

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.
- **Jane Seiler** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve, contact **Carol Miles**.
- We welcome **Gary Winder** on clarinet to our service this morning.
- **Large print bulletins** are available for use on Sunday mornings. Ask an usher if you cannot find one.
- Join us this morning immediately following worship for our **Second Sunday Brunch** in Centennial Hall. Brunch is free as is the fellowship.
- *Because You Matter* **Random Acts of Kindness** cards and suggestion sheets can be found at the Welcome Center.
- 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.
- Join **Paster Beth** for coffee Wednesdays in June at Espresso Royale at Robeson at the Crossing from 10 to 12 noon.
- **Harvey Hodges** will celebrate his 100th birthday Saturday, June 28, at The Windsor of Savoy in the Savoy room from 1-3 PM. All are invited. If unable to attend and want to send a card, they can be sent to Harvey at 401 Burwash Avenue #159, Savoy, IL 61874.
- 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.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

June 8, 2025

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 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 *Canzonetta*

Gary Winder, clarinet

Gabriel Pierné

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

Through growing pains and awkward phases, we wondered...

...am I always going to feel this way?

Before we came to this community, we wondered...

...where could I find a spiritual home?

We all come from different backgrounds and hold different views, and we wonder...

...how can we faithfully hold space for so many differences of opinion?

We look to the future of our church and our world, and we wonder...

...where will God call us to go next?

Then the Spirit of the Divine reminds us,

**"You are all a part of me. You are wind for soaring and you can emerge to renewed life.
Again and again."**

Opening Prayer

Prayers of Dedication of the Renovated Sanctuary Space

Almighty God, we dedicate this place to your worship, that in prayer and praise, in Word and Sacrament, we may know your will and experience your peace and power in our lives. Let this place be a refuge for those who suffer or sorrow, a fortress for those besieged by temptation, a beacon to light the way in darkness.

May we enter your gates with thanksgiving and come into your courts with praise.

Trusting in Jesus Christ, we dedicate this sanctuary in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**As we dedicate this place, O God, we rededicate our lives to the service of Jesus Christ,
your Son, our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory now
and forever. Amen.**

✠Hymn of Praise #1 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

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

Call to Prayer #5 *God the Sculptor of the Mountains* (vs. 4)

God the unexpected infant, God the calm, determined youth,

God the table turning prophet, God the resurrected truth:

You are present every moment; we are searching; meet us now.

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.*

Saying Good-bye to Matthew and Sora Shepard

Leader: We have gathered in this place to mark the departure of Sora and Matthew Shepard from the life of First Presbyterian Church. What would we like them to know in their leaving?

God has called you to new place and a new task. We grieve your leaving! We will miss you!

...your love will bind us together as members of your family.

**Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,
by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown.**

Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

May God be with you in your leaving and in your returning, from this time forward and forever more. The peace of the Lord be with you always!

And also, with you!

Connecting with our Community

✠Hymn for Commitment #611 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

✠Charge and Benediction

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

We will walk with God, my brothers; we will walk with God.

We will walk with God, my sisters; we will walk with God.

We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.

We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.

✠Postlude

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

Service Material References

Prayer of Confession

Let us confess together:
We confess to you, Renewing Spirit, that we confuse unity with uniformity, and diversity with divisiveness. We speak and behave as if being a part of your family means assimilating others to our way of living. We deny and destroy the beauty you created in each person. We long to change these patterns, O Creator, but we do not know how. Teach us to value challenge. Help us to see strength in difference. And empower us to build your kingdom in creativity and love. *Silence is kept.*

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us;

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us;

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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)
Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you. (Repeat)

Scripture *Acts 2:1-4*

Anthem *Come, Holy Spirit* Allen Orton Gibbs

Scripture *Acts 10:34-36*

Ceci est la Parole du Seigneur./Gloire à Dieu (pronounced “glow-ah ah dew”)
This is the Word of the Lord./Thanks be to God!

Message *The Power of Transformation* Beth Wagner

✠Hymn for Reflection #280 *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

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.

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant
Renunciations

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?
I do.
Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?
I do.
Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?
I will, with God’s help.

Affirmation of Faith

Leader: With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
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.
Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
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 for Baptism

Leader: The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Offertory *Tre Danze Latine* Michele Magini
Gary Winder, clarinet

✠Response of Gratitude #822 *When We Are Living* (vs. 2)
Through all our living, we our fruits must give. Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when we are receiving, we belong to God; we belong to God.

✠Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving