

## **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.*

### **Pastoral Prayer**

*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 #840 *When Peace Like a River*

◆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.  
And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say,  
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us."  
Give thanks. Give thanks.

◆Postlude

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

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# **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN**

September 22, 2024

18<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

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/Threshold Moment**

#### **◆Call to Worship**

Here, in this place,

**God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the doubters:**

**here, the worriers and wanderers can call on God by name.**

Here, in this time, we can remember all the ways God has graced us:

here, in these moments, we are reminded that God is with us, always!

**Here are gathered those daring enough to step out of comfort into the unknown:**

**here, in this faith space, we will find the courage to cry out, 'God, save us!' in every situation.**

#### **◆Hymn of Praise #815 *Give to the Winds Thy Fears***

### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**Forgive us.**

**Grant us patience to wait for Your good timing.**

**Open our eyes to recognize Your leading in our lives—**

**to listen for Your gentle whisper when we least expect it.**

**And then give us courage to step out in faith and obedience,**

**trusting in Your leading even when we cannot yet see the outcome.**

*Silence is kept.*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

### **Passing of the Peace**

### **Invitation to the Offering** *(We are invited to return God's tithes and give our offering.)*

**Offertory** *Thou Shalt Give Unto the Lord*

John Ness Beck

#### **◆Response of Gratitude #607 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow***

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;**

**Praise Holy Spirit ever more; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

#### **◆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!"*

### **Pastoral Prayer of Illumination**

### **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** *Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21*

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** *Messy Families*

Beth Wagner

#### **◆Hymn of Reflection #754 *Help Us Accept Each Other***

# Announcements

## This Week

### Sunday, September 22

- 9:00 AM Worship/Westminster Hall
- 10:00 AM Town Hall Meeting/Westminster Hall
- 10:10 AM Easy English Fellowship/Rooms 104 & 105
- 10:10 AM Adult Education/Parlor

### Monday, September 23 (October Newsletter Deadline)

- 9:15 AM ELL Classes In-Person/CE Building & Café
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor & Zoom
- 1:00 PM Grow/Family Library
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM DREAAM Cheer/Gym

### Tuesday, September 24

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:00 AM PW Board Meeting/Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL Classes In-Person/CE Building & Café
- 10:30 AM Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 4:30 PM World Mission Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 6:00 PM DREAAM Dance/Gym

### Wednesday, September 25

- 9:15 AM ELL Classes In-Person/CE Building & Café
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Family Night/Centennial Hall & Kitchen
- 7:30 PM Together on Tuesdays/Zoom

### Thursday, September 26

- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 10:30 AM Circle of Joy/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:30 PM Windsor of Savoy Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 1:00 PM Circle of Faith/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:00 PM DREAAM Elite Study Hall & Dinner/Centennial Hall & Kitchen
- 6:00 PM DREAAM Cheer/Gym
- 7:00 PM Circle of Peace/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

### Friday, September 27 Church Office closes at noon

- 8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
- 10:00 AM Christ Community Church Choir Rehearsal/Chapel

### Saturday, September 28

- 6:00 PM French Worship Service/Chapel

●**We are glad you're here!** Questions about First Pres, see **either pastor** after the service or contact the church office ([info@firstpres.church](mailto: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.

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

●There will be a **Town Hall Meeting** immediately following worship this morning in Westminster Hall. The purpose of the meeting is for congregational discussion and input on a proposal from DREAAM to share use of the Christian Education Building and the electronic sign.

●**Adult Discussion** this morning in Mae Chapin Parlor from 10:15 - 11 AM. Today we hear from **Jim Berger**; September 29 – Earth Sunday; October 6 – **Vilmarie Cintrón Olivieri**; October 20 – We start a series of discussions about the Minor Prophets, led by **Rev. Joseph Lundy** and the Adult Spiritual Formation Committee.

●**Replacement of the church roof** continues weather permitting. Some of the parking lot will be blocked off during the work. We apologize for any inconvenience.

●**NO Coffeeshop Office Hours this week...**Pastor Beth is out of town. In October, join her at **Mad Goat Coffee** (57 East Main, Champaign) Tuesday afternoons from 1:30-3:30 PM.

●**Together on Tuesdays Zoom Study is moving to Wednesday** for the next several weeks. Although still called *Together on Tuesdays* it will be on Wednesdays for a few weeks.

●The **Children's Ministry Team** is compiling a list of people who might be able to volunteer for a Sunday, 8:45 to 11 AM, in the church nursery, in case one of the paid providers has an emergency. If you are willing to have your name on the list please contact the church office (217-356-7238), **Pastor Joe** ([joseph@firstpres.church](mailto:joseph@firstpres.church)), or **Mary Gritten** (217-369-7016 or [maryhg3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maryhg3@sbcglobal.net)). Thank you!

●**Presbyterian Women Circle** meetings will be Thursday, September 26.

●**Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering** Thursday, October 3, 11:30 AM in Westminster Hall with lunch following. The **Rev. Cindy Shepherd**, Green Team Director for Faith in Place, will speak on *Doing Justice With Love*. All are invited!

●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 **September newsletter** is available in the kiosks or at [firstpres.church/newsletter](http://firstpres.church/newsletter). The **deadline for submission of articles for the October issue is Monday, September 23**.

●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](http://firstpres.church/live). The Sunday **sermon** is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.