

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 #824** *Near to the Heart of God*

◆ **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 – Kim File**

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



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN**

July 9, 2023 6th Sunday after Pentecost



**Make us new
to go forth
and glorify you**

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 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 – Kim File

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

Minute for Mission - Salt and Light

Nathan Montgomery

♦Call to Worship

In this place, we gather to turn our hearts and minds to God.

We rejoice that the Triune God meets us here.

As we worship, we remember,

that we are the family of faith together!

♦Hymn of Praise #475 *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we are a people who often do the wrong thing, even when we want to do what is right. We have not cared for others as you have called us to, but we have been focused primarily on ourselves. We have been a people who are more divisive than uniting, more unkind than kind, and more rebellious than faithful. Forgive us, we pray and make us new to go forth and glorify you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News! Through the grace and love of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Passing of the Peace

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

Offertory – Kim File

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 *Matthew 11:16-19, 26-30* (NT, pg. 11)

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 *Rest for the Weary*

Rachel 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 #183 *Come to Me, O Weary Traveler*

Joe Grant, soloist

An Affirmation of Faith (from the PC(USA) *Declaration of Faith*)

Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record.

The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history,
together with his people's response in faith.

It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel
and the church towards the kingdom of God,
his just and loving rule over all.

It is the story of the one God,
who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

That story is still unfolding, and in faith, we make it our own.

It forms our memory and our hope.

It tells us who we are and what we are to do.

To retell it is to declare what we believe.

This Week

Sunday, July 9

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Rooms 104/105
- 10:15 AM 2nd Sunday Brunch/Centennial Hall
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy

Monday, July 10

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 109, 212
- 1:00 PM Prayer Ministry Team/Library
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor & Zoom
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 4:00 PM HR Team/Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Drumline/Gym

Tuesday, July 11

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Parlor & Zoom
- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 109, 212
- 9:15 AM ELL In-Person/CE Bldg.
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:00 PM ELL Advisory Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 4:30 PM Mission Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Drumline/Gym
- 7:00 PM Worship Team/Parlor & Zoom

Wednesday, July 12

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 109, 212
- 9:15 AM ELL In-Person/CE Bldg.
- 4:00 PM Spiritual Formation/Zoom
- 5:30 PM Dinners for One/Houlihans

Thursday, July 13

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 109, 212
- 11:00 AM Talk to Me Sign Language Class/Parlor
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 4:30 PM Finance Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 6:30 PM Nurture/Parlor & Zoom

Friday, July 14 Church Office Closes at Noon

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 109, 212
- 8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
- 7:30 PM Friday Night Lights/Zoom

Saturday, July 15 Creston, IA Youth Group overnight stay/Chapel & Cafe

- 6:00 PM French Worship Service/Sanctuary

Announcements

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

●Today we welcome **Nathan Montgomery**, Executive Director of Salt and Light, who will deliver our Minute for Mission message. In that message, he will share information on a current and urgent need, that of replacement of freezers and coolers at Salt and Light in the Urbana location. Salt and Light has been selected as the recipient of our July Raindrop Offering by our Community Missions Deacons. Welcome, Nathan!

●Thank you to **Kim File** for serving as our pianist this morning.

●**Jane Seiler** will serve as liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve as a Sunday liturgist, contact **Carol Miles**.

●Flowers this morning are donated by **Bill and Sherry Marble** in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on July 11.

●**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.

●Join us this morning immediately following worship for our **2nd Sunday Brunch** in Centennial Hall. We will have a variety of brunch items and plenty of fellowship. There is no charge; donations welcomed.

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

●Come join us for an **early evening dinner at Houlihans** on the patio (if it is not too hot) Wednesday, July 12 at 5:30 PM.

●**Rachel and Matt** are teaching a **Covenant Bible Study** for five Wednesday evenings (5:30-7:30) this summer beginning July 19. Sign up now with a phone call to the church office. More information will be coming, but make plans now for these dinners and deep study.

●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.

●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. DREAAM will be celebrating eight years of change-making and hope-generating work this summer! Come celebrate this anniversary with us on Sunday, July 16, during the worship service, followed by cake, coffee and community in Westminster Hall.

●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.