

## **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** (A portion of the PCUSA *Confession of 1967*)

The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death. The teaching of apostles and prophets guides men and women in living this life, and the Christian community nurtures and equips them for their ministries.

The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of all in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God's purpose rather than human schemes will finally prevail.

### **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 #731** *Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm*

◆ **Charge and Benediction**

◆ **Congregational Sung Benediction #313** *Lord, Make Us More Holy*

**Lord, make us more holy; Lord, make us more holy;  
Lord, make us more holy, until we meet again:  
Holy, Holy, Holy, until we meet again.**

◆ **Postlude**

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

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# **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** OF CHAMPAIGN

July 21, 2024

9<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

샬페인 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 worshiping 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.*

### **Greetings**

### **Announcements**

### **♦Call to Worship**

Sojourning God, your Spirit exists everywhere, on every path, inviting us to move with curiosity and compassion toward each other.

**De-center us even if we become uncomfortable. Show us how to be humble and willing to accept that all beings are sacred as created by you**

so that we will grow in peace, expand in love, and deepen in understanding.

**Nudge and guide us, we pray.**

### **♦Hymn of Praise #372 *O For a World***

### **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole hearts and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, through what we have done and left undone.

Forgive us when we create boundaries of "us" and "them" and assume scarcity where you offer abundance. Guide us as we seek to turn around toward greater love. Lead us to travel in your ways. Amen.

### **Hymn of Reflection #182 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say***

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Know this: There is a spring of life that flows throughout creation and is available to all—to us—when we need it most. Amid our fear, Jesus calls us to be a new creation. He is our constant companion, inviting us to reach out to one another, traveling together toward the Kin-dom of Love.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**Glory to God. Amen!**

### **Passing of the Peace**

The peace of the risen Christ is with you!

**And also with you!**

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

**Offertory** *In the Garden*

C. Austin Miles; arr. Brent Olstad

Trenna Thomas, flute

### **Response of Gratitude #468 *In My Life***

**In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.**

**In my life, Lord, be glorified today.**

### **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!"*

**Anthem** *Just a Closer Walk With Thee*

arr. Marty Parks

Trenna Thomas, flute

### **Word with Children**

### **Prayer for Illumination #314 *Christ, Be Our Light***

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.**

**Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

### **Scripture *Isaiah 65:17-25***

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 *Reflecting***

Beth Wagner

## This Week

### Sunday, July 21

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

### Monday, July 22

- 9:15 AM ELL In-Person Classes/CE Building
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor & Zoom
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

### Tuesday, July 23

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL In-Person Classes/CE Building
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:30 PM Together on Tuesdays/Zoom

### Wednesday, July 24

- 8:00 AM DREAAM BeReady/Centennial Hall
- 9:15 AM ELL In-Person Classes/CE Building

### Thursday, July 25

- 10:00 AM Beth's Coffeeshop Office Hours/Café Kopi
- 10:30 AM Nominating Committee/Parlor

### Friday, July 26 Church Office closes at noon

- 8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
- 4:30 PM DREAAM BeBlessed/Centennial Hall

### Saturday, July 27

- 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](mailto:info@firstpres.church)). We are presently worshipping in Westminster Hall while our elevator to our historic Sanctuary is being replaced.
- Please wear your **nametag** to help our **staff** get acquainted.
- **Bruce Rainey** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve, contact **Carol Miles**.
- **Coffeeshop Office Hours for Pastor Beth...** Each week Beth will spend some time at a local coffee shop. You are invited to join her for coffee, tea or your favorite beverage and conversation. No agenda, just good conversation. For the month of July, Beth will be at Café Kopi from 10-12 on Thursday mornings.
- 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.
- Throughout July we will be collecting for our **Annual Raindrop Offering**. This year the offering supports Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In 1947, WWII pilots in the US and UK initiated the development of MAF by flying two missionaries to a jungle area of Mexico. MAF has evolved over the years and collaborates with sister organizations to meet spiritual and physical needs in 37 different countries. The fleet of 135 planes serves some 1,500 non-profits, churches and humanitarian organizations. Your donation of ... \$25 transports 120 Bibles; \$50 delivers 410 pounds of school supplies; \$100 transports two Christian workers; \$150 delivers 1,200 pounds of food or medicine while \$30 provides fuel for a life-saving flight or \$60 buys tools to help keep the planes safely in the air. Mark your check or a pew envelope with "Raindrop" or place in one of the Raindrop envelopes.
- **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](http://firstpres.church/newsletter). If you have anything you would like to include in the August issue, please send it to [info@firstpres.church](mailto:info@firstpres.church) this week.
- 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.