

Anthem *O Rest in the Lord* Felix Mendelssohn
Brandi Lowe, soprano

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him,
and He shall give thee thy heart's desires.
Commit thy way unto Him and trust in Him,
and fret not thyself because of evil doers.
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and He shall give thee thy heart's desires.

Sermon *Thoughts on King David: Shepherd, Hero, King,
Broken-Hearted Father* 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.*

Song for Centering & Call to Prayer #474

As a Child Rests

**As a child rests in its mother's arms,
so will I rest in you.
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so will I rest in you.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Concern

**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 #611**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

❖ **Charge and Benediction**

❖ **Congregational Sung Benediction #748**

Go With Us, Lord

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this
and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong
and true our lives may be our gift to you.**

❖ **Postlude**

You may wish to be seated for the postlude.

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

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

August 8, 2021
11th Sunday after Pentecost
9 AM



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 the Welcome Center downstairs in Westminster Hall after the service. Enjoy coffee or tea, mingle with other friends and guests, and learn how this congregation can become your church home. *Welcome!*

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 of the Hour on 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 (Adapt. Psalm 121:1-2)

I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Let us worship the Lord with gladness!

Praise the Lord.

Call to Confession (1 John 1:8-9)

If we say we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just
will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all
unrighteousness.**

In confidence of God's enduring love and forgiveness
let us confess our sins to God.

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we come to you seeking your guidance
and your joy. Many things vie for our attention,
affection, and allegiance. If we aren't careful, we
end up worshipping idols instead of you. We
follow ideas and ideologies that contradict your
Gospel. We care only for "our own" instead of
the whole world. Forgive us. Help us fix our
sights on your son, Jesus, who knows the way and,
by your Holy Spirit, guides our steps. AMEN.**

Assurance of Pardon

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and
Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in
power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in
Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life
has begun.

Alleluia!

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.

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

And also with you.

Response of Gratitude #240 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Come let us praise the living God,

joyfully sing to our Savior.

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Invitation to the Offering

We are invited to return God's tithes and give our offering.

Offertory

Sung Response #15 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

All creatures of our God and King,

Lift up your voice and with us sing: Alleluia,

Alleluia

Praise the Creator, praise the Son

Praise, praise the Spirit, Three in One!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving

We Gather Around God's Holy Name

*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 #466 *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

Come and fill our hearts with Your peace,

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with Your peace,

Alleluia!

Scripture 2 Samuel 18:31-33 (Good News Translation)

³¹Then the Ethiopian slave arrived and said to the king, "I have good news for Your Majesty! Today the Lord has given you victory over all who rebelled against you!"

³²"Is the young man Absalom all right?" The king asked.

The slave answered, "I wish that what has happened to him would happen to all your enemies, sir, and to all who rebel against you."

³³The king was overcome with grief. He went up to the room over the gateway and wept. As he went, he cried, "O my son! My son Absalom! Absalom, my son! If only I had died in your place, my son! Absalom, my son!"

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

This Week

Sunday, August 8

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM Worship at Windsor of Savoy
- 11:15 AM The Gathering/Chapel

Monday, August 9

- 8:00 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor & Zoom
- 1:00 PM Prayer Ministry Team/Chapel & Zoom
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, August 10

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor & Zoom
- 4:00 PM Small Group Ministry Leaders/Parlor
- 6:00 PM Contemporary Worship Team/Parlor
- 7:00 PM Worship Team/Parlor & Zoom

Wednesday, August 11

- 1:30 PM Pakistan Study/Zoom

Thursday, August 12

- 9:00 AM Nurture/Chapel & Zoom
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 4:30 PM Finance Team/Zoom

Friday, August 13 Church office closes at noon

Saturday, August 14

- 6:00 PM French Prayer/ Zoom

The church has an electrostatic sprayer which we use weekly to sanitize each area of the church. It provides total coverage of all surfaces, shadowed, vertical and underneath. We also have available in each building free standing units containing hand sanitizer. We are taking all precautions in providing a germ-free space for our guests and members.

Worship

•We **welcome children** of all ages to worship. Childcare is available for children 4 years and younger in the education building 8:45 AM-12:15 PM.

•**Leslie Thomas** is our pianist this morning while **Brendan Barker** is away. Liturgist this morning is **Bob Kirby**. Contact **Carol Miles** to serve as a liturgist. Thank you to **Jose Pukata** for reading our scriptures in French this morning.

•We request **unvaccinated people wear a mask** indoors for their safety and the safety of other unvaccinated people.

