

## 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** *Way Maker*

Jean René Balekita and Laetitia Kyungu

**Song for Centering & Call to Prayer #658** *God Is So Good* (vs. 1)

God is so good; God is so good;

God is so good; God's so good to me.

**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 #757** *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

❖ **Charge and Benediction**

❖ **Congregational Sung Benediction #542** *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* (vs. 1)

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,

With a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

❖ **Postlude**

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

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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

July 17, 2022

6<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 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**

### **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 pen.*

### **Greeting & Announcements**

### **❖Call to Worship (from *Colossians 1*)**

We have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints.

**We have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to us.**

We have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will,

**So that we may lead lives worthy of the Lord as we bear fruit in every good work.**

Let us worship God!

### **❖Hymn #610 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing***

### **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**God of hope and glory, through Christ hear our prayer and renew a right spirit within us. Hostility rages and battles continue; warfare is not ended, and lives are lost. We yield to suspicion; our envy creates enemies. We confess that Christ came to create a new order, yet we continue to dwell in our complacency. We rarely venture out without knowing the destination; we want to know what's in it for us before we commit ourselves to your call. Forgive our lack of courage and commitment and help us to trust you completely.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

By the Grace of God through Jesus Christ, know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**Thanks be to God.**

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**In 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.

Share signs of Christ's peace with one another. *(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.***

### **Offering Song**

### **Sung Response #659 *Know That God Is Good***

**Know that God is good. Know that God is good.**

**Know that God is good; God is good; God is good.**

**Halle, hallelujah. Halle, hallelujah.**

**Halle, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.**

### **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 #468 *In My Life***

**In our prayer, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.**

**In our prayer, Lord, be glorified today.**

### **Scripture *Mark 2:1-12* (NT pg. 36)**

<sup>2</sup> When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. <sup>2</sup> So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door, and he was speaking the word to them. <sup>3</sup> Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them.

<sup>4</sup> And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. <sup>5</sup> When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven." <sup>6</sup> Now some of the scribes were sitting there questioning in their hearts, <sup>7</sup> "Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" <sup>8</sup> At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves, and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? <sup>9</sup> Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk?' <sup>10</sup> But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic—<sup>11</sup> "I say to you, stand up, take your mat, and go to your home." <sup>12</sup> And he stood up and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

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 *We Have Never Seen Anything Like This***

Dr. Rebecca Blair



# This Week

## Sunday, July 17

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 204
- 10:10 AM *Won't You Be My Neighbor*/Centennial Hall
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy
- 11:15 AM The Gathering/Chapel
- 1:00 PM APNC/Parlor

## Monday, July 18

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Zoom
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 4:30 PM Environmental Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

## Tuesday, July 19

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

## Wednesday, July 20

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

## Thursday, July 21

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

## Friday, July 22 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 23

- 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.

●This morning we welcome guest preacher **Dr. Rebecca Blair**, Lead Presbyter for Transformation and Stated Clerk of our presbytery.

●**Tanya Deckert** is our liturgist this morning. We would love to have you serve as a liturgist! If interested, please contact **Carol Miles**.

●This week we are very pleased to welcome **Sora Shepard** as our new organist/pianist! Sora is an accomplished concert artist and collaborative pianist. She is employed at Knox College in Galesburg as a piano teacher and staff accompanist. Sora's husband, Matthew is an outstanding choral conductor and full-time doctoral student in choral music at UI. Please take time to welcome her at the coffee hour after service.

●**Won't You be my Neighbor?** Join us for a special Sunday series in Centennial Hall after the 9 AM worship service July 17 and 24. This program **for all ages** is based on the popular television show by Mr. Rogers. We will share with one another what our neighborhood looks like, talk about welcoming strangers, reinforce that we are loved just the way we are, and contemplate how acts of kindness have a ripple effect.

●**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.

●The Session's Covid Response Team **recommends that we wear masks indoors**. Covid cases are high in Champaign County. Let's continue to hold each other in prayer as we strive to be Christ's (healthy) body on earth.

●Our next **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Brunch**, will be Sunday, August 14 at 10:10 AM. Come and enjoy brunch in Centennial Hall. We will have an array of brunch items each month prepared in our new kitchen by volunteers led by trained cooks. Select from different hot dishes, meats, fruits, pastries and beverages each month. Enjoy the fellowship right after the 9 AM service. Donations are appreciated to help cover the costs.

●**Fun in the Sun...**Sunday, August 14, 6 PM at Sholem Aquatic Center. Join us that evening for fun, food and swimming! Free and open to everyone!

●**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 **July newsletter** is available in the kiosks or at [firstpres.church/newsletter](https://firstpres.church/newsletter).