

That we may not be content with a secondhand faith, worshiping 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 #415** *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* (refrain)

**I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.**

**In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.**

**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 #510** *We Gather Here in Jesus' Name*

◆ **Charge and Benediction**

◆ **Congregational Sung Benediction #541** *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* (vs. 1)

**God be with you till we meet again; Loving counsels guide, uphold you,**

**With a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.**

◆ **Postlude**

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

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# **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN**

June 11, 2023      2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



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**

### **♦Call to Worship (Psalm 121:1-8)**

I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will my help come?

**My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.

**He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The Lord is your keeper;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

**The sun shall not strike you by day  
nor the moon by night.**

The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.

**The Lord will keep your going out  
and your coming in from this time on  
and forevermore.**

### **♦Hymn of Praise #36 *For the Fruit of All Creation***

### **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Our faith often doesn't express itself in glad actions, only in dead, mumbled words. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

By the grace of God in Jesus Christ, know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**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**

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

**Offertory** – Sora Shepard

### **Response of Gratitude #175 *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God***

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,**

**And all these things shall be added unto you. Alleluia, 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 #468 *In My Life* (vs. 1, 3)**

**In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.**

**In my life, Lord, be glorified today.**

**In your church, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.**

**In your church, Lord, be glorified today.**

### **Scripture *Matthew 9:9-13* (NT, pg. 9)**

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 *I Desire Mercy, Not Sacrifice***

Matt Matthews

## **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 *Eternal Life* (Prayer of St. Francis)**

Kathryn Cole, soloist

Olive Dungan

### **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.**

## This Week

### Sunday, June 11

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Rooms 104/105
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy

### Monday, June 12

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 8:00 AM DREAAM Esport Camp/Room 212
- 1:00 PM Prayer Ministry Team/Library
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Drumline/Gym

### Tuesday, June 13

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 8:00 AM DREAAM Esport Camp/Room 212
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 4:30 PM Mission Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Drumline/Gym
- 7:00 PM Worship Team/Parlor & Zoom

### Wednesday, June 14

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 8:00 AM DREAAM Esport Camp/Room 212

### Thursday, June 15

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 8:00 AM DREAAM Esport Camp/Room 212
- 11:00 AM Talk to Me Sign Language Class/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 7:00 PM Session/Parlor & Zoom

### Friday, June 16 Church Office Closes at Noon

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 8:00 AM DREAAM Esport Camp/Room 212
- 8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
- 7:30 PM Friday Night Lights/Zoom

### Saturday, June 17

- 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.
- **Bruce Rainey** will serve as liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve as a Sunday liturgist, contact **Carol Miles**.
- **Sunday School** for children is on summer break. Children are encouraged to attend church with their families. Childcare on Sunday mornings is provided for children 4 years and younger.
- **Judi Geistlinger** 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 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.
- The **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Brunch** this morning will feature Jean René Balekita. Join us in Westminster Hall immediately following the service for food, fellowship and music.
- **Rachel and Matt** are teaching a **Covenant Bible Study** for five Wednesday evenings (5:30-7:30) this summer beginning July 19. Sign up now with a phone call to the church office. More information will be coming, but make plans now for these dinners and deep study.
- 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 for yourself.
- 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 the law office on Sunday mornings. The spaces behind the law office belong to Meyer/Capel.

**Save the Date**  
**DREAAM SHOE GIVE AWAY July 29**  
Look for a collection box in Westminster Hall.