

## Prayer for Illumination

**Scripture** *Genesis 21:8-21* (OT, pg. 17); *Matthew 10:29-31* (NT, pg. 10)

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** *It's a Family Affair*

Judi Geistlinger

## 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** *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

Joe Grant, soloist

**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 #365** *God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice* (tune of *Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart*)

◆**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**

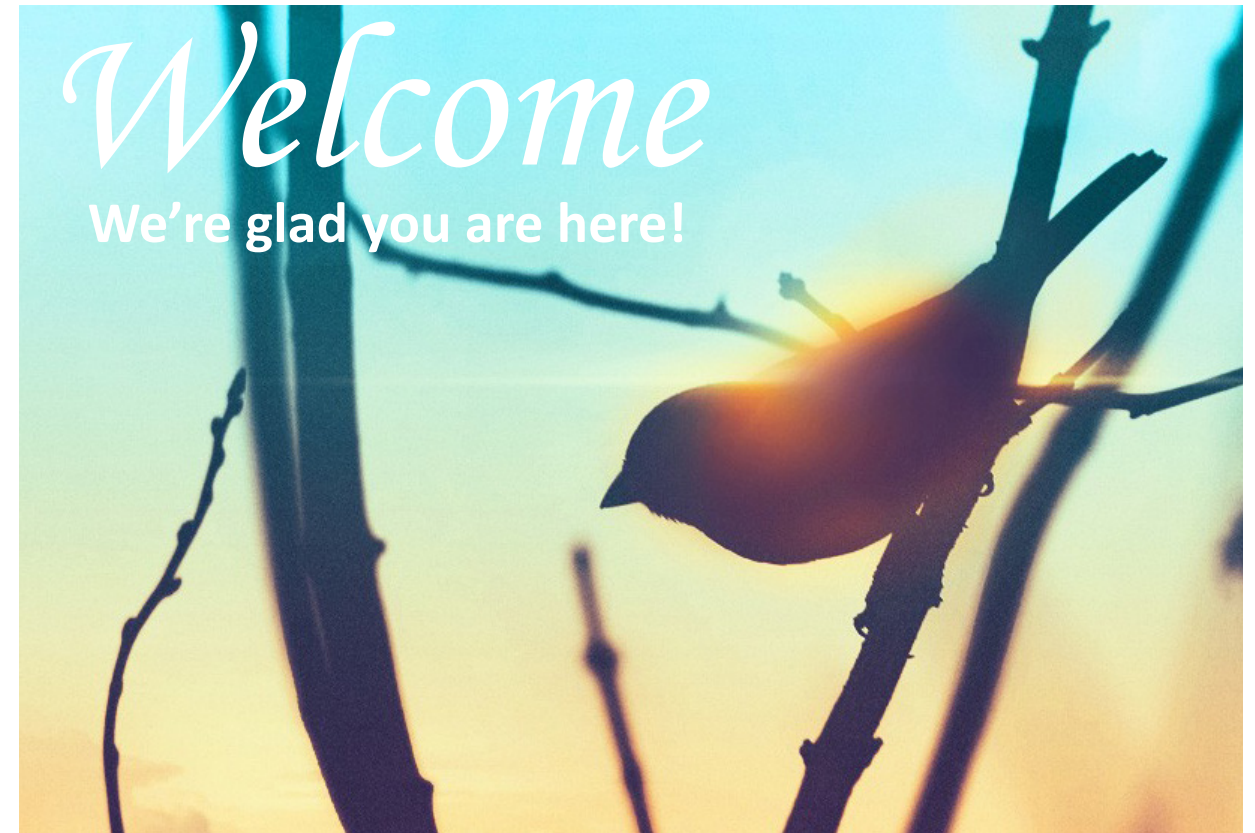
◆Please stand if able. Remain seated if need be.



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

June 25, 2023

4<sup>th</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 (from Matthew 10:29-31)**

Not one sparrow will fall to the ground apart from their Creator.

**God tells us we are of more value than many sparrows.**

God knows us and loves us. Even the hairs of our head are all counted.

**We praise you, O God! Grateful are we for your love and care!**

### **♦Hymn of Praise #239 *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing***

### **Call to Confession (1 John 1:8-9)**

If we say we have no sin,

we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just**

**will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

In confidence of God's enduring love and forgiveness

let us confess our sins to God.

### **Prayer of Confession**

It is never easy to confess our lives to you, O divine Listener. When we have a chance to speak up for the outsider, we too often join in sending them away into the wilderness of hopelessness. When we could shout good news to a needy world, our voices drop to a whisper. When we could abound in grace, we continue to wallow in wrongdoing.

Forgive us, Hearer of our hearts, and have mercy on us. You lean over to listen to our words, and then to cast them into your sea of forgetfulness. You show us your signs of hope, that we might point others to you. You help us when we are weakest and, in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, you save us when we cannot save ourselves. Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Do not be afraid. God cherishes us, God treasures you, beyond all else in creation. You are graced, you are forgiven, you are healed.

**We will not keep this good news to ourselves.**

**We will shout our hope from the rooftops of our hearts.**

**Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

### **Passing of the Peace**

### **Invitation to the Offering *Hebrews 13:16 (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!"*

### **Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism (Please no flash photography during service. Thank you!)**

**Sentences of Scripture (from Matthew 28:18-20)**

**The Presentation**

**Profession of Faith**

**Constitutional Questions for the Parents**

**Constitutional Questions for the Congregation**

**The Apostle's 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.**

**Thanksgiving over the Water**

**The Baptism**

**The Welcome**

**Song of Welcome #482 *Baptized in Water* (vs. 3)**

# Announcements

## This Week

### Sunday, June 25

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

### Monday, June 26

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 109, 212
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Drumline/Gym

### Tuesday, June 27

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 109, 212
- 9:00 AM ELL In-Person/CE Bldg.
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 4:30 PM World Mission/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Drumline/Gym

### Wednesday, June 28

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 109, 212
- 9:00 AM ELL In-Person/CE Bldg.

### Thursday, June 29

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 109, 212
- 11:00 AM Talk to Me Sign Language Class/Parlor & Zoom

### Friday, June 30 Church Office Closes at Noon

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

### Saturday, July 1

- 6:00 PM French Worship Service/Chapel

●**We are glad you're here!** Questions about First Pres, contact **Pastor Matt Matthews** or call the church office.

●**Betty Hollister** will serve as liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve as a Sunday liturgist, contact **Carol Miles**.

●This morning we celebrate the baptism of **Henry Jason Lahorgue**, son of Amber and Christopher Lahorgue.

●**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. Gale Brandner** will preach today's 10:15 AM service at the Windsor of Savoy. **Gary Peterson** is preaching in Hoopeston this morning as part of our Amateur Preachers.

●**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.

●**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).

●DREAAM's **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Shoe Giveaway** will be happening on Saturday, August 12. We will be collecting donations to bless our DREAAM families with new footwear to start their school year. Visit [www.dreaam.org](http://www.dreaam.org) and help the kiddos walk into their academic adventures in comfort. DREAAM will be celebrating eight years of change-making and hope-generating work this summer! Come celebrate this anniversary with us on Sunday, July 16, during the worship service, followed by cake, coffee and community in Westminster Hall.

●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.