

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 #772** *Live Into Hope*

❖ **Charge**

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered;

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish ulterior motives;

Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true friends;

Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;

Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;

Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will forget tomorrow.

Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough;

Give the world the best you've got anyway.

❖ **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 25, 2022

16th 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 pen.

Greeting & Announcements

Minute for Ministry from our Friends at Salt & Light - Lisa Sheltra

A Stewardship Reflection - Nancy Whitford

❖ **Call to Worship**

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.

Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold.

And our despair he turned to blazing joy.

Alleluia!

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Alleluia!

❖ **Hymn #485** *We Know That Christ is Raised*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, Holy God, for the ways we seek a personal relationship with you to the exclusion of the whole world:

help us to seek your forgiveness.

When “church” becomes a sanctuary only and never a launch pad:

help us to seek your forgiveness.

When our children are to be seen but not heard,

help us to seek your forgiveness.

Open us to new friendships.

Hear our prayer.

Forgive our pride that proclaims “my way is the best way.”

Hear our prayer.

Help us repair our kinship with the world you love and have so graciously redeemed in Jesus Christ.

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.

The peace of Christ be with you all!

And also with you.

Passing of the Peace *(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.*

Holy, Holy, Holy

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!"

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism

Sentences of Scripture

The Presentation

Profession of Faith

Constitutional Questions for the Parents

Constitutional Questions for the Congregation

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows for the Congregation

Do you renounce all evil, and powers in the world which defy God's righteousness and love?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that separate you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior?

I do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love, to your life's end?

I will, with God's help.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

The Welcome #487, *These Treasured Children* (vs. 4 & 5)

Come, Holy Spirit, help us be a nurturing community;

Empower us to realize God's kingdom through our children's eyes.

Then, tender God, each child embrace; God give them blessings, grant them grace.

Surprise them, God, with wonders still, and gently guide them to your will.

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 *Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15* (OT pg. 736)

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 *The Field of Anathoth*

Rachel 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.

Anthem *Goodness of God; Dieu tout puissant*

Jean René Balekita

This Week

Sunday, September 25

- 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

Monday, September 26

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:00 AM ELL (English Language Learners)/Zoom
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 6:30 PM Cuba Study/Parlor
- 7:00 PM ELL/Zoom

Tuesday, September 27

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Zoom
- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:30 AM ELL In-Person/Rooms 102, 103, 104, 201, 204, 205, 206, 207, Caf 
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 3:00 PM DREAAM/Room 205
- 4:30 PM Community Mission Deacons/Parlor & Zoom

Wednesday, September 28

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:00 AM Cuba Steering Committee/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:30 AM ELL In-Person/Rooms 102, 103, 104, 201, 204, 205, 206, 207, Caf 
- 10:00 AM ELL/Zoom
- 6:30 PM Compassion, Peace, Justice/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:00 PM ELL/Zoom

Thursday, September 29

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:00 AM ELL/Zoom
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 6:30 PM Cuba Forum & Annual Meeting/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Friday, September 30 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, October 1

- 11:00 AM PW Fall Gathering/Westminster Hall
- 5:00 PM Hispanic Heritage Concert/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.
- Linda Peterson** is our liturgist this morning. We would love to have you serve as a liturgist! If interested, please contact **Carol Miles**.
- Isaac and James Nelson**, sons of **Anand Swaminathan and Jennifer Nelson** will be baptized at this morning's service.
- 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. 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. **Betty Hollister** is preaching in Paxton this morning as part of our Amateur Preacher's program.
- 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**.
- Join a small group this Fall!** Pick up a copy of the *Fall/Winter Small Groups* brochure from one of the kiosks or at the Welcome Center. Find a group that interests you!
- Faith in the Real World** this morning at 10:15. **Lisa Sheltra** of Salt & Light will speak. Next Sunday, October 2, we will hear from **Jim Dey** staff writer for the News Gazette.
- We celebrate the 100th anniversary of our sister congregation in Luyano this year. Missionaries **Jos  Manuel Capella-Pratts and Vilmarie Cintr n-Olivieri** from the Caribbean will speak Thursday, September 29, from 6:30-8 PM for our Cuba Forum/Annual meeting. Join us on this zoom meeting. We will have in person seating in Mae Chapin Parlor. Contact church office link. Sunday, October 2, is Cuba Sunday/World Communion. Special refreshments will be served during the coffee hour after worship.
- 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 bags of individually wrapped candy. 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*.
- On Saturday, October 1, at 5 PM, we will host in the sanctuary *A Celebration Through Song* in honor of **Hispanic Heritage Month**. Organized by our alto section leader, **Alejandra Sandoval**, it will feature solos by Prof. Herrera, and graduate voice students from UI School of Music.
- 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.