

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.

Special Music *It Is Well With My Soul*
Joe Grant, soloist

Philip Bliss; arr. John Ness Beck

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 #716 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

❖ 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 31, 2022 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

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 (Based on *Psalms 49:1-4*)

Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world:

We are both low and high; we are rich and poor together;

Listening for wisdom, longing for understanding,

We incline our ears to hear God's wisdom in our gathering.

❖Hymn #318 *In Christ There Is No East Or West*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Creator, forgive us when we focus on earthly accumulation rather than on spiritual faithfulness. Forgive us when we are overcome by greed and neglect the needs of those around us. Forgive us when we turn inward and shirk the responsibilities of community. We seek renewal and new life in you. Amen.

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 our sins are 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 12:13-21* (NT pg. 74)

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?'" ¹⁸ Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" ²⁰ But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God."

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 *Family Reunion*

Matt Matthews

This Week

Sunday, July 31

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 204
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy
- 11:15 AM The Gathering/Chapel
- 1:00 PM APNC/Parlor

Monday, August 1

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 4:00 PM HR Meeting/Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, August 2

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Zoom
- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:00 AM Small Group Leaders/Parlor & Zoom
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom

Wednesday, August 3

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 11:00 AM DREAAM Brotherhood Luncheon/Centennial Hall

Thursday, August 4

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 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 5 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, August 6

- 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.
- **Judi Geistlinger** is our liturgist this morning. We would love to have you serve as a liturgist! If interested, please contact **Carol Miles**.
- **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.
- We are excited to announce the August worship services will be blended services at 9 AM with **Sora Shepard**, our new church musician and our Gathering Band led by **Kelsey Stremplewski**.
- **Matt Matthews** will preach today's 10:15 AM service at the Windsor of Savoy. **Rachel Matthews** is preaching this morning in Monticello.
- **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. We are also in need of volunteers to help with the brunches. Contact **Jan Wittler, Gary Peterson** or the church office if you would like to help one of the Sundays.
- **Fun in the Sun...** Sunday, August 14, 6 PM at Centennial Park for hotdogs, popcorn, cotton candy and snacks with lawn and carnival games. Then at 8 PM we will move to Sholem Pool for a private pool party. 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 **August newsletter** is available in the kiosks or at firstpres.church/newsletter.