

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 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!"

Anthem *The Gift of Love* (American folk tune)
Nina de la Hoz, soloist

arr. Hal Hopson

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 #300 *We Are One in the Spirit*

◆ 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.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

May 26, 2024

Trinity Sunday



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

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,

"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Let us worship the Lord with gladness. Praise the Lord.

◆Hymn of Praise #20 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, when our "personal" experience of You allows no room for others,

help us to seek your forgiveness.

When "church" becomes a sanctuary only and never a launch pad,

help us to seek your forgiveness.

When our children are to be seen but not heard,

help us to seek your forgiveness.

When worship becomes simply a resting place before brunch,

help us to seek your forgiveness.

Forgive us, Holy God, for the ways we seek a personal relationship with you to the exclusion of the whole world.

Hear our prayer.

Open us to new friendships.

Hear our prayer.

Inspire us to be curious about ways of thinking different than our own.

Hear our prayer.

Forgive our pride that proclaims "my way is the best way."

Hear our prayer.

Help us to listen and to hear.

Hear our prayer.

Help us repair our community with hospitality and friendship, in the manner of Jesus.

Hear our prayer.

Grow our kinship with the world you love and have so graciously redeemed in Jesus Christ.

AMEN.

Hymn of Reflection #753 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

Assurance of Pardon

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Alleluia!

Know that you are forgiven, work for justice, and be at peace.

Thanks be to God.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

Passing of the Peace

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

Offertory Kristina Engberg

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

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 *Isaiah 6:8*

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 *Here I Am*

Matt Matthews

This Week

Sunday, May 26

- 9:00 AM Worship/Westminster Hall
- 10:00 AM Congregational Meeting/Westminster Hall
- 10:00 AM Sunday School/Education Building
- 10:10 AM Easy English Fellowship/Rooms 204 & 207
- 10:10 AM Adult Ed/Parlor
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy

Monday, May 27 Church Office Closed in observance of Memorial Day

- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, May 28

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 11:00 AM Building & Grounds Mtg/Library
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 4:30 PM World Mission/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:30 PM Together on Tuesdays/Zoom

Wednesday, May 29

- 11:00 AM Session Drop-In/Library
- 5:00 PM DREAAM Effective Black Parenting/Various spaces
- 5:30 PM Outreach/Library
- 6:00 PM Session/Parlor & Zoom

Thursday, May 30

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

Friday, May 31 Church Office closes at noon

- 8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom

Saturday, June 1

- 9:00 AM Interment/Memorial Garden
- 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.
- Bruce Rainey** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve, contact **Carol Miles**. Thank you to **Kristina Engberg** for serving as our pianist this morning.
- There will be a **Congregational Meeting** immediately following worship for the purpose of concurring with Matt Matthews' desire to dissolve the pastoral relationship in order that he can assume the duties of co-pastor with Rachel Matthews of the Waldensian Presbyterian Church in Valdese, North Carolina.
- Grab a cup of coffee and join us for **Adult Ed (Faith in the Real World)** in the Parlor this morning immediately following worship. **Cathy Emanuel** will talk about her faith journey and involvement in public issues regarding nursing home care.
- Gale Brandner** will preach this morning's service at the Windsor of Savoy. **Judi Geistlinger** is preaching in Hoopeston 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.
- 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.
- 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.