

✚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 #317 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

✚Charge and Benediction

✚Congregational Sung Benediction #742 *We Will Walk With God*

✚Postlude

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

Service Material References: ministrymatters.com



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH** OF CHAMPAIGN

June 29, 2025

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

**Green Eggs
and
Ham**



from Dr. Seuss

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.

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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

Sing a new song,

a song of love for all.

Sing of the Spirit of love,

the Spirit who loves us all.

Sing of God’s abiding love,

that we might love one another

and all of the world.

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✠Opening Prayer

✠Hymn of Praise #401 *Here In This Place*

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

Prayer of Confession

You asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose.

I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard.

You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice.

I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.

You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty.

I closed them, for I did not want to see.

You asked for my life, that you might work through me.

I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved. Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you— only when it is convenient for me to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so. God, forgive me, renew me, send me out as a usable instrument, that I might take seriously the meaning of your cross. 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 #695 *Change My Heart O God* (Refrain 2x)

Scripture in French *Acts 10:10-16, 34-36*

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

Josie Stukes

Scripture in English *Acts 10:10-16, 34-36*

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

Peter Yau

Message *Can I Have What I Want”*

Peter Yau

✠Hymn for Reflection #315 *In the Midst of New Dimensions*

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 (Confession of Belhar)

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

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 29

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:10 AM Summer Youth Sunday School/2nd Floor CE Building
- 10:10 AM Easy English Fellowship/Rooms 204, 206, 207
- 2:00 PM DREAAM/Café

Monday, June 30

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

Tuesday, July 1

- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building
- 9:15 AM Compassion, Peace, Justice/Zoom
- 10:30 AM Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 4:30 PM Taco Tuesday with Beth/Quidos
- 5:00 PM DREAAM History Training/Café

Wednesday, July 2

- 9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Building
- 11:15 AM DREAAM IYIP Orientation/Café
- 7:30 PM Wednesdays We Gather/Zoom

Thursday, July 3

- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 4:00 PM Spiritual Formation/Zoom

Friday, July 4 Office closed for observance of July 4th

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

Saturday, July 5

- 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.

●**Laura Johnston** 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**. **Dave Bauer** will preach on the theme *Do You See What I See?* from *And To Think I Saw It On Mulberry Street*.

●Join **Pastor Beth** for **Taco Tuesday** on July 1, 8, and the 15th. Maybe it's the heat, but we will change Coffee Shop Office hours to Taco Tuesdays. Join me at Guidos Bar and Grill, 2 E Main, for their ½ price tacos. I’ll be dining from 4:30 -5:30. Email me at beth@firstpres.church so I can get a big enough table.

●Plans are underway for the **175th Anniversary Celebration** of First Presbyterian Church. We are organizing various events on Sundays from September 14 through October 12. Please contact **Nancy Martin**, Chairman, at nemartin81@@hotmail.com or text 217-359-0753 or contact **Carol Ann Green** at cadgreen@comcast.net or text 217-621-4933 if you are interested in helping with the celebration of our historical church.

●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.