

An Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's 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.

Song for Centering & Call to Prayer #702 *Christ Be Beside Me*

Christ be beside me; Christ be before me; Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me; Christ be below me; Christ be above me, never to part.

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 #22 *God of the Sparrow*

◆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 *Prelude and Bell Allegro*

John Stanley

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

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

July 23, 2023

8th 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 *Fanfare on 'McKee'*

arr. by Charles Callahan

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 pew.

Greeting & Announcements

♦**Call to Worship** (from *Psalm 107:1-9, 43*)

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north
and from the south.**

Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; hungry and thirsty, their
soul fainted within them.

**Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their
distress; he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.**

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Let those who are wise give heed to these things,
and consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

♦**Hymn of Praise #317** *In Christ There Is No East or West*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us for taking your presence for granted. You delight us with a creation that
tantalizes our senses, with human need that stirs us to compassion,
with relationships that kindle joy. Forgive us for not taking the time to notice your
presence in our world. Forgive us for ignoring your presence in our lives.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct
what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory
of your holy name. O, Righteous God, hear our prayer. AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, by the grace of God, our sins are forgiven.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Passing of the Peace

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

Offertory *Steal Away*

arr. by Gilbert Martin

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 #456 *Listen, God Is Calling*

**Listen, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
Offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy. (Repeat)**

Scripture *Genesis 28:10-19a* (OT pg. 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")

Sermon *This Is None Other Than the House of God*

Matt Matthews

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 *Steal Away* (Traditional Spiritual)
Ensemble

arr. Patrick D. Quigley

This Week

Sunday, July 23

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Rooms 104/105
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy

Monday, July 24

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 110, 212
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Drumline/Gym

Tuesday, July 25

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Parlor & Zoom
- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 110, 212
- 9:15 AM ELL In-Person/CE Bldg.
- 4:30 PM World Mission/Parlor & Zoom
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Drumline/Gym

Wednesday, July 26

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 110, 212
- 9:15 AM ELL In-Person/CE Bldg.
- 5:30 PM Covenant Bible Study/Centennial Hall

Thursday, July 27

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 110, 212
- 11:00 AM Talk to Me Sign Language Class/Parlor
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy

Friday, July 28 Church Office Closes at Noon

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 110, 212
- 8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
- 7:30 PM Friday Night Lights/Zoom

Saturday, July 29

- 8:30 AM Adopt-a-Highway/CE Building Entry
- 6:00 PM French Worship Service/Chapel

The Session has called a **Congregational Meeting** for Sunday, August 20, immediately after worship, for the purpose of hearing and acting upon the report of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. They will introduce their nomination for our new Associate Pastor. A reception will follow.

Announcements

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

●Thank you to **Ray Wiggs** for serving as our organist this morning.

●**Tanya Deckert** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve as liturgist, contact **Carol Miles**.

●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.

●The next **Adopt-A-Highway** is scheduled for Saturday, July 29, at 8:30 AM. To sign up, look for the person wearing a neon vest at the Welcome Center in Westminster Hall during coffee hour or email coletta.ackermann@gmail.com.

●*Cool Your Cubes*, the **July Raindrop project**, focuses on our local mission partner, Salt and Light, whose coolers are aging out. See the bulletin board in Westminster Hall to purchase a frozen rain-drop; yes, an ice cube! Different amounts will help fill the freezer full. Mark your checks/envelopes with *Raindrop*. We will show the amount raised on the thermometer on the outside of the freezer. Let's try to raise \$5000 or even \$10,000 or more for this very important mission partner's need.

●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.

●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.

●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.

●**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 across the alley.

●**The Rev. Dr. Rachel Matthews** will preach today's 10:15 AM service at the Windsor of Savoy. **Judi Geistlinger** is preaching in Hoopeston this morning.