

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 *In Christ Alone*

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

The Gathering Band led by Kelsey Stremplewski

Song for Centering & Call to Prayer #552 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

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 #177 *I Will Come to You*

❖ 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

August 28, 2022

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 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

Minute for Mission – SAFEHouse

❖ **Call to Worship**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Maker of heaven and earth.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!

❖ **Hymn #240** *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, in your presence we confess our failure to live into what you created us to be. You know how we have wandered from your ways, wasted your gifts, forgotten your love. Forgive us, in your son's holy name. AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

By the Grace of God through Jesus Christ, know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also 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!"

Time for Children

Prayer for Illumination #455 *Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken*

Listen to the word that God has spoken; Listen to the One who is close at hand;

Listen to the voice that began creation; Listen even if you don't understand.

Scripture *Hebrews 13:1-2* (NT pg. 227); *Luke 14:1, 7-11* (NT pg. 77)

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 *Humility*

Matt Matthews

Affirmation of Faith *(from Philippians 2:5-11)*

Christ Jesus,

though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form

he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

This Week

Sunday, August 28

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 204
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy

Monday, August 29

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

Tuesday, August 30

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Zoom
- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:00 AM PW Board Meeting/Chapel & Zoom
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom

Wednesday, August 31

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212

Thursday, September 1

- 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, September 2 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, September 3

- 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.
- Thank you to **Rick Murphy** for serving as our pianist this morning.
- The Rev. Dr. Rachel Matthews** 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.
- The August worship services are blended at 9 AM with **Sora Shepard**, our new church musician and our Gathering Band led by **Kelsey Stremplewski**. The Gathering worship service resumes September 4 at 11:15 in the chapel. Be lifted up by word proclaimed by our preachers, prayers, weekly communion, and our smooth band leading us musically.
- Gary Peterson** 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 morning at [firstpres.live](https://www.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, September 11. Come and enjoy brunch in Centennial Hall. 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.
- Presbyterian Women Synod of Lincoln Trails** invites you to their Fall Gathering on ZOOM September 10, 2022 from 10-11:30 AM. Contact the church office or **Clemmie Ackermann** coletta. ackermann@gmail.com for the ZOOM link.
- The Environmental Team invites you to a **Keynote Watch Party** September 11, 2022 featuring Katharine Hayhoe, noted Climate Scientist, in the Chapel, 4:45-7 PM. Snacks provided. Free registration at <https://www.greenteamsummit.org/watch-party> or just come to the Chapel! All are welcome!
- Compassion, Peace, and Justice Ministry Team (CPJMT) will be having a Courageous Conversation about the **Theological Perspectives on Reproductive Rights**, Wednesday, September 14, 2022, from 6:30-8:30 PM. They have chosen two perspectives to explore, Jewish (liberal) and Christian (PC(USA)). We welcome anyone who is willing to be respectful of all participants. There will be time for Q and A. This is a zoom only meeting. Register for the link with the church office, info@firstpres.church.
- If you or a loved one is **in the hospital or in need of a pastoral visit**, contact the church office.
- The **September newsletter** is available in the kiosks or at [firstpres.church/newsletter](https://www.firstpres.church/newsletter).