

*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.  
Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

*The Meal is Set (Let us hold the elements and partake together)*

**The Meal is Shared**

**We Close in Prayer**

### **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 #462** *I Love To Tell the Story*

◆ **Charge and Benediction** – Signing of Passing of Peace

◆ **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**

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



# **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN**

**August 6, 2023      10<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

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procurez-vous un récepteur et des écouteurs à l'arrière du sanctuaire.

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## **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 pew.*

### **Greeting & Announcements**

#### **◆Call to Worship**

Are you hungry for a word of hope?

**We come to be nourished and fed.**

Are you yearning to see the bounty of God?

**We long to see and believe.**

Are you ready to witness the power of God?

**We are ready.**

Come, let us worship.

#### **◆Hymn of Praise #509 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* (Holy Manna)**

### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Here at the river's edge, Healing God, we are hesitant to cross over. For on the other side are all the people we have hurt. On that far shore is everyone we have ridiculed, scorned, ignored. Across the water stand the poor, the homeless, the lost - all those we have looked down on, believing they are beneath us. On the other bank stands the cross we must carry if we are to follow Jesus. Before we can cross, Most Holy One, we must struggle with you. We cannot meet the others, if we have not encountered you.

Forgive us and reconcile us, not only to them, but to yourself. Bless us, that we would be a blessing to them. Rename us and carry us across the river as faithful disciples of the One we are blessed to call our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Here, face to face, God meets us. Here, face to face, we can speak every longing in our heart.

Here, face to face, God forgives us.

**Here, face to face, we meet the One who has great compassion for us, and who forgives us of every foolish choice, word, action of our lives. Thanks be to God.**

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** *Pilgrim's Hymn*

text: Michael D. Browne; music: Stephen Paulus

Ensemble

#### **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 – Signing of Passing of Peace**

#### **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!**

#### **Scripture *Matthew 14:13-24* (NT, pg. 16)**

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 *Funeral Food***

Matt Matthews

### **Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**Call to Communion Hymn #460 *Break Thou the Bread of Life* (vs.1)**

**We are Invited**

**We give Thanks**

# This Week

## Sunday, August 6

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Rooms 104/105
- 10:15 AM Adult Education/Chapel
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy

## Monday, August 7

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 110, 212
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 4:00 PM HR Meeting/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Drumline/Gym

## Tuesday, August 8

- 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 Mission Committee/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Drumline/Gym
- 7:00 PM Worship Team/Parlor & Zoom

## Wednesday, August 9

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 110, 212
- 5:30 PM Covenant Bible Study/Centennial Hall

## Thursday, August 10

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 110, 212
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 4:30 PM Finance Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 6:30 PM Nurture/Parlor & Zoom

## Friday, August 11 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 12

- 6:00 PM French Worship Service/Chapel

The Session has called a **Congregational Meeting** for Sunday, August 20, 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 back **Church Musician Sora Shepard** this morning after some time away!

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

●The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by **Holly Ewan Nordheden**, in memory of my mother, **Martha Ewan**, whose birthday was August 2.

●This morning plan to stay for **Adult Education** immediately after the service. Green Team Director, the **Rev. Cindy Shepherd** will talk about *The Inflation Reduction Act* of 2022 which aims to reduce medication costs and invest in renewable energy.

●DREAAM's **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Shoe Giveaway** is coming up on Saturday, August 12, at Douglass Park during CU Days! There has been great response from individuals and organizations in the community. As of last week, they were still about 300 hundred pairs of shoes short of the goal of 500. If you are able to support their efforts in blessing local students with new, comfortable footwear for the school year, please donate. Shoes will be needed by August 9<sup>th</sup>.

●Join us next Sunday, August 13, for **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Brunch**. We will have a variety of brunch items. Enjoy the fellowship right after the 9 AM service. Donations appreciated. Volunteers are needed to help with the brunches. If interested, please contact **Jan Wittler, Gary Peterson** or the church office.

●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](https://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](https://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. Childcare on Sunday mornings is provided for children 4 years and younger across the alley.

●The **Rev. Gale Brandner** will preach today's 10:15 AM service at the Windsor of Savoy.