

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.

**Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

Call to Communion Hymn #460 *Break Thou the Bread of Life* (vs.1)

We are Invited

We give Thanks

*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.

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

The Meal is Set (*Let us hold the elements and partake together*)

The Meal is Shared

We Close in Prayer

**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 #515 *I Come With Joy*

◆ Charge and Benediction

◆ Congregational Sung Benediction #286 *Breathe On Me, Breath of God*

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

◆ Postlude

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

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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN**

April 7, 2024

2<sup>nd</sup> 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." 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 pads.*

**Greeting & Announcements**

♦**Call to Worship** (Wild Goose Resource Worship Group based on *Psalms 133* and *134*)

How good and how lovely it is to live together in unity

**Precious it is, like oil, poured out to anoint the head.**

Unity is like the dew, falling on holy mountains.

**With it comes God's blessing life for evermore.**

Come bless the Lord, you servants fulfilling God's commandments

**Love and praise your maker, the God of Heaven and Earth.**

♦**Hymn of Praise #245** *Christ the Lord, Is Risen Today!*

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, so often fears and worries and busyness crowd our minds. They can make us feel unable to answer your call upon our lives and unable to rejoice in the glory of your name and actions. Forgive us God, when we allow you to be pushed out of our thoughts. Remind us that you are with us always even as our schedules fill and our anxieties rise. Remind us that your love for us will not allow you to be pushed away. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Passing of the Peace**

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

**Offertory** *Goodness of God*

Jean René Balekita

**Response of Gratitude #716** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

**God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,**

**Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:**

**Gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;**

**Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.**

**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 #629** *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

**Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast.**

**But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.**

**Scripture** *John 20:19-31*

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**

Joe Lundy

## **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.

**Affirmation of Faith**

*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.**

# Announcements

## This Week

### Sunday, April 7

- 9:00 AM Worship/Westminster Hall
- 10:00 AM Sunday School/CE Building
- 10:00 AM Adult Ed/Parlor
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Parlor
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy

### Monday, April 8

- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor & Zoom
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 3:30 PM DREAAM Mentoring/Room 206, 212, Gym
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

### Tuesday, April 9

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:30 PM DREAAM Board Mtg/Chapel & Zoom
- 4:30 PM Mission Committee/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:00 PM Worship Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:30 PM Together on Tuesdays/Zoom

### Wednesday, April 10

- 5:00 PM DREAAM Effective Black Parenting/Various spaces

### Thursday, April 11

- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 4:30 PM Finance Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir/Bell Room
- 6:30 PM Nurture/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir/Westminster Hall

### Friday, April 12 Church Office closes at noon

- 8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom

### Saturday, April 13

- 6:00 PM French Worship Service/Chapel

●**We are glad you're here!** Questions about First Pres, contact **Pastor Matt Matthews** or call the church office. We are presently worshipping in Westminster Hall while our elevator is being replaced.

●Please wear your **nametag** to help our **Associate Pastor Joe Lundy** get acquainted.

●**Tom Ulen** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve, contact **Carol Miles**.

●**The Rev. Dr. Rachel Matthews** will preach this morning's service at the Windsor of Savoy. **Betty Hollister** is preaching in Paxton this morning.

●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](http://firstpres.church/newsletter).

●Please **do not park** in the spaces marked Reserved 24/7 behind the law office on Sundays.

●**If unable to attend church**, watch our 9 AM service live each Sunday at [firstpres.church/live](http://firstpres.church/live). The Sunday **sermon** is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.

●This morning **Jean René Balekita** will share his faith journey at the 10 AM **Adult Ed** class *Faith in the Real World*. Grab a cup of coffee and join us in the Parlor

●The **Installation Service for Associate Pastor of Discipleship Joe Lundy** will be held Sunday afternoon, April 14, at 3 PM. A reception will follow in Centennial Hall.

●This year's **Illinois Marathon** on Saturday, April 27, brings back the first full marathon since Covid. The Saturday route runs down Church Street in front of the Education Building. Sign-up this morning to volunteer with other church members to cheer the runners on or help man the water/snack station that we will host at the Education Building. Contact **Joe Lundy** for more information and questions.



### Church Office Hours

Office hours have changed!

The church office is now open:

**Mon-Thurs 8:30 AM - 2 PM**

**Friday 8:30 AM - noon**

You can always leave a voicemail  
after hours or on weekends.