

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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 #39 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

◆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 *Ashokan Farewell*

Ray Wiggs, organ; Trenna Thomas, flute

Jay Ungar

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

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

July 30, 2023 9th 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 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

arr. John Eggert & D.N Johnson

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** (Joy Patterson *Your Faithfulness, O LORD Is Sure*)

My mouth shall speak your praise, O LORD

My soul shall bless your holy name.

Let all things living join the song of praise.

From age to age the same.

◆**Hymn of Praise #42** *Your Faithfulness, O Lord Is Sure*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of the Covenant: you have given us countless gifts that we squander. You welcome us with perfect love; we are stingy with our love and often unwelcoming. Forgive us for wasting these and other of your holy gifts. Create in us clean and generous hearts. By your grace, make us better stewards.

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 *Jesus Loves Me*

arr. Marianne Kim

Ray Wiggs, piano; Trena Thomas, flute

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 *Revelation 3:14-22* (Contemporary English Version)

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 *A Lukewarm Faith*

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 *The Perfect Prayer – O Speakes*

Kate Cole and Brandi Lowe

arr. C. Dies

An Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

This Week

Sunday, July 30

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

Monday, July 31

- 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, August 1

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Parlor & Zoom
- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 110, 212
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM Nominating Committee/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Drumline/Gym

Wednesday, August 2

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 110, 212
- 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch/Westminster Hall
- 5:30 PM Covenant Bible Study/Centennial Hall

Thursday, August 3

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 110, 212
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 2:30 PM Congregational Care Deacons/Parlor & Zoom
- 4:00 PM Spiritual Formation/Zoom

Friday, August 4 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, August 5

- 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.

●**Mary Jane Kelley** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve as liturgist, contact **Carol Miles**.

●The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given in loving memory of Sabrina's father, K.C. Chen by **Sabrina and Wen-mei Hwu**.

●Next Sunday, August 6, plan to stay for **Adult Education** immediately after the service. Green Team Director, the **Rev. Cindy Shepherd** will talk about *The Inflation Reduction Act* of 2022 which aims to reduce medication costs and invest in renewable energy.

●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.

●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 **August 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.

●**Matt Matthews** will preach today's 10:15 AM service at the Windsor of Savoy. **John Muirhead** is preaching in Hoopeston while **Gary Peterson** is in Paris this morning as part of our Amateur Preacher's program.