

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.

Affirmation of Faith (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments. We violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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 #839 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

◆ Charge and Benediction

◆ Congregational Sung Benediction #647 *Give Thanks*

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. *(Repeat)*
And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say,
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us. *(Repeat)*
Give thanks. Give thanks.

◆ Postlude

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

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

August 11, 2024

12th 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 are presently worshipping in Westminster Hall while our elevator is being replaced.

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 on the Hour of Tower Bell

Act of Friendship/Sharing of 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.

Greetings/Welcome/Announcements

Silent Centering

You are invited to a moment of quiet rest, a time of slowing the pace of your body and mind so that the spirit can settle.

◆**Call to Worship** (from *Psalms 130*)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Lord Hear my voice! Be attentive to my supplications!

If you should make my iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits,

And in God's word I hope.

◆**Hymn of Praise #396** *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

Call to Confession

Holy God, Maker of all,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus Christ, Son of Mary,

Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, breath of life,

Have mercy on us.

Prayer of Confession (from Wild Goose Worship)

Let us in silence remember our own faults and failings. (*Moment for silent confession.*)

We in the community of Christ's Church and in the presence of all God's people confess to you, God that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you, cared for your world, or respected your people as we should. We own our responsibility, and we ask humbly for your forgiveness as we strive to do better.

Assurance of Pardon

May God forgive us, Christ befriend us,

And the Spirit renew and change our lives.

Passing of the Peace

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

Offertory Sora Shepard

Response of Gratitude #658 *God Is So Good* (sing twice)

God is so good; God is so good;

God is so good; God's so good to me.

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!"

Hymn of Reflection #459 *O Word of God Incarnate*

Word with Children

Prayer for Illumination #654 *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God; do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

Scripture *Psalms 16:7-11*

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")

Message

Joe Lundy

This Week

Sunday, August 11

- 9:00 AM Worship/Westminster Hall
- 10:10 AM Easy English Fellowship/Rooms 104 & 105
- 4:00 PM Elementary Age Pool Party/Home of the Ledfords

Monday, August 12

- 8:00 AM Compassion, Peace, Justice Brunch/Parlor
- 1:00 PM Open House-Dialogue with Jeff & Christie Boyd/Parlor
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, August 13

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 10:30 AM Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:30 PM DREAAM Board Mtg/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:30 PM Together on Tuesdays/Zoom

Wednesday, August 14

- 9:30 AM Nurture/Parlor & Zoom

Thursday, August 15

- 7:00 PM Session/Parlor & Zoom

Friday, August 16 Church Office closes at noon

- 8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom

Saturday, August 17

- 6:00 PM French Worship Service/Chapel



Put it on your calendar!!!

ALL Church Picnic
Sunday, August 18
4 PM Hessel Park

Announcements

- **We are glad you're here!** Questions about First Pres, see **Associate Pastor Joe Lundy** after the service or contact the church office (info@firstpres.church). We are presently worshipping in Westminster Hall while our elevator to our historic Sanctuary is being replaced.
- Please wear your **nametag** to help our **staff** get acquainted.
- We joyfully celebrate **Gwen Pollard's** birthday today! The flowers this morning are donated by her children in honor of this special occasion.
- **Pat Phillips** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve, contact **Carol Miles**.
- **Elementary Sunday School Pool Party...TODAY**, August 11, 4-6 PM at the home of the Ledfords, 1709 Mayfair Road, Champaign. This fun event is a wonderful opportunity for our younger members to enjoy fellowship and make lasting memories. RSVP to joseph@firstpres.church. Parents are encouraged to participate. A current *Family Registration Form* is required.
- **Missionaries Jeff and Christie Boyd** will be visiting with us August 11 and 12. Join us Monday, August 12, at 1 PM for an Open House/Dialogue with the Boyd's in Mae Chapin Parlor. Light refreshments will be served.
- There will be no Second Sunday Brunch in August, instead we invite everyone to enjoy the waning days of summer at our **All Church Picnic** on Sunday, August 18, at 4 PM in Hessel Park. The church will provide sandwiches, beverages and tableware. Bring your favorite picnic food or dessert. Please RSVP to the church office so we know the number of sandwiches to order.
- **Coffeshop Office Hours for Pastor Beth...** Pastor Beth is out of town for a few weeks. When she returns, she's headed southwest for coffee on August 21 and 28 from 10-12 noon. The new location is **Espresso Royale** in the Village Green Plaza, 2401 Village Green Place (Windsor and Duncan) across from Walgreens. Plenty of free parking and lovely drinks, snacks and ice cream. Join her!
- **Church Office hours have changed.** The church office is now open Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM-2 PM, Fridays 8:30 AM-noon. You can always leave a voice mail after hours or on weekends.
- 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.
- 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.