

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

Offertory

Response of Gratitude #822 *When We Are Living* (vs. 2)

✚Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (pg. 35; *in the language and wording most familiar to you.*)

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.*

Connecting with our Community

✚Hymn for Commitment #321 *The Church's One Foundation*

✚Charge and Benediction

✚Congregational Sung Benediction #742 *We Will Walk With God* (repeat)

✚Postlude

✚Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.

Service Material References:

<http://www.beswick.info/rcresources/17C95OS.htm>

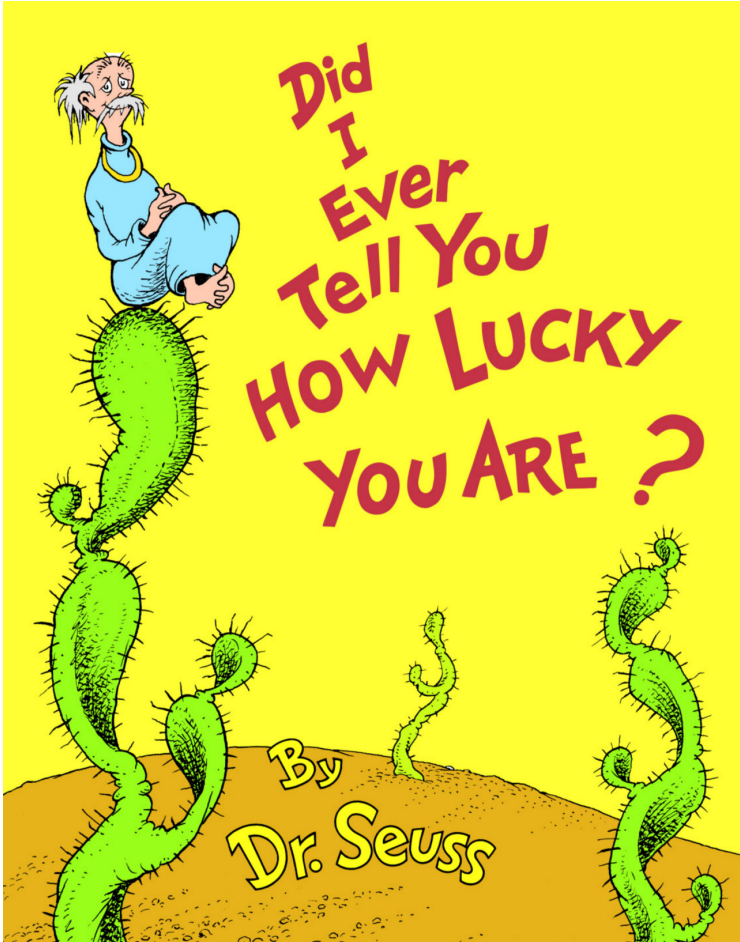
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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH** OF CHAMPAIGN

July 27, 2025

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.

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Welcome to worship!

When you enter the worship space, 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 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 of the Hour on Tower Bell

Greetings & Welcome/Act of Friendship & Prayer Concerns

Please pass the Friendship Pad, noting with whom you are sitting, and list prayer concerns on the prayer request cards in the pads.

✠Call to Worship (✠Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.)

Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given you;
search, and you will find;
knock, and the door will be opened for you."
Lord, as we search now, let us find you.

As we knock, open the door to us.

Let us know you, that we may praise you;
and love you, that we may serve you..

✠Opening Prayer

✠Hymn of Praise #620 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Call to Confession (*Congregation may be seated.*)

Prayer of Confession

Why are we always willing to descend into the
worst areas life offers to us, but reluctant to come
into your presence, Holy One? Why can we stand
on sin's shaky foundations, yet find it impossible to
dance in your joy? Why are we so quick to trumpet
our hollow achievements, and do not seem to be
able to hear your whispers of hope for us?
Forgive us, Grace's Glory, and fill us with your mercy.
May we set our hope in Jesus Christ,
who came so we might become your children,
inheritors of love, peace, and faithfulness forever. *Silence is kept.*

Kyrie

Assurance of Pardon

In Christ, God's salvation has come;
God's peace kisses our cheeks, wiping away our tears,
and faithfulness takes us by the hand
to lead us home to God.

God has called us,

God has claimed us,

God has redeemed us.

This is good news for all of creation!

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

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 #695 *Change My Heart, O God* (Refrain 2x)

Scripture in French *Psalms 85*

Ceci est la Parole du Seigneur./**Gloire à Dieu** (pronounced "glow-ah ah dew")

Scripture in English *Psalms 85*

This is the Word of the Lord./**Thanks be to God!**

Message *How Lucky We Are*

Dave Whitford

✠Hymn for Reflection #263 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

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.*

✠An Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' 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.

Announcements

This Week

Sunday, July 27

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:10 AM Summer Youth Sunday School/2nd Floor CE Building
- 10:10 AM Easy English Fellowship/Rooms 204, 206, 207

Monday, July 28

- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 1:45 PM Music Search Team/Parlor
- 3:30 PM Transition Team/Library
- 3:30 PM Environmental Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, July 29

Wednesday, July 30

- 11:30 AM DREAAM IYIP Orientation/Café
- 1:00 PM 175th Celebration Committee/Parlor
- 7:30 PM Wednesdays We Gather/Zoom

Thursday, July 31

Friday, August 1 Church Office closes at 12 noon

- 8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
- 10:00 AM Korean Choir Rehearsal/Chapel
- 7:00 PM French Prayer/Zoom

Saturday, August 2

- 6:00 PM Francophone Bethesda Fellowship/Chapel

●**We are glad you're here!** Questions about First Pres, see **either pastor** after the service or contact the church office (info@firstpres.church).

●Please wear your **nametag** to help our **staff** get acquainted.

●**Large print bulletins** are available for use on Sunday mornings. Ask an usher if you cannot find one.

●With our return to the sanctuary, we have access to our hearing assistant loop. This technology allows people with hearing aids equipped with **T-Coil technology** to hear the service through their hearing aids. If you know you have T-coil technology, plan to turn on the T-coil via your phone each Sunday morning. You may have to ask your audiologist if you have this technology and how to turn it on. Let Pastor Beth know about your experience.

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

●**Flower donations** for use in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings are always accepted. You can choose to honor family members, friends/loved ones or special events. If interested in participating, please contact **Nancy Dankle** 217.778.4088.

●We are collecting royalties each time we hear a **Spiritual** in our service. Royalties were never paid for this music. Money we collect will go to the DREAAM Choir. A donation box is on the Welcome Center.

●Join us next Sunday as we continue our **summer series of sermons of Dr. Seuss**.

●Plans are underway for the **175th Anniversary Celebration** of First Presbyterian Church. We are organizing various events on Sundays from September 14 through October 12. Please contact **Nancy Martin**, Chairman, at nemartin81@hotmail.com or text 217-359-0753 or contact **Carol Ann Green** at cadgreen@comcast.net or text 217-621-4933 if you are interested in helping with the celebration of our historical church. If you have pictures that celebrate events at the church and would like to share them, send or take to the church office by August 15. Include the name of the event, year if possible and names of people in the picture. All pictures will be returned.

●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.

●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. The Sunday **sermon** is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.