

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 Praise the Lord

George F. Handel

Song for Centering and Call to Prayer #468 *In My Life* (vs. 1)

In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and 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** *A Woman and a Coin* (see back insert of hymnal)

❖ **Charge and Benediction**

❖ **Congregational Sung Benediction #772** *Live Into Hope* (vs. 1)

Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!

❖ **Postlude**

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

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

September 11, 2022 14th 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 and 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**

The foolish say, 'there is no God.'

We come, trusting in Jesus, the face, the voice, the presence of the God who loves us.

The scoffers of our age ask, 'why do you seek after God?'

We come, in this time, because God's grace has spilled over in our lives.

The hopeless around us think, 'no one cares about me.'

We come, in this time, to this place, because Jesus has found us and brought us home.

❖**Hymn #12** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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

Although we sometimes believe we are experts at faithfulness, Holy God, we must confess we are unskilled workers at doing good for others. Too often, we turn a deaf ear to the cries of people we have judged to be fools. We easily scoff at those we believe have nothing to teach us or share with us.

How foolish, Searching God, how foolish we are! Forgive us and restore us to your goodness. Then, send us forth to search for all who sit in the shadowed corners of our world, yearning for someone to come and find them, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, came to find us.

Assurance of Pardon

Our actions sometimes show we do not know God. Our words and lives show we do not understand God's hopes for us. But with utmost patience, God sets aside our foolishness, and fills us with mercy.

Mingled with faith and love, grace is poured into our sin-parched souls, giving us new life, restoring us as God's children. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

God calls us to love one another as God loves us. In this we know the truth of Christ's peace.

Share signs of Christ's peace with one another.

(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.*

Come Thou Fount

The Gathering Band directed by Kelsey Stremplewski

Response of Gratitude #25 *O Lord, Our God, How Excellent* (vs. 1)

O Lord, our God, how excellent, how glorious is your name.

Your majesty surrounds the earth, and children sing your fame.

Prayer of Dedication and 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 #175 *Seek Ye First* (vs. 1)

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and, its righteousness,

And all these things shall be added unto you.

Allelu, alleluia!

Scripture *Luke 15:8-10* (NT pg. 78)

⁸ "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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 *Lost and Found*

Matt Matthews

This Week

Sunday, September 11

9:00	AM	Worship/Sanctuary
10:00	AM	Easy English Fellowship/Room 204
10:15	AM	Brunch/Centennial Hall
10:15	AM	Worship/Windsor of Savoy
1:00	PM	APNC/Parlor & Zoom
4:00	PM	Environmental Watch Party/Chapel & Zoom

Monday, September 12

8:00	AM	DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
9:00	AM	ELL (English Language Learners)/Zoom
1:00	PM	Prayer Ministry Team/Chapel
1:00	PM	GROW/Family Library
4:00	PM	HR Meeting/Zoom
5:30	PM	AA/Centennial Hall
6:30	PM	Epilepsy Support/Westminster Hall
7:00	PM	ELL/Zoom

Tuesday, September 13

8:00	AM	Men's Breakfast Study/Zoom
8:00	AM	DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
9:00	AM	ELL In-Person/Rooms 102, 103, 104, 201, 204, 205, 206, 207, Café
10:30	AM	Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
12:00	PM	Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
3:00	PM	DREAAM/Room 205
4:30	PM	Mission Committee/Parlor & Zoom
5:30	PM	Contemporary Worship Team/Chapel & Zoom
7:00	PM	Worship Team/Parlor & Zoom

Wednesday, September 14

8:00	AM	DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
9:00	AM	ELL In-Person/Rooms 102, 103, 104, 201, 204, 205, 206, 207, Café
10:00	AM	ELL/Zoom
1:30	PM	CYF Team/Parlor & Zoom
6:30	PM	Theological Perspectives Reproductive Rights-Justice/Zoom
7:00	PM	ELL/Zoom

Thursday, September 15

8:00	AM	DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
9:00	AM	ELL/Zoom
9:00	AM	Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
10:00	AM	PEO Group (Sallie Hutton)/Westminster Hall, Parlor & Zoom
12:30	PM	Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
6:30	PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
7:00	PM	Session/Parlor & Zoom
7:30	PM	Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Friday, September 16 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 17

6:00	PM	French Worship Service/Centennial Hall
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Announcements

- We are glad you're here!** Questions about First Pres, contact **Pastor Matt** or call the church office.
- Linda Miller** 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.
- Judi Geistlinger** 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.
- Join us this morning for **2nd Sunday Brunch** right after the 9 AM service. Come and enjoy brunch and fellowship in Centennial Hall. 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.
- Join a small group this Fall!** Stop by the table in Centennial Hall to discover the Fall & Winter Small Group opportunities.
- The Environmental Team invites you to a **Keynote Watch Party** this afternoon 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.
- Faith in the Real World** on Sunday, September 18, at 10:15. **Stretch Ledford** will regale us with stories about where the rubber-meets-the-road of his faith journey thus far. He has photographs and stories to share. You'll be glad you came.
- 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.

