

Invitation to Communion

Great Thanksgiving

The transforming God be with you.

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Living One.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Hymn #565 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

...We proclaim the mystery of faith.

Hymn #566 *Christ Has Died*

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Hymn #568 *Amen*

Amen, amen, amen!

Amen, amen, amen!

The Lord's Prayer (pg. 35; in the language and wording most familiar to you.)

Communion of the People

Concluding 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.*

Connecting with our Community

✠Hymn for Commitment #744 *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

✠Charge and Benediction

✠Congregational Sung Benediction #742 *We Will Walk With God*

We will walk with God, my brothers; we will walk with God.

We will walk with God, my sisters; we will walk with God.

We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.

We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.

✠Postlude

✠Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.

Service Material References: [worshipdesignstudio.com/emerge](http://worshipdesignstudio.com/emerge); Rev. Mindi @ Rev-o-lution blog.

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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH** OF CHAMPAIGN

May 4, 2025

3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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." How wonderful it is to be so loved! Our natural response is worship.

### Prelude

### Greetings & Welcome/ Act of Friendship & Prayer Concerns

*Please pass the Friendship Pad, noting with whom you are sitting, and list prayer concerns on the prayer request cards in the pads.*

### ✚Call to Worship

On the long road of our faith journey, we wonder...

**...what lies ahead along the path?**

Through all our in-between stages of transformation, we wonder...

**...where am I going, and where am I growing?**

As we search for direction in life, we wonder...

**...how can I trust when everything is so uncertain?**

Moving into new paradigms and perspectives, we wonder...

**...what will be revealed when I open up to new possibilities?**

Then the love of the Divine reminds us,

**"You too are my child. You can emerge to renewed life. Again and again."**

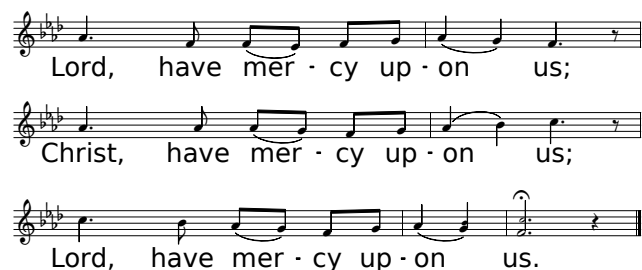
### ✚Hymn of Praise #254 *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

### Call to Confession *(Congregation may be seated.)*

### Prayer of Confession

Wondrous God, we confess that at times our doubts and fears override our hope and faith. Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of Your love and instead fall into despair and gloom. Lift up our spirits, Lord, and help us to remember the promise of new life here and now, not just the hope of resurrection for the future. We give thanks for Your Son, Jesus the Christ, who continues to offer us new life, who continues to turn us around and upside down, who continues to break down the walls of death in our own life. Forgive us, restore us and renew us. In the name of our risen Savior, Jesus the Christ, we pray. *Silence is kept.*

### Kyrie



### Assurance of Pardon *(from Creation Justice Ministries)*

### Passing of the Peace

## 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 #695 *Change My Heart, O God* (refrain)

**Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.**

**Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.** (Repeat)

### Scripture *Luke 24:28-35; 46-49*

Ceci est la Parole du Seigneur./**Gloire à Dieu** (pronounced "glow-ah ah dew")

This is the Word of the Lord./**Thanks be to God!**

### Message *Limited Vision*

Beth Wagner

### ✚Hymn for Reflection #451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

## 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.

### ✚An Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' 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.

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

### Offertory *Amazing Grace*

Jay Althouse

### ✚Response of Gratitude #822 *When We Are Living* (vs. 2)

Through all our living, we our fruits must give. Good works of service are for offering.

When we are giving, or when we are receiving, we belong to God; we belong to God.

