

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.

Affirmation of Faith (from the *Confession of 1967*)

The Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's Grace. The new life does not release people from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, and fear. They still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as they mature in love and faithfulness in their life with Christ, they live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.

Anthem *Promenade/Walking the Dog* from *Shall We Dance* 1937
Gary Winder, clarinet

George Gershwin

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 #375** *Shall We Gather at the River*

◆ **Charge and Benediction**

As we go from here this day, may we go with the blessing of
God our healer, Christ our brother and the Holy Spirit our guide.

◆ **Congregational Sung Benediction #748** *Go With Us Lord*

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.**

◆ **Postlude**

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

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

June 30, 2024

6th 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 worship space, please be mindful of the silent prayers of those around you.

We are presently worshipping in Westminster Hall while our elevator is being replaced.

*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 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 pads.

Greeting & Announcements

Minute for Mission – Raindrop Offering

Jeannie Snoeyink

♦Call to Worship

We are met in the presence of God

And we do not meet alone.

With the angels in the highest heaven

We gather to worship the Lord.

With Abraham and Sarah

We gather to worship the Lord.

With the saints of every age

We gather to worship the Lord.

We embark on our own journey of faith

God's Holy name be praised.

God makes of us a great people

God's Holy name be praised.

In the desert and in the den, in barrio and basilica

God's Holy name be praised.

We journey in the presence of God.

And we do not journey alone.

♦Hymn of Praise #17 *Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of Grace, you call us to be different from the world,

but the world is seductive, and so we come here to be strengthened.

God of Vision, you hold before us an alternate way of life,

different priorities, different loyalties, different values.

But we know that the world is not only seductive but powerful,

**and so we are drawn in to following its priorities,
accepting its values, showing loyalty to its gods.**

God who blesses the meek, the peacemakers, the merciful,

**forgive us when we lose sight of these qualities,
when we misunderstand their role in the world.**

Hymn for Reflection #425 *Son of God, Whose Heart Is Peace*

Assurance of Pardon

Rejoice and be glad!

God is gracious and God offers blessings.

God calls us to life in the world,

God offers us the chance to explore how to live out God's vision.

We are called, we are forgiven, we are blessed.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

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

Offertory *Adagio from Clarinet Quintet*

Gary Winder, clarinet

H. Bauermann

Response of Gratitude #240 *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks*

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to his name.

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 #137 *He Came Down*

He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;

He came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore.

Scripture *Genesis 12:1-9*

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")

Message *Dancing the Transitional Dance*

Beth Wagner

This Week

Sunday, June 30

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

Monday, July 1

- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 4:00 PM HR Meeting/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, July 2

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:30 PM Together on Tuesdays/Zoom

Wednesday, July 3

- 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch/Parlor
- 1:00 PM Pakistan Study/Parlor & Zoom

Thursday, July 4 Church Office Closed

Friday, July 5 Church Office closes at noon

- 8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom

Saturday, July 6

- 6:00 PM French Worship Service/Chapel



Put it on your calendar!!!

**ALL Church Picnic
Sunday, August 18
4 PM Hessel Park**

Announcements

- **We are glad you're here!** Questions about First Pres, see **Associate Pastor Joe Lundy** after the service or contact the church office (info@firstpres.church). We are presently worshipping in Westminster Hall while our elevator to our historic Sanctuary is being replaced.
- This morning we welcome **Interim Pastor/Head of Staff Beth Wagner**. Beth will be with us during this transition period as we search for a new Pastor/Head of Staff.
- Please wear your **nametag** to help our **staff** get acquainted.
- **Judi Geistlinger** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve, contact **Carol Miles**.
- **Judi Geistlinger** will preach this morning's service at the Windsor of Savoy.
- Summer vacation time is here and for June, July & August there are no Adult Sunday School Discussions scheduled. Many of our small groups also take a break during the summer. But for a mid-week spiritual pick-up there's **Bible Study and Christian Discussion** on Wednesdays 7 – 8 PM in Mae Chapin Parlor and on Zoom. We'll have light snacks, soft drinks, good fellowship and serious theology led by **Rev. Joseph Lundy**. Our first set of lessons comes from PCUSA. It's a 3-part series on what it means to be a Matthew 25 congregation, June 19, 26 and July 10. No extra book needed, just a Bible and an open mind.
- Thank you for your generosity in signing up for the **meals for Habitat volunteers** on the third Saturday. All slots are filled. Join us in solidarity with the Summer build by fixing for your own families the recipes we have provided for you on the mission kiosk in Westminster.
- **Church Office hours have changed.** The church office is now open Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM-2 PM, Fridays 8:30 AM-noon. You can always leave a voice mail after hours or on weekends.
- 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 **July 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.