

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 *Hymn Fantasy*

Trenna and Leslie Thomas, flute; Marilyn Reid, piano

arr. Fred Hubbell

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 #465** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

❖ **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 24, 2022 7th 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 pew.

Greeting & Announcements

❖Call to Worship

It is in this place of holiness that we can come with our fears, our doubts, all the questions of our hearts.

We come to this place, to hear the words of peace, of hope, of joy God speaks to us.

It is in this place of discovery that we can come searching.

We come to this place, to find the One who has been looking for us.

It is in this place of openness that we can come knocking.

We come to this place, to be embraced by the One whose heart is never locked.

❖Hymn #435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

Call to Confession

We are invited to pray - all who have hurt someone else, and all who have been hurt by another.

We are called to pray: for hope, for healing, for mercy.

We pray to the One who seeks to make us whole; whose will it is to restore us to new life.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God although we come to church on Sundays, we too often live the rest of the week as though you don't exist.

We do not find it easy to speak of how we do not live as your people, but you invite us to share our weaknesses and failures with you. Tempted to think your salvation is for a select few, we put up barriers for others. Clinging to all you give to us, we are reluctant to share with those in need. Surrounded by division, we find it easier to

close ranks with those just like us, rather than seeking peace and reconciliation for our world.

Forgive us, dear Lord.

Assurance of Pardon

While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, in Jesus Christ your sin is forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Passing of the Peace

Let us share signs of Christ's peace with one another. The peace of Christ be with you!
(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 *Luke 11:1-13* (NT pg. 72)

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 *Ask, Seek, Knock*

Judi Geistlinger, Commissioned Lay Pastor

This Week

Sunday, July 24

- 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 25

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

Tuesday, July 26

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Zoom
- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/In-person & Zoom
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom

Wednesday, July 27

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 8:00 AM Kitchen Manager's Class/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/In-person & Zoom

Thursday, July 28

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

Friday, July 29 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 30

- 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.

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

●**Won't You be my Neighbor?** Join us for a special Sunday series in Centennial Hall after the 9 AM worship service this morning. 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.

●**Judi Geistlinger** 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. 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 **2nd 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. 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.