### ✚Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving



# This Week

## Sunday, May 4

|       |    |   |
|-------|----|---|
| 9:00  | AM | Worship/Westminster Hall                    |
| 10:10 | AM | Easy English Fellowship/Rooms 204, 206, 207 |
| 10:10 | AM | Children’s Sunday School/CE Building        |
| 10:10 | AM | Adult Discussion/Parlor                     |

## Monday, May 5

|       |    |  |
|-------|----|--|
| 9:15  | AM | ELL In-Person Classes/CE Building & Café |
| 12:00 | PM | Lunch & Learn/Centennial Hall            |
| 1:00  | PM | Grow/Family Library                      |
| 2:00  | PM | DREAAM After School Program/CE Building  |
| 4:00  | PM | HR/Parlor & Zoom                         |
| 5:30  | PM | AA/Centennial Hall                       |

## Tuesday, May 6

|       |    |   |
|-------|----|---|
| 8:00  | AM | Men’s Breakfast Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom |
| 9:00  | AM | Small Group Leaders/Parlor & Zoom         |
| 9:15  | AM | Compassion, Peace, Justice/Zoom           |
| 9:15  | AM | ELL In-Person Classes/CE Building & Café  |
| 10:30 | AM | Staff/Parlor & Zoom                       |
| 12:00 | PM | Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom          |
| 2:00  | PM | DREAAM After School Program/CE Building   |
| 5:00  | PM | DREAAM Mentoring/Café                     |
| 6:00  | PM | DREAAM Praise Dance/Chapel                |

## Wednesday, May 7

|      |    |  |
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| 9:15 | AM | ELL In-Person Classes/CE Building & Café |
| 1:00 | PM | Music Search Team/Library                |
| 2:00 | PM | DREAAM After School Program/CE Building  |
| 3:30 | PM | DREAAM Bible Club/Centennial Hall        |
| 5:00 | PM | DREAAM Parenting Class/Centennial Hall   |
| 7:30 | PM | Wednesdays We Gather/Zoom                |

## Thursday, May 8

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|-------|----|---|
| 9:30  | AM | ELL Conversation/Café                       |
| 10:00 | AM | Coffee with Beth/Good Judy’s Bagels, Urbana |
| 12:30 | PM | Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy                |
| 2:00  | PM | DREAAM After School Program/CE Building     |
| 4:30  | PM | Finance Team/Parlor & Zoom                  |
| 7:15  | PM | Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room                  |

## Friday, May 9 (Church Office Closes at Noon)

|       |    |   |
|-------|----|---|
| 8:15  | AM | Men’s Prayer/Zoom                           |
| 10:00 | AM | Christ Community Church Korean Choir/Chapel |
| 2:00  | PM | DREAAM After School Program/CE Building     |

## Saturday, May 10

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| 1:00 | PM | Internment/Memorial Garden    |
| 6:00 | PM | French Worship Service/Chapel |

# Announcements

●**We are glad you’re here!** Questions about First Pres, see **either pastor** after the service or contact the church office (info@firstpres.church). We are presently worshiping in Westminster Hall while the elevator to our historic Sanctuary is being replaced.

●Please wear your **nametag** to help our **staff** get acquainted.

●**Miriam Chenault** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve, contact **Carol Miles**.

●**Large print bulletins** are available for use on Sunday mornings. Ask an usher if you cannot find one.

●We are collecting royalties each time we hear a **Spiritual** in our service. Royalties were never paid for this music. Money we collect will go to the DREAAM Choir. A donation box is on the Welcome Center.

●Grab a cup of coffee and join our **Adult Discussion** this morning after worship in the Parlor. **Dave Bauer** will be leading a discussion of the introductory passages of Paul’s letter to the Romans.

●**We will celebrate graduates Sunday, May 18.** Contact **Brandi Lowe** (brandiscrapbook@yahoo.com) with information on your graduate. Please submit their name, where graduating from including degree, relation to you, information on future plans and a picture.

●**Lunch and Learn** Mondays at noon in Centennial Hall. Bring a sack lunch and learn about the transition process.

●Join **Paster Beth** for coffee Thursdays in May from 10-12 noon at Good Judy’s Bagels in Urbana.

●The **DREAAM middle school youth and staff** join us on our campus for fun activities, a Bible study, and to share a meal. We meet Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. The last date for this year is May 14. Contact **Peter Yau** pmyau@illinois.edu (217-621-0448) with questions or to sign up to help in the kitchen. Contact **Holly Ewan Nordheden** hnordheden@gmail.com (217-621-3450) to serve as a table host.

●All are invited to the **Spring Gathering** hosted by Presbyterian Women on Thursday, May 22, at 11:30 AM in Centennial Hall. **Kena Jo Chapman** will present the program *Our God, Our Environment, Our Church* and we will conclude this year’s Circle study. A light lunch will follow the program.

●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.