Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (pg. 35; in the language or wording most familiar to you.)

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.

Connecting with our Community

✞**Hymn for Commitment #721** *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* (vs. 1-3; verses in English, refrain in Spanish)

✞**Charge and Benediction**

✞**Congregational Sung Benediction #546** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* (vs. 1)

✞**Postlude** *Summer* Paul Reade
Gary Winder, clarinet; Cherry Yeung, piano

✞Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.

•**Bob Kirby** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve as liturgist on a Sunday morning, contact **Carol Miles.**

•**We are glad you're here!** Questions about First Pres, see the **pastor** after the service or contact the church office (info@firstpres.church).

•We have access to our hearing assistant loop during worship. This technology allows people with hearing aids equipped with **T-Coil technology** to hear the service through their hearing aids. If you know you have T-coil technology, plan to turn on the T-coil via your phone each Sunday morning.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

October 11, 2026 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church
Bienvenue à La Premiere Eglise Presbytérienne de Champaign
Bienvenidos a La Primera Iglésia Presbiteriana
샴페인 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. 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 *Gabriel's Oboe* Ennio Morricone
Gary Winder, clarinet; Cherry Yeung, piano

Chiming of the Hour on Tower Bell

Greetings & Welcome/Act of Friendship & Prayer Concerns

Please pass the Friendship Pad, noting with whom you are sitting, and list prayer concerns on the prayer request cards in the pews.

Threshold Moment

✞**Call to Worship** (from *Isaiah 25:1-9*)
Lord, you are our God.
We will exalt you.
We will praise your name for you have done wonderful things.
Your plans are formed of old, they are faithful and sure.
You have been a refuge to the poor.
A refuge to the needy in distress.
This is our God.
We have waited for our Lord, the Lord is our salvation.

✞**Hymn of Praise #768** *Somos el cuerpo de Cristo/We Are the Body of Christ* (vs. 1-3)
(✞Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.)

Call to Confession Confession sequence comes from *Presbyterian Outlook*, written by Teri McDowell Ott
(Congregation may be seated.)

Prayer of Confession
God who leads us through life, we come before you today, knowing that we often struggle to follow your guidance, we get stuck in our own ways, and we fail to imagine new futures. Forgive us God, help us follow your way. Give us the imagination necessary to trust in your will. Amen. *Silence is kept.*

Confession Response #416 *O Come unto the Lord* (vs. 1; refrain)

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

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 #458 *Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet* (refrain)

Scripture in French *John 1:12*
Ceci est la Parole du Seignuer./**Gloire à Dieu** (pronounced "glow-ah ah dew")

Anthem *Mi Lugar* Carlos Cordero

Scripture in English *Ephesians 4:11-14* (NIV)
This is the Word of the Lord./**Thanks be to God.**

Message *Adulting Is Hard* Betty Hollister

✞**Hymn for Reflection #684** *Faith Begins By Letting Go*

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.

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

Offertory Theme from *Rachmaninov Symphony No. 2* arr. Lee
Gary Winder, clarinet; Cherry Yeung, piano

Response of Gratitude #609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving

This Week

Sunday, October 11
9:30 AM Worship/Sanctuary
10:30 AM Second Sunday Brunch/Centennial Hall

Monday, October 12
1:00 PM GROW/Room 105
1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor & Zoom
4:00 PM HR Team/Zoom
5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, October 13
10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
4:30 PM Mission Committee/Parlor & Zoom

Wednesday, October 14
9:00 AM Nurture/Parlor & Zoom
9:00 AM Cuba Partners/Zoom
5:30 PM Outreach/Parlor & Zoom
6:00 PM Worship/Library & Zoom
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room
7:30 PM Wednesdays We Gather/Zoom

Thursday, October 15
9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom

Friday, October 16
8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
10:00 AM Korean Choir Rehearsal/Chapel
7:00 PM French Prayer/Zoom

Saturday, October 17
8:00 AM We Reteach/Rooms 206 & 207
6:00 PM Francophone Bethesda Fellowship/Chapel

Thursday, October 8 thru Thursday, October 15
Church Office hours will be 9-11 AM

Announcements

●**TODAY we celebrate our partnership with the Luyano church in Cuba**. Join us for brunch immediately following worship. As part of our celebration, **Los Guapos Illini** will entertain us during brunch.

●**We've updated our church website** to help members stay connected with the life of the church and help visitors find what they need quickly and easily. You'll find worship service links, the church calendar, sermons, bulletins, newsletters, and an easy way to tithe. We hope it's your first stop when looking for information! It's easy to use—but if you'd like help, see **Melinda Miller** or **Camille James** after worship. Take a few minutes to visit firstpres.church—and stop by often!

●**Thank you for your amazing and overwhelming support of the food pantry!** We are off to a great start! Volunteers are always needed; monetary contributions welcomed! Distribution is the first Thursday of each month from 12-1 PM.

●**CU Pride** festival and parade are Saturday, October 17. The parade is at 1 PM and the festival from 1-5 PM. We need marchers for the parade and people to sit in the booth for a shift. If interested, please contact **Brandi Lowe** 217.369.5844 or brandiscrapbook@yahoo.com.

●If you or a loved one is **in the hospital or in need of a pastoral visit,** contact the church office.

●Anyone interested in **donating flowers for use on Sunday mornings during worship**, please contact **Nancy Dankle** 217.778-4088 or nkdankle@icloud.com.

●We are collecting royalties each time we hear a **Spiritual** in our service. Royalties were never paid for this music. Money we collect will go to the DREAAM Choir. Donation box is on the Welcome Center.

●Check out the **book cart** in Westminster Hall. Donate a book for others to enjoy and take some.

●The **October 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 the service live each Sunday at firstpres.church/live. The Sunday **service video** is available on-line this week; audio sermon available the following Sunday at 10:30 AM on WDWS 1400AM.

●**Scam/Email Spoof Alert** ... Your staff will **never** send a text, email or voicemail asking you to purchase gift cards. If in doubt, contact the church office.

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