

## 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 #291 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

✦ Charge and Benediction

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

✦ Postlude

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

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

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

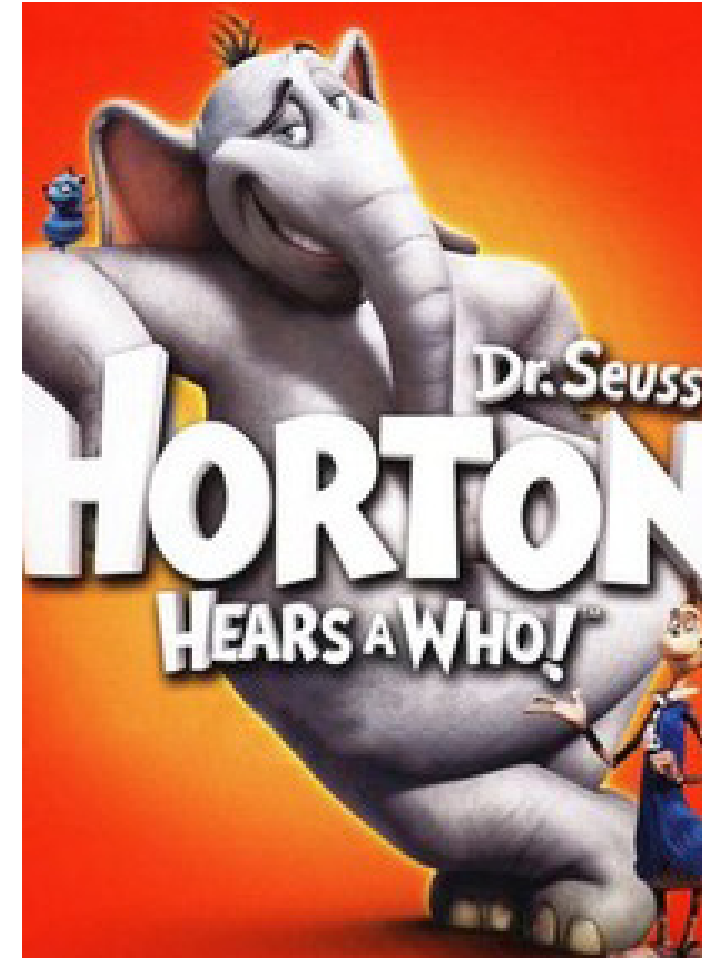
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## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

August 10, 2025

9<sup>th</sup> 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 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** paraphrased from *Psalms 34* (✠Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.)

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**Blessed are those who take refuge in God.**

Fear the Lord, you the children of God,

**Those who fear God lack nothing.**

The lions may grow weak and hungry,

**But those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**

✠**Opening Prayer**

✠**Hymn of Praise #175** *Seek Ye First*

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

**Prayer of Confession**

God who never gives up on us, you have called to us in innumerable ways. You have spoken to us in the words of scripture and your prophets, you reveal yourself to us in the person of Jesus, and your generosity and care are constantly shown in nature. Yet we often ignore your word, choosing not to hear, or at the least, not to act in accordance with your call. Forgive our stubbornness God. Remind us that you still speak, and that we may not expect where your voice comes from. *Silence is kept.*

**Kyrie**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**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 #701** *Lord, Prepare Me*

**Scripture** *Psalms 34:17; Matthew 11:15*

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

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

**Message** *Active or Passive?*

George Johnston

✠**Hymn for Reflection #451** *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

## **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 Apostle’s 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.

**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.*)

# This Week

## Sunday, August 10

- 9:00 AM   Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:10 AM   Second Sunday Brunch/Centennial Hall

## Monday, August 11

- 11:00 AM   DREAAM IYIP Staff/Café
- 1:00 PM   Knifty Knitters/Parlor & Zoom
- 1:00 PM   GROW/Family Library
- 3:30 PM   Transition Team/Library
- 5:30 PM   AA/Centennial Hall

## Tuesday, August 12

- 8:00 AM   Men’s Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 10:30 AM   Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 11:00 AM   DREAAM IYIP Staff/Café
- 4:30 PM   Mission Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:00 PM   Worship Team/Parlor & Zoom

## Wednesday, August 13

- 9:30 AM   Nurture Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM   DREAAM IYIP Life Skills/Café
- 5:30 PM   Outreach/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:30 PM   Wednesdays We Gather/Zoom

## Thursday, August 14

- 11:00 AM   DREAAM IYIP Staff/Café
- 12:30 PM   Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 4:30 PM   Finance Team/Parlor & Zoom

## Friday, August 15 Church Office closes at 12 noon

- 8:15 AM   Men’s Prayer/Zoom
- 10:00 AM   Korean Choir Rehearsal/Chapel
- 11:00 AM   DREAAM IYIP Staff/Café
- 7:00 PM   French Prayer/Zoom

## Saturday, August 16

- 1:00 PM   Waler Memorial Service/Sanctuary & Westminster Hall
- 6:00 PM   Francophone Bethesda Fellowship/Chapel

# Announcements

●Join us this morning immediately following worship for **Second Sunday** brunch. Brunch is free as is the fellowship.

●**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 **175<sup>th</sup> 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.

●**First Pres Mission Study...**The small groups for this study will meet in October and the first week of November. We need everyone’s participation to help develop a plan for our church’s future. Participation will involve the opportunity to meet with your group four times during the study. To assist in the scheduling of these meetings, please stop by the Welcome Center after worship to talk to a Transition Team member and let us know when you would be available. **This study will provide valuable information in our journey toward our next pastor.**

●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 **August newsletter** is available in the kiosks or at [firstpres.church/newsletter](http://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](http://firstpres.church/live). The Sunday **sermon** is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.