

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 *God's Gonna Set Dis World on Fire* (Spiritual)

✠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 #65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

✠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 Jace Kim, soloist

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

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

May 11, 2025

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 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 Jace Kim, soloist

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.

✚Call to Worship

Safe in our cozy cocoons we wondered...
 ...does anything really need to change?
While the world rushed on around us, we wondered...
 ...what if I’m just not ready for whatever comes next?
When we fold our true selves down in order to fit inside the old container, we wonder...
 ...am I truly honoring myself by staying in this shape?
When our worldviews are painfully challenged by new information, we wonder...
 ...could this discomfort indicate an opportunity for growth?
Then the love of the Divine reminds us,
 “You too are my child. You can emerge to renewed life. Again and again.” Amen.

✚Hymn of Praise #267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Call to Confession (Congregation may be seated.)

Prayer of Confession

God we admit that so often it is easy for us to remain as we are. We have comfortable lives, relationships and communities. We are comfortable with the way we are, even when we might know that you desire us to change. Forgive us God, for when we ignore your call to change, for when we allow comfort to override your call upon our lives, relationships and communities. Guide as we seek to change to be more like you in all that we do. 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!”

Word with Children

Anthem O Christ Surround Me David Sims

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 Hebrews 11:1-3
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 #684 Faith Begins by Letting Go

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 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

This Week

Sunday, May 11

- 9:00 AM Worship/Westminster Hall
- 10:10 AM Second Sunday Brunch/Centennial Hall

Monday, May 12

- 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
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, May 13

- 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
- 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, May 14

- 9:15 AM ELL In-Person Classes/CE Building & Café
- 9:30 AM Nurture/Parlor & Zoom
- 1:00 PM Music Search Team/Library
- 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
- 5:30 PM Outreach/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:30 PM Wednesdays We Gather/Zoom

Thursday, May 15

- 9:30 AM ELL Conversation/Café
- 10:00 AM Coffee with Beth/Good Judy’s Bagels, Urbana
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 7:00 PM Session/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Friday, May 16 (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 17

- 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.

●We welcome **Jace Kim** on viola this morning as part of our worship service.

●**Jane Seiler** 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 us this morning for our **Second Sunday Brunch** immediately following worship in Centennial Hall. Brunch is free but donations welcomed.

●**Lunch and Learn** Mondays at noon in Centennial Hall. Bring a sack lunch and join us.

●Join **Paster Beth** for coffee Thursdays in May at Good Judy’s Bagels in Urbana. This week the group will meet from 1-3 PM.

●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 last date for this year is 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.

●**We will celebrate graduates Sunday, May 18.** 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.

●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 present the program *Our God, Our Environment, Our Church* and we will conclude this year’s Circle study. 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 **May 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.