International Taste of First Pres

September 18 4 PM Centennial Hall

Bring a food dish that represents your heritage and enjoy a taste of food from around the world.

International Taste is a part of Welcoming America Week in Champaign-Urbana.

We invite you to volunteer as greeters, buffet servers and managers, set-up and clean-up crews.

Contact Gary Peterson for more info or to volunteer 217.398.8504 or amer_swede@yahoo.com.



First Presbyterian Church Champaign

Green Team Summit

ROOTED TOGETHER

You're Invited to Our Watch Party!



September 11, 2022

4:45-7:00 PM CT



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Keynote Speaker Dr. Katharine Hayhoe



Join us for our Green Team Summit Watch Party! We will gather to enjoy and discuss the Summits' Keynote Session on renowned climate scientist Dr. Katharine Hayhoe's new book, *Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World*.

If you can't join in person, you can watch virtually for free. Register at www.greenteamsummit.org



MORE INFO ABOUT
THE SUMMIT:

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RSVP

Theological Perspectives on Reproductive Rights/Justice



Rev. Dr. Rachel Matthews, D.Min., LCPC,
Covenant Pastor for Mission and Pastoral Care

Robert Ferrer

Wednesday September 14, 2022
Zoom only

6:30-8:30pm

PLEASE REGISTER WITH THE CHURCH OFFICE

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We will explore two perspectives
Jewish (liberal) and Presbyterian Church (USA).
We welcome anyone who is willing to be respectful of all participants.

There will be time for Q and A.



An Invitation to all Women

If you are interested in nurturing your faith with prayer and Bible study, support the mission of the church, and experience loving fellowship come join a Presbyterian Women's circle.

The three circles meet the fourth Thursday of the month during the school year, except for November when it is the third. All meetings are hybrid (in-person or zoom). Our next meetings are Thursday, September 22 and Thursday, October 27.

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Circle of Joy
10:30 AM
zoom or in Parlor at church.

2

Circle of Faith
1:00 PM
zoom or in Parlor at church.

3

Circle of Peace
7:00 PM
zoom or in Parlor at church.

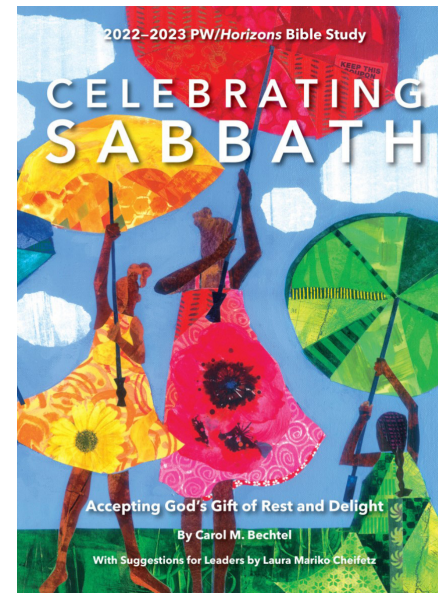
All you have to do is zoom in or show up and enjoy God's love.

For more information or questions,
contact Annilee Shaul 217-722-5787

You are invited to join us for the Fall Gathering hosted by the Presbyterian Women Saturday, October 1 11 AM Westminster Hall

with guest speaker

**The Rev. Dr. Laura Aull Johnston, Westminster Presbyterian Church
Sabbath: Hearing and Answering God's Call**



This year's PW/Horizon Bible Study.

Pastor Johnston has served Westminster Presbyterian Church Champaign, since 2003. She has a doctorate in pastoral care from McCormick Seminary in Chicago and received her MDiv from Columbia Seminary in Decatur, GA. She is a Commissioner for the Synod of Lincoln Trails and a member of the PC(USA) Committee on Theological Education. Pastor Johnston is a graduate of Centennial High School and the University of Illinois.