

✠Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving

Prayers 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 #700 *I'm Going to Live So God Can Use Me* (Spiritual)

✠Charge and Benediction

✠Congregational Sung Benediction #539 *We Will Go Out With Joy* (vs.1)

✠Postlude

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

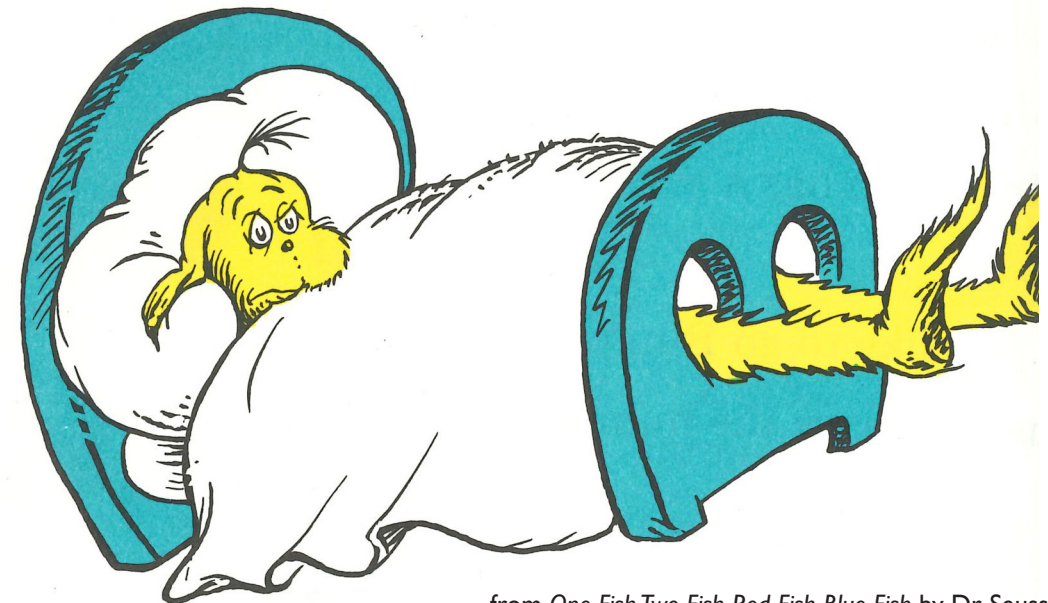


**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH** OF CHAMPAIGN

June 15, 2025

Trinity Sunday

Is Your Bed Too Short?



from *One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish* by Dr. Seuss

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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 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

Chiming of the Hour on Tower Bell

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

Here in this place, there are no foreigners,
for all are welcome in God's house.

Here in this worship, there is only acceptance,
for love is the language of faith.

**Here in our lives, there are no divisions,
for God dwells in each of us.**

Come, let us worship in unity and love.

✙Hymn of Praise #409 *God Is Here!*

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

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, You have set before us the path but we have wandered on our own to try to find our way. Sometimes we are like toddlers and we hear Your call and come back. Other times, we are children testing boundaries, ignoring Your call until fear finally makes us look back. And still other times we are full of youthful rebellion, demanding to be cut loose and set free, not knowing how much we still need to seek Your wisdom and guidance. But most of all, too often we think we are adults and have figured it all out and know our own way, only to stumble and stray so far.

Remind us, parental God, that we are always Your children, that we are never fully grown up in Your sight, that we always have much to learn. Help us to seek You every day, to acknowledge that we need Your wisdom and guidance, and help us to return to the path and walk with You. In the name of Christ, who is our companion on this journey of faith, we pray. Amen. *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 #701 *Lord, Prepare Me*

Scripture *Hebrews 12:15*

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

Scripture *Ruth 1:8-21*

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

Message *Is Your Bed Too Short?*

Beth Wagner

✙Hymn for Reflection #22 *God of the Sparrow*

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

"In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve . . . With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

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

Offertory

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

This Week

Sunday, June 15

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

Monday, June 16

- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 3:30 PM Transition Team/Library
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, June 17

- 8:00 AM Men’s Breakfast Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building
- 10:30 AM Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 4:30 PM Community Mission Deacons/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:00 PM DREAAM History Training/Café

Wednesday, June 18

- 9:00 AM Cuba Partners/Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building
- 10:00 AM Coffee with Beth/Esspresso Royale (Robeson at the Crossing)
- 11:00 AM French Ministry Team/Family Library
- 1:00 PM Music Search Team/Library
- 7:30 PM Wednesdays We Gather/Zoom

Thursday, June 19 Church Office Closed in Observance of Juneteenth

- 7:00 PM Session/Parlor & Zoom

Friday, June 20 (Church Office Closes at Noon)

- 8:15 AM Men’s Prayer/Zoom
- 7:00 PM French Prayer/Zoom

Saturday, June 21

- 6:00 PM Francophone 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).

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

●**Tanya Deckert** 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.

●*Because You Matter* **Random Acts of Kindness** cards and suggestion sheets can be found at the Welcome Center. Check out the comments either at the Welcome Center or the Mission kiosk in Westminster Hall from people who have participated or received *random acts*.

●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.

●The **Pentecost Offering** helps guide young people in Christian formation. Our gifts, when combined with those from other congregations, help instill in our young people a heartfelt understanding of the ways God comes to us every single day. Forty percent of the offering remains local and will go to support the DREAAM program. The offering will be received throughout June. Mark your check or place in an envelope marked “Pentecost” to direct your gifts.

●Join us next Sunday as we continue our **summer series of sermons of Dr. Seuss**. **Betty Hollister** will preach on the theme *Will You Be That Someone Who Cares?* from *The Lornax*.

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

●**Harvey Hodges** will celebrate his 100th birthday Saturday, June 28, at The Windsor of Savoy in the Savoy room from 1-3 PM. All are invited. If unable to attend and want to send a card, they can be sent to Harvey at 401 Burwash Avenue #159, Savoy, IL 61874.

●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.

●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.