

## 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** *God's Gonna Set This World on Fire*

arr. Moses and Edwin Hogan

**Litany for the Church** (adapted from *The Worshipbook*, 1970)

That we may accept the responsibility of our freedom, the burden of our privilege, and so conduct ourselves as to set an example for those who will follow after;

**O God, be our strength.**

That we may not be content with a secondhand faith, worshipping words rather than the Word;

**O God, be our strength.**

That we may find joy in the study of Scripture and growth in exposure to new ideas;

**O God, be our strength.**

That we may be part of neighbor churches as we share in the great mission, which you have set before us, and always seeking the common good;

**O God, be our strength.**

That we may find in your church a prod to our imaginations, a shock to our laziness, and a source of power to do your will;

**O God, be our strength.**

O God, who gave us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise; send your Spirit among us; that, confronted by your truth, we may be free to worship you and serve you as you have called us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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

**Prayers of Thanksgiving & Concern**

**The Lord's 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 #157** *I Danced In the Morning*

❖ **Charge and Benediction**

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

❖ **Postlude**

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

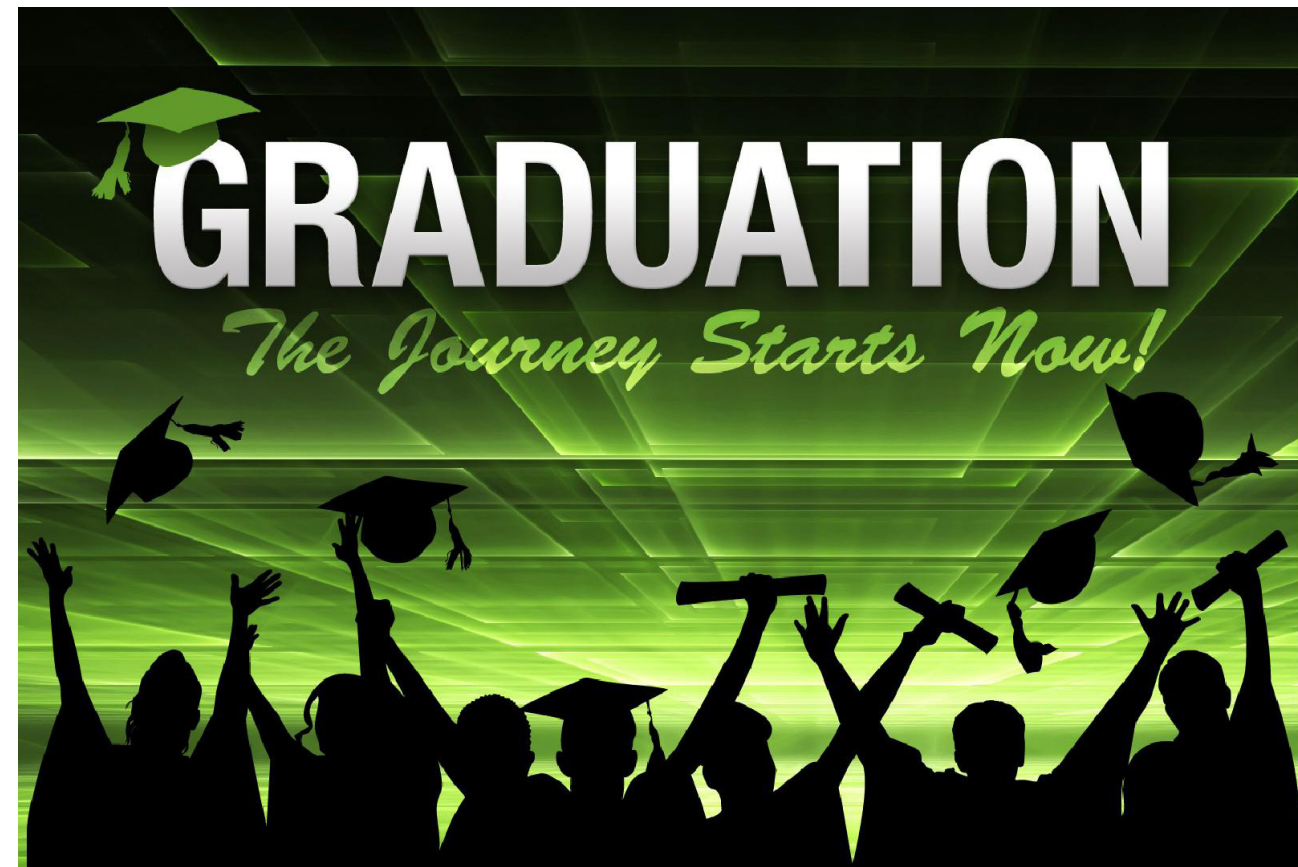
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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