•This morning's **sermon** will be available online early this week or on WDWS 1400AM next Sunday at 10:30 AM.

Connect

•**We are glad you're here!** Questions about First Pres, contact **Pastor Matt** or call the church office. After the service, join us for coffee and conversation in Westminster Hall.

•**If unable to attend church**, you can catch our 9 AM service live each Sunday morning at firstpres.live

•Join us Sunday, August 15 (rain date August 22) at Centennial Park Pavilion at 7 PM for **Fun in the Sun!** Games and fun food followed by free admission at 8 PM to Sholem Aquatic Center. Bring a lawn chair, your swimsuit and beach towel. More information at www.firstpres.church.

•Check out **Dreams of Peace** at the corner of Church and State. DREAM youth and CYF staff painted over 240 doves as prayers for peace for shooting incidents in CU this year.

•Keep up with the latest news...**August newsletter** available in the kiosks or at firstpres.church/newsletter.

Faith



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Back to School week.**

**Choose a raindrop from the display
in Westminster Hall and
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to help cover the cost
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the item in our donation umbrella.
Supplies can be purchased at
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Recommendations for Church Officers
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN
Congregational Nominating Committee

The Congregation's Nominating Committee invites your recommendations for the offices of Deacon (Community Mission Deacon and Congregational Care Deacon), and Elder (member of the Session)

Highlights of the responsibilities of each office appear on the reverse side of this form. Please return this form to the church office (302 West Church, Champaign, IL 61820, place in the box in Westminster Hall, or drop in the offering plate.

Please feel free to recommend yourself and as many others as you wish.

Person(s) nominated:

Recommended for (circle choice{s}) 3-year term

Community Mission Deacon
Congregational Care Deacon
Elder (Session)

Helpful information about your recommendation, such as special skills, training, employment, community involvement.

Recommended by (optional):

Date: _____

All new officers are expected to participate in:

- Officer training
- Ordination and installation
- Serving of communion
- Attend monthly meetings
- Pray for the people and ministries of the church
- Attend church functions

Community Mission Deacons (CMD)

- Assist FPC Champaign in the development of an on-going missions ministry within the C-U area
- Develop outreach priorities and budgets
- Serve as a FPCC liaison with one of our partnering agencies (2 hours/month)
- Interpret this partnership ministry to our congregation
- Participate in definition and implementation of CMD ministry at monthly meetings.
- Provide feedback to CMD regarding agency needs

Congregational Care Deacons (CCD)

- Make monthly contact with a few assigned homebound members of the church
- Participate in at-home and residential facility communion services with pastors quarterly
- Provide mutual support for one another and participate in continuing education opportunities
- Send cards to acknowledge significant occasions

Session/Elders

This governing body of the church establishes and administers policies for the First Presbyterian Church of Champaign. The Session meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7 PM for about 90 minutes.

- Responsible for congregational spiritual growth and strategic planning
- Elders chair a team of the church, which meets monthly. (Requires approximately 2 hours/month)

Styrofoam Sunday



The Green Team is taking advantage of the season with the hope you'll help us help the environment. Until January 5, please collect and save at home styrofoam block packaging, cups and food containers that are clean and dry and imprinted with a #6 and chasing arrow. Bring your styrofoam to church for recycling on Styrofoam Sunday.

Sunday, January 5, 2020

Westminster Hall 8 AM – 12 PM

Centennial Hall 10:30 AM – 11:15 AM

Recycling styrofoam containers, cups and block foam...NO packaging peanuts!

Food containers...

- Must be clean and dry
- Must have #6 Chasing Arrow
- Remove straws, lids, tape or any other non-foam material

Green Team members will collect your styrofoam and deliver it to DART.

When we use a styrofoam cup or take home our leftovers in a styrofoam container, we are using a product that will be with us for centuries - five centuries or more. Currently, 2.5 million cups are used per year in the US and most of these are thrown into the trash and then into our landfills.

REUSING items was the topic in last month's article and reusing styrofoam packing materials is a great idea. However, please don't use or reuse food styrofoam food containers. Benzene and styrene are among the chemicals used to manufacture styrofoam. Benzene is a known carcinogen and a threat to human health and reproductive systems while styrene is a suspected carcinogen. These chemicals can leach from containers into food when heated.

Recycling doesn't make the styrofoam go away. Recycling simply turns it into different styrofoam products. The environment wins because new styrofoam isn't produced and the original doesn't go into the landfill.

This event will be a first for our church and a gift for the environment. Thank you for your help and our committee wishes you a blessed holiday and a joyous New Year.