

Offer songs of joy and wonder to the One who welcomes you to this Table.

We will sing to God, whose bounty fills our lives, our hearts, our souls.

... prayers continue

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.

The Meal is Set (*Let us hold the elements and partake together.*)

The Meal is Shared

We Close in Prayer

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 #687** *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* (vs. 1-5)

♦ **Charge and Benediction**

♦ **Congregational Sung Benediction #623** *I've Got Peace Like a River* (vs. 1)

I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river;

I've got peace like a river, in my soul. (Repeat)

♦ **Postlude** *Minuet*

Gary Winder, clarinet

Georges Bizet

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

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

July 2, 2023 5th 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 *Bercense*

Gabriel Fauré

Gary Winder, clarinet

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

We proclaim God's faithfulness in our lives,

For God's steadfast love endures forever.

God has been faithful to our ancestors, and God is faithful to us,

For God's steadfast love endures forever.

God has made a new covenant with us through Jesus Christ,

For God's steadfast love endures forever.

Live into the joy of God's love in your life and worship God,

For God's steadfast love endures forever.

♦Hymn of Praise #703 *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Thee*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of Providence, your faithfulness is from everlasting to everlasting, but we fail to trust. You hold all creation in the palm of your hand, but we take our lives into our own hands more often than we would like to admit. When we trust ourselves more than your grace, forgive us. When we think the world rests on our shoulders, remind us. Call us back to your way. Teach us to turn our lives over to your gracious care. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

As a cup of cold water quenches our thirst, God's grace soothes our souls.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia!

Passing of the Peace

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

Offertory – *The Swan*

Camile St. Saën

Gary Winder, clarinet

Response of Gratitude #607 *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

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 *Down to the River to Pray*

Henry Laufenberg, soloist

Scripture *Genesis 22:1-2, 6-14* (OT, pg. 17)

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 *I Have Some Questions*

Judi Geistlinger

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

We are Invited

#507 *Come to the Table of Grace* (vs. 1)

Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.

We give Thanks

The Lord who provides be with you!

And also with you!

Lift your hearts to the One who frees us from sin.

We rejoice in God, who delivers us from death's power.

This Week

Sunday, July 2

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Rooms 104/105
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy
- 10:30 AM Called Session Meeting/Mae Chapin Parlor

Monday, July 3 Church Office Closed

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 109, 212
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Drumline/Gym

Tuesday, July 4 Church Office Closed

Wednesday, July 5

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 109, 212
- 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch/Westminster Hall

Thursday, July 6

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 109, 212
- 11:00 AM Talk to Me Sign Language Class/Parlor
- 2:30 PM Congregational Care Deacons/Parlor & Zoom

Friday, July 7 Church Office Closes at Noon

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 109, 212
- 8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
- 7:30 PM Friday Night Lights/Zoom

Saturday, July 8

- 6:00 PM French Worship Service/Chapel

The Church Office will be closed Monday, July 3, and Tuesday, July 4. Have a safe and happy Independence Day!

On Wednesday, July 5, work will begin in the church alley connecting the new heating system to both the Church and Education Building. The alley will be torn up and unable to be used Wednesday through Saturday of that week. We apologize for any inconvenience. **The north door of the church will be open for any meetings in the church during that time.**

Announcements

●**We are glad you're here!** Questions about First Pres, contact **Pastor Matt Matthews** or call the church office.

●We welcome **Rick Murphy** as our pianist this morning.

●**Gary Peterson** will serve as liturgist this morning. **Betty Hollister** is in Paxton this morning as part of our Amateur Preacher's program. If you would like to serve as a Sunday liturgist, contact **Carol Miles**.

●**Sunday School** for children is on summer break. Children are encouraged to attend church with their families. Childcare on Sunday mornings is provided for children 4 years and younger.

●**The Rev. Gale Brandner** 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 at firstpres.church/live. The Sunday **sermon** is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.

●**Rachel and Matt** are teaching a **Covenant Bible Study** for five Wednesday evenings (5:30-7:30) this summer beginning July 19. Sign up now with a phone call to the church office. More information will be coming, but make plans now for these dinners and deep study.

●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 for yourself.

●The **July newsletter** is available in the kiosks or at firstpres.church/newsletter.

●DREAAM's **2nd Annual Shoe Giveaway** will be happening on Saturday, August 12. We will be collecting donations through August 5th to bless our DREAAM families with new footwear to start their school year. Visit www.dreaam.org and help the kiddos walk into their academic adventures in comfort. DREAAM will be celebrating eight years of change-making and hope-generating work this summer! Come celebrate this anniversary with us on Sunday, July 16, during the worship service, followed by cake, coffee and community in Westminster Hall.

●Please **do not park** in the spaces marked Reserved 24/7 behind the law office on Sunday mornings. The spaces behind the law office belong to Meyer/Capel.