

## 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

Moment for Mission – Raindrop Offering

John Muirhead

✚ Hymn for Commitment #300 *We Are One in the Spirit*

✚ Charge and Benediction

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

✚ Postlude

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

● **Tanya Deckert** 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.

● With our return to the sanctuary, we have access to our hearing assistant loop. This technology allows people with hearing aids equipped with **T-Coil technology** to hear the service through their hearing aids. If you know you have T-coil technology, plan to turn on the T-coil via your phone each Sunday morning. You may have to ask your audiologist if you have this technology and how to turn it on. Let Pastor Beth know about your experience.

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## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

July 13, 2025

5<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 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

Oh God who continues to reform us all,

**Hear us today as we begin to call,**

We will sing from our pews, and ring bells from our steeple,

**To remind those here that you love all the people,**

As we gather this day we hope that you join us,

**With your holy spirit, we ask you anoint us!**

✙Opening Prayer

✙Hymn of Praise #133 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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

Prayer of Confession

God in heaven, so often despite your transformative power, we remain living as if your call has made no difference upon our lives. We forget that you are supposed to be a part of our decisions, and instead live with hearts that are two sizes too small. Forgive us God, grow our hearts, and remind us to live like we are your children, trying our best to live your way. 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

Anthem *The Lord Is Present In His Sanctuary* (RDCongo)  
New Amerian Choir

Prayer for Illumination #695 *Change My Heart, O God* (Refrain 2x)

Scripture in French *Romans 8:12-17*

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

Scripture in English *Romans 8:12-17*

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

Message

Joe Lundy

✙Hymn for Reflection #286 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

## **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 *The Apostles’ 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.

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

Offertory *Faya rikigna* (Give with Joy, Bafia Cameroun)  
New Amerian Choir

Response of Gratitude *Pepele na Yesu* (We are light on Jesus, Lingala RDCongo)  
New Amerian Choir

✙Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer (pg. 35; *in the language and wording most familiar to you.*)

# This Week

## Sunday, July 13

- 9:00 AM   Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:10 AM   Brunch/Centennial Hall

## Monday, July 14

- 9:15 AM   ELL Classes/CE Building
- 11:30 AM   DREAAM IYIP Case Management/Café
- 12:00 PM   Lunch & Learn/Centennial Hall
- 1:00 PM   GROW/Family Library
- 1:00 PM   Knifty Knitters/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM   AA/Centennial Hall

## Tuesday, July 15

- 9:15 AM   Compassion, Peace, Justice/Zoom
- 9:15 AM   ELL Classes/CE Building
- 10:30 AM   Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 11:15 AM   DREAAM/Rooms 201 & 204
- 4:30 PM   Taco Tuesday with Beth/Guido’s
- 5:00 PM   DREAAM History Training/Café

## Wednesday, July 16

- 9:00 AM   Cuba Partners/Zoom
- 9:15 AM   ELL Classes/CE Building
- 11:00 AM   French Ministry Team/Family Library
- 11:15 AM   DREAAM/Rooms 201 & 204
- 11:30 AM   DREAAM IYIP Case Management/Café
- 7:00 PM   Benefit Concert/Sanctuary
- 7:30 PM   Wednesdays We Gather/Zoom

## Thursday, July 17

- 7:30 AM   DREAAM STEM Camp/Centennial Hall
- 12:30 PM   Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 7:00 PM   Mission Assessment/Sanctuary

