

Scripture *Matthew 15:21-28* (NT, pg. 17)

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 *Everyone?* 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 *Romance* Edward German
Gary Winder, clarinet; Sora Shepard, piano

An Affirmation of Faith (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*; see screens)

Song for Centering & Call to Prayer #543 *O Christ Surround Me* (vs.1)
God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround 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 #726 *The Summons*
- ♦Charge and Benediction
- ♦Congregational Sung Benediction #648 *Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise*
Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what God has done.
Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with our promises and lead your people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.
Alleluia, alleluia.

♦Postlude

♦Please stand if able. Remain seated if need be.
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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH** OF CHAMPAIGN

August 20, 2023 12th Sunday after Pentecost



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church
Bienvenue à La Première Eglise Presbytérienne de Champaign
Bienvenidos a La Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana
삼패인 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 pen.

Greeting & Announcements

♦Call to Worship

Lord, you invite us to come to worship, and we come . . .

Alleluia

Those who are faithful and of little faith,

Humbly, we come.

Those who are weak and strong,

with confidence, we come.

Those who are hungry and satisfied,

with awe, we come.

Those who are lions and lambs,

with doubts and reservations, we come.

Those who are doves and sword bearers,

with gratitude, we come.

Those who are afflicted and comfortable,

with a hunger for justice, we come.

Lord, you invite us to come to worship, and we come . . .

Accept our prayers and praise. Alleluia.

♦Hymn of Praise #65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (from scripture, as noted, and Chapter 1 *The Book of Order*)

Holy God, we celebrate this truth: that we, who are many, are one body in Christ! (*Romans 12:5*)

The Church is the hands and feet of Jesus! Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. (*1 Corinthians 12:12*)

The Church is the eyes and ears of Jesus! Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

Holy God, thank you for calling us to be your Church. We rejoice that . . .

Christ gives the Church its life.

Christ is our hope.

Christ is our foundation.

In Christ, the Church participates in God’s mission for the transformation of creation and humanity . . .

The church proclaims the good news of God’s love;

The church offers all people the grace of God at font and table;

The church calls all people to discipleship in Christ.

Help us, LORD, to be your faithful Church.

Forgive us when we fall short, and, by your grace, continue to guide our steps.

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 – *Prelude*

Paul Reed

Gary Winder, clarinet; Sora Shepard, piano

Response of Gratitude #666 *O Splendor of God’s Glory* (vs.1)

O Splendor of God’s glory bright, from light eternal bringing light;

O Light of Light, light’s living spring, true Day, all days illumining.

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 #829 *My Faith Looks Up To Thee* (vs.1)

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;

O let me from this day be wholly thine!

This Week

Sunday, August 20

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Congregational Meeting/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Rooms 104/105
- 10:15 AM Reception/Westminster Hall
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy

Monday, August 21

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 110, 212
- 12:00 PM DREAAM Board Mtg/Parlor
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 3:30 PM Environmental Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Drumline/Gym

Tuesday, August 22

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Parlor & Zoom
- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 110, 212
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 4:30 PM World Mission/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Drumline/Gym

Wednesday, August 23

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 110, 212

Thursday, August 24

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 110, 212
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy

Friday, August 25 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 26

- 6:00 PM French Worship Service/Chapel

The Session has called a **Congregational Meeting** this morning 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.

●We welcome **the Rev. Joe Lundy** as our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve as liturgist, contact **Carol Miles**.

●Today's 10:15 AM service at the Windsor of Savoy will be a hymn sing.

●Do you enjoy singing and music? Consider joining the **Chancel Choir**. Rehearsals are held each Thursday at 7 PM beginning September 7. Contact **Joe Grant** at joegrant@illinois.edu for more information.

●Set aside Monday, September 11, from 6:30-8 PM for **World-Wide Game Night** in Centennial Hall. Snacks provided.

●How would you like to join a **group from First Pres at a Cubs game**? We plan to attend the 1:20 PM game at Wrigley Field on Saturday, September 23. We will leave the church parking lot between 9-9:30 AM and drive straight to Wrigley. Cost is probably around \$60 each depending on number attending and where the seats are. If taking the church van, we might ask for donations for gas. If interested, contact **Tom Ulen** at thomas.ulen@gmail.com or 217.390.4667.

●We are planning a **Churchwide Picnic** for Sunday, October 1, at 4:30 PM at the Hessel Park pavilion. Watch for details as date gets closer!

●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. Remote viewing is available in Westminster Hall for families with young children.