

us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

### 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 #286 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

◆ Charge and Benediction

◆ Congregational Sung Benediction #591 *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*  
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

◆ Postlude

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



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

May 19, 2024

Day of Pentecost



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**

**Minute for Mission – DREAM/Pentecost Offering**

Tracy Dace

♦**Call to Worship**

Bless the Lord, oh my soul! (*various languages*)

**Praise the Lord!**

♦**Hymn of Praise #463** *How Firm a Foundation*

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, you poured the Holy Spirit upon us, your believers, empowering us to do great things, providing us with the imagination to find new ways to worship and serve, and guiding us to care for all your children. Yet so often we back away from challenging tasks, we remain content with the same worship and same service, and we fail to care for all your children, allowing them to be pushed out of our spaces. Forgive us God, help us to live into the gifts that you have given us, so that the world would be better for our actions within it, and that it would be just a bit closer to your future kingdom. Amen.

**Hymn of Reflection #291** *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

**Assurance of Pardon**

**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 #175** *Seek Ye First*

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,**

**And all these things shall be added unto you.**

**Allelu, alleluia!**

**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**

**Solo** Gabriel Mboyo

**Prayer for Illumination #555** *O Lamb of God*

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us,**

**Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.**

**Scripture** *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

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** *Dry Bones*

Joe Lundy

**Anthem** *Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus*

Text: Sigismund von Birken (1626-1681); music: Andrew Bruhn

## **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**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims**

# This Week

## Sunday, May 19

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

## Monday, May 20

- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 3:30 PM Environmental Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

## Tuesday, May 21

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:00 AM PW Coordinating Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 3:30 PM Community Mission Deacons/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:30 PM Together on Tuesdays/Zoom

## Wednesday, May 22

- 1:00 PM Pakistan Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:00 PM DREAAM Effective Black Parenting/Various spaces
- 5:30 PM Outreach/Parlor & Zoom

## Thursday, May 23

- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 10:30 AM Circle of Joy/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 1:00 PM Circle of Faith/Parlor & Zoom
- 3:30 PM DREAAM Cheerleading/Gym
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir/Westminster Hall
- 7:00 PM Circle of Peace/Parlor & Zoom

## Friday, May 24 Church Office closes at noon

- 8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
- 7:00 PM Vocal Recital/Westminster Hall

## Saturday, May 25

- 6:00 PM French Worship Service/Chapel

# Announcements

- 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.
- The Rev. Dr. Rachel Matthews** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve, contact **Carol Miles**.
- We celebrate Pentecost this morning. The **Pentecost Offering** that remains in-house this year will be presented to DREAAM. Mark your checks or envelopes "Pentecost" to help young DREAAMers dream BIG!
- Grab a cup of coffee and join us for **Adult Ed** in the Parlor this morning immediately following worship. There will be a joint class of the Easy English Fellowship with Adult Spiritual Formation.
- Gale Brandner** will preach this morning's service at the Windsor of Savoy. **Judi Geistlinger** is preaching in Hoopston this morning.
- Thank you for your generosity in signing up for the **meals for Habitat volunteers** on the third Saturday. All slots are filled. Join us in solidarity with the Summer build by fixing for your own families the recipes we have provided for you on the mission kiosk in Westminster.
- Former choir member **Alejandra Sandoval** will present a voice recital of music in Spanish on Friday, May 24, at 7 PM here at the church in Westminster Hall.
- All are invited to the **Spring Gathering** Thursday, May 30, at 12 noon in Westminster Hall with lunch to follow. The theme for the celebration is *Continuing Sacred Encounters* presented by Pat Phillips. The event will be hosted by Presbyterian Women. RSVP to the church office 217.356.7238.
- Congratulations Graduates!** It's time to **celebrate your graduation**. Celebrate with your FPC family Sunday, June 9 during worship and the brunch to follow the service. Contact **Pat Tarr** at pat.tarr@icloud.com 217-427-5203 with your information, your degree and what you have planned for the future. If you have a graduate in your family, whether a church member or not, we would love to recognize them.
- Sunday Adult Ed will take a break during the summer. We will instead be offering **Adult Bible Study and Christian Discussion** on Wednesday evenings either in-person or zoom. Join us June 19, 26; July 10, 17, 24, 31 or August 7, 14, 21 at 7 PM in the Parlor. Contact church office for zoom link if unable to attend in-person.
- Church Office hours have changed.** The church office is now open Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM-2 PM; Fridays 8:30 AM - noon. You can always leave a voicemail after hours or on weekends.
- 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](http://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](http://firstpres.church/live). The Sunday **sermon** is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.