe Lundy** will continue our study of Parables with the Parable of the Prodigal Son.
- **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 (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.

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. At our 9 AM service, special music from our choir will be accompanied by a brass quartet.