## Friday, July 18 Church Office closes at 12 noon

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

## Saturday, July 19

- 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](mailto:info@firstpres.church)).
- Please wear your **nametag** to help our **staff** get acquainted.
- Flower donations** for use in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings are always accepted. You can choose to honor family members, friends/loved ones or special events. If interested in participating, please contact **Nancy Dankle** 217.778.4088.
- 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 us next Sunday as we continue our **summer series of sermons of Dr. Seuss**.
- Lunch & Learn** will be held Monday, July 14, in Centennial Hall. Bring a sack lunch.
- Join **Pastor Beth** for **Taco Tuesday** on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Maybe it's the heat, but we will change Coffee Shop Office hours to Taco Tuesdays. Join me at Guido’s 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](mailto:beth@firstpres.church) so I can get a big enough table.
- Jace Kim and friends** will present a **Benefit Concert** Wednesday, July 16, at 7 PM in the Sanctuary. 100% of any money donated will go to support Strides Shelter in Champaign. Tickets are free but guests are encouraged to make donations as able.
- The **Mission Study** begins Thursday, July 17, at 7 PM in the Sanctuary. We will meet our New Beginnings Mission Study Assessor and participate in the first event: Appreciate Inquiry. This is an open event to all church participants who are interested in the future of the congregation.
- Veda Gil**, Executive Director Presbyterian Education Board in Lahore Pakistan will be visiting July 22-25. All are invited to an **Open House** at the home of **Sallie Hutton**, 1410 Mayfair Road in Champaign, on Wednesday, July 23, from 4-6 PM to visit with Veda. For over 25 years, Veda has tirelessly worked to strengthen PEB schools, ensuring that education is accessible to those who need it most. Veda’s connection to PEB runs deeper than her role, it’s part of her story. A PEB scholarship changed her mother’s life, opening doors that led to generations of education and opportunity. Now, Veda continues that legacy, advocating for students and leading with compassion, vision, and unwavering commitment.
- Plans are underway for the **175<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:nemartin81@hotmail.com) or text 217-359-0753 or contact **Carol Ann Green** at [cadgreen@comcast.net](mailto:cadgreen@comcast.net) or text 217-621-4933 if you are interested in helping with the celebration of our historical church. If you have pictures that celebrate events at the church and would like to share them, send or take to the church office by August 15. Include the name of the event, year if possible and names of people in the picture. All pictures will be returned.
- 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](http://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](http://firstpres.church/live). The Sunday **sermon** is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.





## School Supplies for Local Families

Let's make a generous gift through our Champaign Park District on behalf of local families and teachers by donating school supplies during the month of July. Our goal is to provide supplies for one hundred families. We will be recognized for our contribution with a presence at CU Days at Douglass Park on August 9 where we will greet people, play some fun children's games and share our faith.

Bring gifts to Westminster Hall or the church office between July 6 and July 31. If you'd rather not shop, then consider a financial donation and we will shop for you. Memo "School Supplies".

We suggest the following:

### For Students

Inexpensive headphones for Chrome Book (less than \$10 each)

Inexpensive back packs (less than \$10 each)

Crayola crayons boxes of 24

Unscented glue sticks

Ticonderoga # 2 pencils

Personal handheld pencil sharpener

Paper mate pencil erasers

### For Teachers

Large boxes of facial tissue

Wet wipes unscented

With gratitude we will then see you at the park,

Your Outreach and Church Growth Team

## 2025 Raindrop Offering

This year, Community Mission Deacons (CMDs) are responsible for organizing the Raindrop offering that the church collects each July. CMDs decided that The Refugee Center will be the beneficiary of the project this year.

The Refugee Center (TRC) assists immigrants from all over the world, but is currently serving people from the following countries: Guatemala, Vietnam, China, DRC, Colombia, Mexico, Venezuela, Angola, Afghanistan, Honduras, Nicaragua and Ecuador. Languages provided in-house are Spanish, Q'an'jobal, French, Lingala, Pashto, Dari, Vietnamese, Portuguese and Mandarin. The Center provides social services including referrals for health care and legal services, helping clients find housing, and assisting with job searches. They also accompany clients to job interviews, doctor and school appointments and other meetings requiring an interpreter. The Center has been doing this for 45 years!

Check out the Raindrop display in Westminster Hall. Take a raindrop with the amount you would like to donate, write a check to the church with "Raindrop" on the memo line and put your check in the offering or drop it off in the office. You can also donate online through the church's website under "DONATE" and indicate Raindrop in the comments box.

We will be collecting donations again today; our goal is to raise \$5,000 for a security system for the Center. Please give from your heart and pray for the safety of the staff and clients at The Refugee Center.

## Taste a Bit of African Presbyterian Culture Today

"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done." *Proverbs 19:17*

Your African friends invite you to bring gifts for the poor this morning during the offertory.

"We live in community with all God's people. We are enriched by cultural diversity. African Presbyterians have ways to respond to God's grace with offerings differently from those in America.

At the time of the offering, we give not only money, but also other gifts. These may include rice or semolina, fruits or vegetables, cooking oil, eggs or bread and even used or new clothing and shoes. We bring these to the front of the sanctuary in song and dance expressing the joy of giving. Later, we will distribute the nonmonetary gifts among the poor in the community.

We are also hoping to sing in worship and to provide a recipe for our following brunch."

Your New Americans Ministry Team