May 22, 2022

Sixth 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**

### **Celebration of our Graduates!**

#### **❖Call to Worship**

Jesus said, "I will not leave you orphaned."

**Praise the Lord!**

Jesus is with us through all change, marking every milestone.

**Praise the Lord!**

Jesus said, "Never let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

**Praise the Lord!**

The Lord is risen!

**The Lord is risen, indeed.**

#### **❖Hymn #2 *Come, Thou Almighty King***

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

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, you are working your purposes out in our lives. Because of your grace, we are growing in mind and spirit. Calm us when we become anxious about the change that accompanies growth. And forgive us when we resist your call to lead lives transformed by your power. Help us, in Christ's name we pray, 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 *Beautiful City* (from *Godspell*)**

Henry Laufenberg, soloist

Stephen Schwartz

#### **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**

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

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

#### **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 #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 15:4-5, 9-11* (NT pg. 109)**

<sup>4</sup> Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

<sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

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 *Love in Action***

Matt Matthews

# This Week

## Sunday, May 22

- 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 23

- 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 24

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Zoom
- 9:00 AM PW Coordinating Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 4:30 PM Community Mission Deacons/Parlor & Zoom

## Wednesday, May 25

- 9:00 AM Cuba Steering Committee/Parlor & Zoom
- 4:30 PM CYF Meeting/ Zoom
- 5:30 PM Simply This Jazz Presentation/Centennial Hall
- 7:00 PM Adult Choir/Choir Room

## Thursday, May 26

- 9:00 AM DREAAM/Centennial Hall
- 10:30 AM Circle of Joy/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 1:00 PM Circle of Faith/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:00 PM Circle of Peace/Parlor & Zoom

## Friday, May 27 Church Office closes at noon

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

## Saturday, May 28

- 6:00 PM Francophone Worship/Centennial Hall

# Announcements

- **We are glad you're here!** Questions about First Pres, contact **Pastor Matt** or call the church office.
- **Jane Alsberg** is our liturgist this morning. We would love to have you serve as a liturgist! If interested, please contact **Carol Miles**.
- Welcome to **Rick Murphy** this morning! Thank you for serving as our pianist/organist.
- **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.
- **Graduates will be honored** with a cake reception this morning between services. Congratulations to all graduates!
- **Sunday School** concludes this morning for the summer. 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 "Planning Your Summer Reading: A Review of Christian Books". **Carol Penka** will enlighten us on some easy summer reads. We have moved start time so we can celebrate **our graduates** following the 9 AM service this morning.
- **The Rev. Dr. Rachel 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](http://firstpres.live). The Sunday **sermon** is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.
- 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.
- All are cordially invited by the Presbyterian Women to the **June Gathering** on Thursday, June 2, at 12 noon. We are honored to have **Commissioned Lay Pastor Judi Geistlinger** to share her journey of servanthood. Her talk title is "Called to Serve."
- **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 each is scheduled once a month.
- Thank you! Thank you! **Your generosity for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in Ukraine is amazing.** In total, you donated \$17, 021 to Ukraine refugees fleeing the fighting in their home areas. You are truly a compassionate and loving congregation, and we thank you both for your financial aid and for your continued prayers for our Ukraine brothers and sisters.
- 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](http://firstpres.church/newsletter).