

suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Call to Communion Hymn #499 *Bread of the World in Mercy Broken*

Welcome

Prayer

Divine Goodness and Love is with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to our God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 #435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

◆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.

◆Postlude

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

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

August 4, 2024

11th 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 Iona Worship Community)

O God you summon the day to dawn,

You teach the morning to waken the earth.

Great is your name. Great is your love.

For you the valleys shall sing for joy,

The trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Great is your name. Great is your love.

For you the monarchs of the earth shall bow,

The poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.

Great is your name. Great is your love.

Your love and mercy shall last forever fresh as the morning sure as the sunrise.

Great is your name. Great is your love.

♦**Hymn of Praise #35** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of goodness and love, we humbly approach you today, realizing that we have missed some of your creation. We admit that sometimes all we see is skin deep, that we judge things and people on appearances, and we allow our definition of beauty to lead us to harmful decisions. Forgive us God. Help us to see the value that you have placed upon each living thing. Remind us that you created all things good, and that is all that is required for beauty in your eyes. It is in Jesus name we pray. Amen

Moment for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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!"

Anthem #498 *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

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 *Ezekiel 31:3-7*

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

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

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he

This Week

Sunday, August 4

- 9:00 AM Worship/Westminster Hall
- 10:10 AM Easy English Fellowship/Rooms 104 & 105

Monday, August 5

- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 4:00 PM HR Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, August 6

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:00 AM Small Group Study Leaders/Parlor & Zoom
- 10:30 AM Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:30 PM Together on Tuesdays/Zoom

Wednesday, August 7

Thursday, August 8

- 4:30 PM Finance Team/Parlor & Zoom

Friday, August 9 Church Office closes at noon

- 8:00 AM DREAAM Back-to-School Event/Centennial Hall & Kitchen
- 8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom

Saturday, August 10

- 8:00 AM DREAAM Back-to-School Event/Centennial Hall & Kitchen
- 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.

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

●**Elementary Sunday School Pool Party...**Sunday, 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 and is available in the church office.

●**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 Boyds 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.