

## 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** *The Earth Adorned* (Psalm of Summer)

Waldemar Ahlen

**An Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostle's Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Song for Centering & Call to Prayer #474** *As a Child Rests*

As a child rests in its mother's arms, so will I rest in you.

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**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 #754** *Help Us Accept Each Other*

❖ **Charge and Benediction**

❖ **Congregational Sung Benediction #591** *Halle, Halle, Hallejub!* (chorus)

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! (repeat)

❖ **Postlude**

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

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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

May 15, 2022

Fifth 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**

#### **❖Call to Worship**

Praise the Lord!

**Praise the Lord from the heavens;**

praise God in the heights!

**Praise the Lord, sun and moon;**

**praise the Lord, all you shining stars!**

Let everybody praise the Lord!

#### **❖Hymn #35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty***

#### **Call to Confession (from 1 John 1:8-9)**

If we say we have no sin,

we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just**

**will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

In confidence of God's enduring love and forgiveness

let us confess our sins to God.

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, your son loves us and commands us to love each other. When we resist, melt our hearts. When we fail, lift us up. When we refuse, forgive us and put a right spirit within us.**

**Help us fix our sights on your son, Jesus, who knows the way and, by your Holy Spirit, guides our steps. 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**

God calls us to love one another as God loves us. In this we know the truth of Christ's peace.

Share signs of Christ's peace with one another.

*(Please greet one another in the peace of Christ.)*

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

**Offertory *Seraphic Dances*** John C. Dare

Upper Room Ringers; Libby Sternhagen, Director

### **Prayer of Dedication**

**Response of Gratitude #240 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks***

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

**Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior**

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## **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 #466 *Come and Fill Our Hearts***

**Come and fill our hearts with Your peace, You alone, O Lord, are holy.**

**Come and fill our hearts with Your peace, Alleluia!**

#### **Scripture *John 13:34-35* (NT pg. 108)**

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 *Another Sermon on Love?***

Matt Matthews

# This Week

## Sunday, May 15

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| 9:00 AM  | Worship/Sanctuary                        |
| 10:00 AM | Easy English Fellowship/Room 204         |
| 10:15 AM | Sunday School/Gather in Westminster Hall |
| 10:30 AM | Adult Education/Parlor                   |
| 10:15 AM | Worship/Windsor of Savoy                 |
| 11:15 AM | The Gathering/Chapel                     |
| 1:00 PM  | APNC/Parlor                              |

## Monday, May 16

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| 9 & 10:00 AM | ESL Classes/Zoom                        |
| 1:00 PM      | Women's Bible Study/Miriam Chenault's   |
| 1:00 PM      | GROW/Family Library                     |
| 2:00 PM      | DREAAM After School Program/CE Building |
| 4:30 PM      | Environmental Team/Parlor & Zoom        |
| 5:30 PM      | AA/Centennial Hall                      |
| 7:00 PM      | ESL Classes/Zoom                        |

## Tuesday, May 17

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| 8:00 AM  | Men's Breakfast Study/Zoom                           |                  |
| 9:30 AM  | ESL Classes/Rooms 204, 205, 206, 207, Café; 10:00 AM | ESL Classes/Zoom |
| 10:30 AM | Staff Meeting/Parlor & Zoom                          |                  |
| 12:00 PM | Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom                     |                  |
| 2:00 PM  | DREAAM After School Program/CE Building              |                  |
| 3:00 PM  | DREAAM Aspire/Westminster Hall                       |                  |
| 3:30 PM  | DREAAM Kid's Club/Centennial Hall                    |                  |
| 4:30 PM  | World Mission Committee/Parlor & Zoom                |                  |
| 5:30 PM  | DREAAM Dance-Cheer Clinic/Gym                        |                  |

## Wednesday, May 18

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|--------------|---|
| 9 & 10:00 AM | ESL Classes/Zoom                        |
| 1:30 PM      | Pakistan Study/Parlor & Zoom            |
| 2:00 PM      | DREAAM After School Program/CE Building |
| 3:00 PM      | DREAAM Aspire/Westminster Hall          |
| 3:30 PM      | DREAAM Kid's Club/Centennial Hall       |
| 4:00 PM      | ESL/Zoom                                |
| 5:30 PM      | DREAAM Dance-Cheer Clinic/Gym           |
| 7:00 PM      | Adult Choir/Choir Room                  |

## Thursday, May 19

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| 9:30 AM  | ESL Classes/Rooms 204, 205, 206, 207, Café; 10:00 AM       | ESL Classes/Zoom |
| 12:30 PM | Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy                               |                  |
| 2:00 PM  | DREAAM After School Program/CE Building                    |                  |
| 4:30 PM  | DREAAM Brotherhood Dinner/Centennial Hall Kitchen & Dining |                  |
| 6:30 PM  | Compassion, Peace, Justice/ Zoom                           |                  |
| 7:00 PM  | Session/Parlor & Zoom                                      |                  |

## Friday, May 20 Church Office closes at noon

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| 8:30 AM | Men's Prayer/Zoom                 |
| 7:30 PM | Friday Night Lights/Parlor & Zoom |

## Saturday, May 21

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| 6:00 PM | Francophone Worship/Centennial Hall |
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# Announcements

- **We are glad you're here!** Questions about First Pres, contact **Pastor Matt** or call the church office.
- **Mary Jane Kelley** is our liturgist this morning. We would love to have you serve as a liturgist! If interested, please contact **Carol Miles**.
- Thanks to the **Upper Room Ringers** for sharing their talents with us this morning. If you would like to be a part of bells starting this fall, contact **Libby Sternhagen** or the church office.
- **Coffee is back on Sunday mornings!** Please consider signing up for coffee cleanup. A sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center each Sunday morning.
- Our church musician, **Brendan Barker's** last Sunday with us is TODAY. We will be honoring Brendan during the coffee hour. Please be sure to stop by to thank him for his talent and dedication during COVID non person attendance days thru the present. We wish Brendan well!
- **Sunday School** meets this morning. 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.
- Join us for **Adult Sunday School** this morning at 10:30 AM in the Parlor for "Coffee With St. Paul". **The Rev. Dave Bauer** will lead a discussion of Romans: Chapter 1 (part 2). We have moved start time so we can celebrate **Dr. Brendan Barker** following the 9 AM service this morning.
- **Matt 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 [firstpres.live](https://firstpres.live). The Sunday **sermon** is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.
- **Graduates will be honored** with a cake reception between services on Sunday, May 22. Please notify the church office with the names of children or grandchildren who are graduating from high school, a college or university.
- First Pres Champaign presents . . . **Jazz @ Church & State** . . . Come for an evening of Jazz and hors d'oeuvres on Wednesday, May 25, from 5-7 PM. "Simply This," a rockin' quintet of musical doctors, provide the tunes. Your church friends are providing hors d'oeuvres, iced tea, and coffee. The cost is free, but donations are accepted, with 10% of proceeds going to support efforts in Ukraine.
- **It takes a village!** Volunteers are needed to help with our Sunday morning service productions. If you would like to volunteer, please email [info@firstpres.church](mailto:info@firstpres.church). No experience required. We will provide training/orientation. We would like to get enough volunteers to where we need you once a month.
- If you or a loved one is **in the hospital or in need of a pastoral visit**, contact the church office.
- The **May newsletter** is available in the kiosks or at [firstpres.church/newsletter](https://firstpres.church/newsletter).