

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.

◆An Affirmation of Faith (from *Confession of Belbar*)

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another.

Call to Prayer #205 *Ubi Caritas*

sang first in English, then Latin, then English

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 #100 *Canticle of the Turning*

◆Charge and Benediction

◆Congregational Sung Benediction *Love Has Broken Down the Walls*

We will tear down the walls. We will tear down every wall.
God has called us one and all; Love has broken down the wall,
Love has broken down the wall.

◆Postlude

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

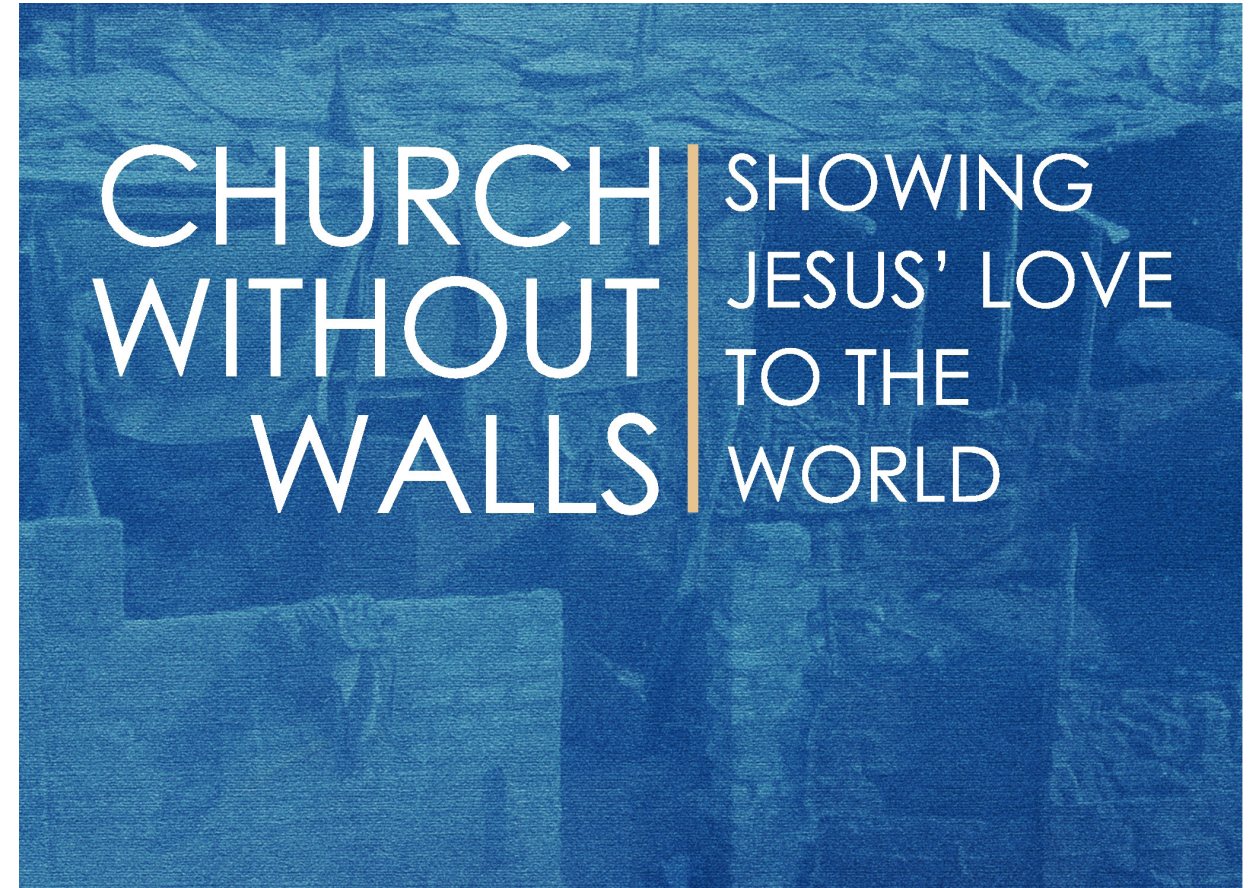
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

September 29, 2024

19th 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 of the Hour on 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

Minute for Mission – CU at Home

Melissa Courtwright

Threshold Moment

Call Into Community

Wait

Breathe.

