

✚Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving

Communion

The Invitation

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.

Leader...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.

Leader...as 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.

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

Hymn #568 *Amen*

Amen, amen, amen!

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Communion of the People

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

**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 #697 *Take My Life and Let It Be* (vs. 1-3, 6)

✚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.

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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH** OF CHAMPAIGN

June 1, 2025

7<sup>th</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.

### Moment for Ministry – Random Acts of Kindness

Betty Hollister

### ✠Call to Worship

While our spiritual ancestors were living in Egypt, they wondered...

...how long must we endure this oppression?

When they left Egypt and followed Moses in the desert, they wondered...

...is this really any better than our old life in Egypt?

When we feel the urge to make a change in our lives, we wonder...

...how much longer can I go on like this?

When we consider the cost of change, we wonder...

...what is the cost if I stay the same?

Then the love of the Divine reminds us,

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

### ✠Hymn of Praise #509 *All Who Hunger*

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

### Prayer of Confession

God who provides, it is so easy for us to forget that we rely on you for all we have.

It is easy to think that we must hoard resources and wealth, in order to weather the storms of life. It is easy to fall back on old patterns when the future looks less stable than how we remember the past. It is easy to think that we must look out for ourselves, before we assist others. God, forgive us. Remind us that you provide enough, that you have set a course for the future that we are called to follow, and that you have called us to help the people around us. *Silence is kept.*

### Kyrie



### Assurance of Pardon

### 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 *Exodus 16:1-3, 11-12, 17-20, 31-32*

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 *Let Go: Leaving Behind What We Don't Need*

Joe Lundy

### ✠Hymn for Reflection #81 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

## 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 Nicene Creed*)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

### Offertory *Thou Shalt Give Unto the Lord*

John Ness Beck

### ✠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.

# This Week

## Sunday, June 1

- 9:00 AM Worship/Westminster Hall
- 10:10 AM Easy English Fellowship/Rooms 204, 206, 207

## Monday, June 2

- 7:00 AM DREAAM Summer Camp/CE Building
- 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn/Centennial Hall
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 4:00 PM HR/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

## Tuesday, June 3

- 7:00 AM DREAAM Summer Camp/CE Building
- 8:00 AM Men’s Breakfast Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:15 AM Compassion, Peace, Justice/Zoom
- 10:30 AM Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:00 PM DREAAM Mentoring/Café

## Wednesday, June 4

- 7:00 AM DREAAM Summer Camp/CE Building
- 10:00 AM Coffee with Beth/Espresso Royale (Robeson at the Crossing)
- 1:00 PM Music Search Team/Library
- 7:30 PM Wednesdays We Gather/Zoom

## Thursday, June 5

- 7:00 AM DREAAM Summer Camp/CE Building
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 2:30 PM Congregational Care Deacons/Parlor & Zoom
- 4:00 PM Spiritual Formation/Zoom
- 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

## Friday, June 6 (Church Office Closes at Noon)

- 8:15 AM Men’s Prayer/Zoom

## Saturday, June 7

- 9:00 AM DREAAM/Cafe
- 6:00 PM Bethesda Fellowship/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](mailto:info@firstpres.church)). We are presently worshipping in Westminster Hall while the elevator to our historic Sanctuary was replaced. The Sanctuary has been repainted and is now undergoing a deep cleaning for our return on Sunday, June 8.

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

●**Betty Hollister** 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.

●This morning’s **Service Materials References:** [worshipdesignstudio.com/emerge](http://worshipdesignstudio.com/emerge).

●As mentioned in this morning’s **Moment for Ministry**, *Because You Matter* Random Acts of Kindness cards and suggestion sheets can be found at the Welcome Center.

●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.

●**Lunch and Learn** Mondays at noon in Centennial Hall. Bring a sack lunch and join us. On Monday, June 2, we will revisit the PCUSA transition process. If you missed the last time Pastor Beth shared the process, join us. Bring your lunch, and come and learn.

●Join **Paster Beth** for coffee Wednesdays in June at Espresso Royale at Robeson at the Crossing from 10 to 12 noon.

●Save Sunday, June 8, for a *special* Pentecost celebration. This will be our **first Sunday back** in our historic Sanctuary after a lengthy hiatus due to the replacement of our elevator. Special music will be provided by **Gary Winder** on the clarinet. It’s **Second Sunday Brunch**. We will also say farewell to **Matthew and Sora Shepard**. If you would like to donate to a love gift for the Shepards, please make your check payable to the church and mark it Shepard farewell.

●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 **June 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.