

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 *The Lord Be Near Us*

Hal Hopson; text: Timothy Dudley-Smith

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 #74 *When God Restored Our Common Life*

❖ 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 18, 2022 15th Sunday after Pentecost

**Have mercy, O God.
Forgive us, and restore us
to be agents
of your healing love
in this world.**

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 pen.

Greeting & Announcements

❖ **Call to Worship**

O, Sing to the Lord,

Sing God a new song.

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

❖ **Hymn #637** *O Sing to the Lord*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we have strayed from your ways like confused sheep. We have followed the devices of our own hearts. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Have mercy, O God. Forgive us, and restore us to be agents of your healing love in this world. 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

Be kind to one another, and tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. The peace of 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.*

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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!"

Time for 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 16:10-13*

¹⁰ Whoever is faithful in small matters will be faithful in large ones; whoever is dishonest in small matters will be dishonest in large ones. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful in handling worldly wealth, how can you be trusted with true wealth? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to someone else, who will give you what belongs to you?

¹³ "No servant can be the slave of two masters; such a slave will hate one and love the other or will be loyal to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

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 *A Ministry of Small Things*

Matt Matthews

This Week

Sunday, September 18

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Faith in the Real World/Westminster Hall
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 204
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy
- 1:00 PM APNC/Parlor & Zoom
- 4:00 PM International Taste of First Pres/Centennial Hall

Monday, September 19 October Newsletter Deadline

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:00 AM ELL (English Language Learners)/Zoom
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 1:30 PM Bible Study/Parlor
- 1:30 PM Nominating Committee/Chapel & Zoom
- 4:00 PM Environmental/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 7:00 PM ELL/Zoom

Tuesday, September 20

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Zoom
- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:00 AM PW Coordinating Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:30 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 World Mission Committee/Parlor & Zoom

Wednesday, September 21

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:30 AM ELL In-Person/Rooms 102, 103, 104, 201, 204, 205, 206, 207, Café
- 10:00 AM ELL/Zoom
- 12:00 PM Pakistan Study/Home of Sallie Hutton
- 7:00 PM ELL/Zoom

Thursday, September 22

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:00 AM ELL/Zoom
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 10:30 AM Circle of Joy/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 1:00 PM Circle of Faith/Parlor & Zoom
- 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Circle of Peace/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Friday, September 23 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 24

- 3:00 PM Memorial Service for George Miller/Sanctuary
- 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.
- **Jane Alsberg** 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.
- **Sunday School** for children begins Sunday, October 2 at 10 AM. Sign in children in Westminster Hall at the Welcome Center. Children will be taken to the Christian Ed Building. At 11, meet your child(ren) in the CE Building Family Library. Transportation is not being provided at this time.
- **The Rev. Dr. Rachel Matthews** 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. 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 a small group this Fall!** Stop by the table in Centennial Hall to discover the Fall & Winter Small Group opportunities.
- **Faith in the Real World** this morning 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. Next Sunday, September 25, we will hear from **Lisa Sheltra** from Salt & Light Ministries.
- First Pres will host its annual **Trunk or Treat** event on Sunday October 30 from 5 to 6 PM in the church parking lot. We are looking for volunteers to provide decorated trunks; we can help with decorating. We also need volunteers to help with games for small children and to provide candy. If you can pitch in, please contact **Nicole Miller** at reservationfor5@gmail.com.
- Join us as we learn how to get the best out of the Sabbath at the **Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering** Saturday, October 1, at 11 AM in Westminster Hall. **The Rev. Dr. Laura Aull Johnston**, Pastor, Westminster Presbyterian Church will present *Sabbath: Hearing and Answering God's Call*.
- 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

TODAY

4 PM

Centennial Hall

Enjoy a taste of food from around the world. This is not a potluck. ALL food will be provided. 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.