

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 #738 *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*

◆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 18, 2023 3rd 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 pen.

Greeting & Announcements

♦Call to Worship

God of love, we come before you today seeking your presence.

We are weary of the world's divisions and violence.

We long for a world of peace and justice.

We pray that you would fill us with your love and empower us to be agents of peace in the world.

Help us to love one another as you have loved us.

Help us to be a people of compassion and mercy.

Gather us now, that we may worship you fully in spirit and in truth.

We worship you, O God. Accept our prayers and praise.

♦Hymn of Praise #343 *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* (vs. 1,2,3,6)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, Maker of all

Have mercy on us.

Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor

Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, Breath of life

Have mercy on us.

Let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty. (Silence.)

Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness; to the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others, and the life of the world. May God forgive us, Christ renew us, and the Spirit enable us to grow in love. Amen.

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 *Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7* (OT, pg. 64)

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 *A Meditation on Angels Unawares*

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 *As the Showers That Water the Earth*

text-Susan Cherwien; Music-David Sims

Ensemble: Brandi Lowe, Karin Vermillion, Ann Finnegan, Linda Sims, Dennis Sims, Sean Foster

This Week

Sunday, June 18

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

Monday, June 19

- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 3:30 PM Environmental Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, June 20

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:00 PM Community Mission Deacons/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Drumline/Gym

Wednesday, June 21

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 5:30 PM Dinners for One/Location TBD

Thursday, June 22

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

Friday, June 23 Church Office Closes at Noon

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

Saturday, June 24

- 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.

●**Pat Phillips** 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.

●**The Rev. Dr. Rachel Matthews** 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. The Sunday **sermon** is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.

●**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.

●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.