

## 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** *Partita in A Minor*  
Sydney Weiler, flute

J.S. Bach

**Song for Centering & Call to Prayer #474** *As a Child Rests*  
As a child rests in its mother's arms, so will I rest in you.  
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**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. Hear our prayer O Lord.

## 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 #767** *Together We Serve*

❖ **Charge and Benediction**

❖ **Congregational Sung Benediction #591** *Halle, Halle, Hallejnah!* (chorus)

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! (repeat)

❖ **Postlude** *Prelude in A Minor*

J.S. Bach

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

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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

June 26, 2022 3<sup>rd</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** Improvisation on a theme by Shostakovich

**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**

Together, by grace, we witness and work

**Remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.**

Together we serve in Spirit and truth,

**Remembering love is the strength of our song.**

**Let us sing praises to God!**

❖**Hymn of Praise #643** *Now Thank We All Our God*

**Call to Confession** (from *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**

Forgive us, Holy God, for the ways we seek a personal relationship with you to the exclusion of the whole world:

**help us to seek your forgiveness.**

When "church" becomes a sanctuary only and never a launch pad:

**help us to seek your forgiveness.**

When our children are to be seen but not heard,

**help us to seek your forgiveness.**

Open us to new friendships.

**Hear our prayer.**

Forgive our pride that proclaims "my way is the best way."

**Hear our prayer.**

Help us repair our kinship with the world you love and have so graciously redeemed in Jesus Christ.

**AMEN.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**In the grace of God through 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**

God calls us to love one another as God loves us. In this we know the truth of Christ's peace.

The peace of Christ be with you! (*Please greet one another in the peace of Christ.*)

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

**Offertory**

**Sung Response #240** *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

**Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.**

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**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 #466** *Come and Fill Our Hearts* (from *Psalms 106:1 & 118:1a, 29a*)

**Come and fill our hearts with Your peace, You alone, O Lord, are holy.**

**Come and fill our hearts with Your peace, Alleluia!**

**Scripture** *Luke 9:51-62* (NT pg. 70)

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** *Jesus and RSVP's*

Matt Matthews

## This Week

### Sunday, June 26

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 204
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy
- 11:15 AM The Gathering/Chapel
- 1:00 PM Todd Sackett Memorial Service/Sanctuary

### Monday, June 27

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rms 105,109,212
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Zoom
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

### Tuesday, June 28

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Zoom
- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/In-person & Zoom
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom

### Wednesday, June 29

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/In-person & Zoom

### Thursday, June 30

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Zoom
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 5:00 PM DREAAM Aspire Parent Focus/Café

### Friday, July 1 Church Office closes at noon

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

### Saturday, July 2

- 6:00 PM French Worship Service/Centennial Hall

## Announcements

- **We are glad you're here!** Questions about First Pres, contact **Pastor Matt** or call the church office.
- **Sandy Carr** is our liturgist this morning. We would love to have you serve as a liturgist! If interested, please contact **Carol Miles**. Thank you to **Jose Pukuta** for reading our scripture in French this morning.
- We welcome **Kevin Kato** as our organist this morning.
- The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are from the family of **Todd Sackett** whose memorial service will be held this afternoon at 1 PM.
- **Coffee is back on Sunday mornings!** Please consider signing up for coffee cleanup. A sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center each Sunday morning.
- **Gary Peterson** 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 morning at [firstpres.live](https://firstpres.live). The Sunday **sermon** is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.
- Your **Associate Pastor Nominating Committee** has been hard at work since February. We met for initial training, prepared a summary description of our church, and sent this document to PCUSA to be matched with candidates seeking positions. We are currently in the process of Zoom interviews. Our committee has felt your support throughout this entire process, and we ask for your continued prayers and patience as the Holy Spirit guides us to call an associate pastor. Gratefully, Members of the APNC: **Bruce Rainey, Carol Penka, Kathy Schoeffmann, Nancy Martin, Kevin Kim, and Betty Hollister.**
- The Session's Covid Response Team **recommends that we wear masks indoors**. Covid cases are high in Champaign County. We want to do what we can to keep our community safe. This is a recommendation not a 'mandate'. Our Covid Team has been paying attention to recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control. Please see the CDC.gov to learn more; a link there tracks county data for every state. Additionally, the Covid Response Team reminds people who are at-risk for disease or in fragile health, and for people who cannot be vaccinated, to be extra careful. Let's continue to hold each other in prayer as we strive to be Christ's (healthy) body on earth.
- **It takes a village!** Volunteers are needed to help on the AV desk at the back of the Sanctuary during our Sunday morning services. If you would like to volunteer, please email [info@firstpres.church](mailto:info@firstpres.church). No experience required. We will train.
- If you or a loved one is **in the hospital or in need of a pastoral visit**, contact the church office.
- The **June newsletter** is available in the kiosks or at [firstpres.church/newsletter](https://firstpres.church/newsletter).