

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, You Made All Things for Singing*

Ferguson

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 #661** *Why Should I Feel Discouraged?*

❖ **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.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

May 29, 2022

Seventh 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.

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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 pen.

Greeting & Announcements

Minute for Mission – Habitat for Humanity Kim Gollings, Community Development Director

❖Call to Worship

Come, friends, join to sing!

Praise the LORD, alleluia!

Loud praise to Christ our friend!

Alleluia! Amen!

❖Hymn #267 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Grant unto us, O God, the fullness of your promises. Where we have been weak,

grant us your strength;

where we have been confused,

grant us your guidance;

where we have been distraught,

grant us your comfort;

where we have been dead,

grant us your life;

when we go astray,

forgive us.

Apart from you, O Lord, we are not whole.

In and with you we can do all things. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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

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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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 *Acts 16:25-34* (NT pg. 136)

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 *Frail to Sing Thy Praises*

Matt Matthews

This Week

Sunday, May 29

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 204
- 10:15 AM Adult Education/Parlor
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy
- 11:15 AM The Gathering/Chapel
- 1:00 PM APNC/Parlor

Monday, May 30 Church Office Closed

- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, May 31

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Zoom
- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom

Wednesday, June 1

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 11:30 AM Dinners for One/Centennial Hall
- 1:30 PM Pakistan Study/ Parlor & Zoom

Thursday, June 2

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 12:00 PM PW Spring Gathering/Westminster Hall
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 2:30 PM Care Deacons/Zoom
- 4:00 PM Spiritual Formation/Zoom
- 5:30 PM I Was In Prison (Compassion, Peace, Justice)/Parlor & Zoom

Friday, June 3 Church Office closes at noon

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
- 7:30 PM Friday Night Lights/Parlor & Zoom

Saturday, June 4

- 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 Seiler** is our liturgist this morning. We would love to have you serve as a liturgist! If interested, please contact **Carol Miles**.
- Welcome to **Sora Shepherd** as our pianist this morning!
- **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.
- Join us for **Adult Sunday School** this morning at 10:15 AM in the Parlor. **Kim Gollings**, Community Development Director for CU Habitat for Humanity, is our guest speaker.
- **The Rev. Dr. Rachel Matthews** will preach today's 10:15 AM service at the Windsor of Savoy. **John Muirhead** will preach at Ashmore this morning as part of our Amateur Preacher's program.
- **If unable to attend church**, catch our 9 AM service live each Sunday morning at firstpres.live. The Sunday **sermon** is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.
- **Don't eat alone; join us! Food, Fun and Faith** (singles lunch) Wednesday, June 1, at 11:30 AM in Centennial Hall; **Soul Food** (singles dinner) Wednesday, June 8, at 5:30 PM at the home of Sallie Hutton.
- All are cordially invited by the Presbyterian Women to the **Spring Gathering** Thursday, June 2, at 12 noon in Westminster Hall. We are honored to have **Commissioned Lay Pastor Judi Geistlinger** to share her journey of servanthood. Her talk title is "Called to Serve." Refreshments will be served in beautiful to-go bags.
- **I Was In Prison and...America's Prisons**, Evening One...Thursday, June 2, 5:30-8:30 PM in the Parlor; dinner and viewing the documentary film *13th* followed by discussion;
- **I Was In Prison and...Jesus Is the Way Staff and clients will join the conversation**, Evening Two... Thursday, June 9, 6:30-8:30 PM in the Parlor; light snacks will be provided.
- Our next **Adopt-a-Highway** (clean up along State Street) will be Saturday, June 11. We will gather at 8 AM just outside the north entry to the Education Building.
- **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. No experience required. We will provide training/orientation. We would like to get enough volunteers to where each is scheduled 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 **June newsletter** is available in the kiosks or at firstpres.church/newsletter.