Let the anxiety take a break for just a moment.

Breathe again.

We are not alone.

Christ is with us.

Let us take a deep breath together ... The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

◆Hymn of Praise #386 *Come, Worship God* (vs. 1-3)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you call us to your merciful, gracious love freely given without expectation or strings attached. While we are eager to experience your mercy and grace in our own lives, we are quick to make our extension of your mercy and grace conditional for others. We would rather show mercy to those we judge worthy. We would rather extend grace to those who will show us grace in return. We would rather love those who are easiest to love.

Forgive us, Redeeming God. So transform our hearts with your amazing grace and unconditional love that our relationships are transformed as we extend your mercy and grace as an expression of our gratitude for your saving love we know in Jesus Christ.

Amen. *Silence is kept.*

Assurance of Pardon

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

Offertory – Sora Shepard

◆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 #386 *Come, Worship God* (vs. 4)

Now let us listen, for you speak among us;

open our hearts to receive what you say.

Peace be to all who remember your good news,

trust in your word, and rejoice in your way!

Scripture *Luke 6:31-36*

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")

Anthem *Christ Has Broken Down the Wall*

Mark Miller

Message *Red and Blue Make Purple*

Beth Wagner

◆Hymn of Reflection #203 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love*

Announcements

This Week

Sunday, September 29

- 9:00 AM Worship/Westminster Hall
- 10:10 AM Easy English Fellowship/Rooms 104 & 105
- 10:10 AM Children's Sunday School/CE Building
- 10:10 AM Adult Education/Parlor
- 4:00 PM Blessing of Animals/West Side Park

Monday, September 30

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

Tuesday, October 1

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:00 AM Small Group Leaders/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL Classes In-Person/CE Building & Café
- 10:30 AM Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Harvest Market
- 1:30 PM Coffee Shop Hours with Pastor Beth/Mad Goat
- 6:00 PM DREAAM Dance/Gym

Wednesday, October 2

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

Thursday, October 3

- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:30 PM Windsor of Savoy Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 2:30 PM Congregational Care Deacons/Parlor & Zoom
- 4:00 PM Spiritual Formation/Zoom
- 5:00 PM DREAAM Elite Study Hall & Dinner/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM DREAAM Cheer/Gym
- 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Friday, October 4 Church Office closes at noon

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

Saturday, October 5

- 11:00 AM Cuba Forum & Lunch/Centennial Hall
- 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). 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.

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

●**Sunday School for elementary age children resumes TODAY after worship.** Meet in the classroom on the second floor of the Christian Ed Building.

●**Adult Discussion** this morning in Mae Chapin Parlor from 10:15 - 11 AM today's topic is God's earth. It's a little early, like Christmas in July, but fall is a beautiful time to enjoy nature. We should think about doing our part to preserve God's creation every day. The next "real" Earth Sunday is April 20, 2025 but we'll have other important things on our minds that day – it being Easter! Coming up for Adult Ed ...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.

●**Coffeshop Office Hours during October...**Join **Paster Beth** at **Mad Goat Coffee** (57 East Main, Champaign) Tuesday afternoons from 1:30-3:30 PM.

●**Together on Tuesdays Zoom Study at 7:30 PM is moving to Wednesday** for the next several weeks. Although still called *Together on Tuesdays* it will be on Wednesdays for a few weeks.

●**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!

●Our annual **Trunk or Treat** is Sunday, October 27 from 4-5:30 PM. You can help us sustain this tradition. Bring bags of candy or other treats to the church office. Decorate a trunk. Help us prepare and then stay to greet guests at our delicious soup supper in Centennial Hall. Invite family and friend to participate and join the fun. This program is for children ages 0-12 accompanied by an adult. Each child will receive a free book. Contact **Nicole Miller** at reservationfor5@gmail.com to tell her you will offer a decorated trunk. This activity is a joint effort of your Nurture and Outreach Committees. We will collaborate again with our neighbors at First United Methodist Church.

●Help us stock our **Free Little Pantry**. Donations are much appreciated. Drop off any contributions in the church office or in Westminster Hall on Sundays.

●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.

●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. The Sunday **sermon** is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.