

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.

The Meal is Set

The Meal is Shared

We Close in Prayer



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

September 4, 2022 13th Sunday after Pentecost

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 *The Apostles' Creed*

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

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 #754 *Help Us Accept Each Other*

❖ Charge and Benediction

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

Live into hope of captives freed, of sigh 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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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

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 – Melissa Courtwright, Director of CU at Home

❖Call to Worship (based on Psalm 139)

You know us so well, O God!

Working or rest, praising or praying, it's nothing new to you.

You know us so well, O God!

Ahead of us and behind us, you are with us all our life.

You know us so well, O God!

Creator of us and our world, inspiration of all our days.

You know us so well, O God!

Beyond our understanding, yet for us and with us, all the time.

❖Hymn #14 For the Beauty of the Earth

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Searching God, we are so attached to our possessions, we have trouble sharing them. We are so connected to our pleasures that we cannot feel the pain of those around us. We are so stuck on ourselves, we cannot sense our souls slipping away into the shadows.

Most merciful God: loosen us from the grip of the world, so we may feel your healing touch. Sever us from our sin, so your Spirit might bind us to you. Reshape us, redeem us, renew us, so we may take up our crosses and follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. *Silent prayer.*

Assurance of Pardon

The God who calls us is the God who created us; the God who formed us is the God who forgives us. This is the Good News - we are God's new creation.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are reshaped, renewed, forgiven. 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.*

Anthem *As We Gather at Your Table*

K. Lee Scott

Prayer of Dedication

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.

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 *Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18* (OT pg. 577)

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 *Communion Meditation*

Matt Matthews

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

We Are Invited #507 *Come to the Table of Grace* (vs. 1)

Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of grace.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

This Week

Sunday, September 4

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 204
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy
- 1:00 PM APNC/Parlor

Monday, September 5 (office closed)

- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, September 6

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Zoom
- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:00 AM Small Group Ministry/Parlor & Zoom
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom

Wednesday, September 7

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 11:30 AM Dinner for One/Centennial Hall

Thursday, September 8

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 4:30 PM Finance Team/Zoom
- 6:30 PM Nurture-Outreach/Parlor & Zoom
- 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Friday, September 9 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 10

- 2:00 PM Brunch Set-Up/Centennial Hall

International Taste of First Pres

“Where We Belong”

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.

Announcements

- We are glad you're here! Questions about First Pres, contact **Pastor Matt** or call the church office.
- Thank you to **Rick Murphy** for serving as our pianist this morning.
- Pat Phillips** 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.
- 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.
- Come to lunch at our next **Dinners for One** on Wednesday, September 7, at 11:30 AM in Centennial Hall. Call the church office to RSVP and place your order for a box lunch from Michael's.
- Our next **2nd Sunday Brunch** will be Sunday, September 11. Come and enjoy brunch in Centennial Hall. Enjoy the fellowship right after the 9 AM service. 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.
- Presbyterian Women Synod of Lincoln Trails** invites you to their Fall Gathering on ZOOM September 10, 2022 from 10-11:30 AM. Contact the church office or **Clemmie Ackermann** coletta.ackermann@gmail.com for the ZOOM link.
- The Environmental Team invites you to a **Keynote Watch Party** September 11, 2022 featuring Katharine Hayhoe, noted Climate Scientist, in the Chapel, 4:45-7 PM. Snacks provided. Free registration at <https://www.greenteams summit.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.
- 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.