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
Minute for Mission – Nominating Committee — Dick Arnould

✞**Hymn for Commitment #12** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

✞**Charge and Benediction**

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

✞**Postlude** *Postlude in D Major* — Cecil Armstrong Gibbs

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

•**Betty Hollister** 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.

•Next Sunday, November 1, we will observe **All Saints Day.** We will remember those who have died this past year. It is also Communion Sunday.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

October 25, 2026 — 22nd 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 *Service Prelude in F, Andante* Arthur Holloway

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 *Psalm 90*)

Lord, you have been our home in all generations.

You are God, for all the past and all the future.

For a thousand years are like a single day.

You sweep them away, they are like a dream or like grass.

Let the favor of the Lord be upon us.

May God make our works prosper!

✞**Hymn of Praise #275** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (✞Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (from *Black Liturgies* by Cole Arthur Riley)

God of delight, we confess that we have grown numb to the beauty of the world. We have not protected what is good and true and enchanting. We have forgotten how to marvel at the mundane with the same gravity as we would behold the mountain or valley.
We have not looked up to witness the miracle of our architecture. And in our self-hatred, we have failed to delight in and honor the faces we pass each day, including our own.
Forgive us our inattention, and in our mercy remind us that we are so much more than than our pain. Guide our gaze toward the beautiful. Amen. *Silence is kept.*

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

Assurance of Pardon (from *Black Liturgies* by Cole Arthur Riley

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 *Psalm 1*

Ceci est la Parole du Seignuer./**Gloire à Dieu** (pronounced "glow-ah ah dew")

Anthem *Prayer for Healing* Molly James

Scripture in English *Matthew 22:34-46*

This is the Word of the Lord./**Thanks be to God.**

Message *Reformed and Always Reforming* Pastor Joe Lundy

✞**Hymn for Reflection #729** *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* (Spiritual)

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 the *Barmen Declaration*)

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is He also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through Him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to His creatures.
We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords – areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through Him.

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

Offertory *Offertoire No. 5* Louis Armchimbaud

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

Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

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

This Week

Sunday, October 25
9:30 AM Worship/Sanctuary
10:30 AM Easy English Fellowship/Rms. 204 & 207
10:30 AM Youth Sunday School/CE Building
10:30 AM Adult Discussion/Parlor
4:00 PM Trunk or Treat & Soup Supper/Parkinig Lot & Centennial Hall

Monday, October 26
9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Bldg. Classrooms & Café
1:00 PM GROW/Room 105
1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor & Zoom
3:30 PM Environmental Team/Parlor & Zoom
5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, October 27
9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Bldg. Classrooms & Café
10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
4:30 PM World Mission Team/Parlor & Zoom

Wednesday, October 28
9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Bldg. Classrooms & Café
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room
7:30 PM Wednesdays We Gather/Zoom

Thursday, October 29
9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
9:15 AM ELL Classes/CE Bldg. Classrooms & Café
10:00 AM Food Pantry Packing for Distribution/Food Pantry
12:30 PM Windsor of Savoy Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy

Friday, October 30
8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
10:00 AM Korean Choir Rehearsal/Chapel
11:00 AM Tom Ulen Memorial Service/Sanctuary & Westminster Hall
7:00 PM French Prayer/Zoom

Saturday, October 31
8:00 AM We Reteach/Rooms 206 & 207
6:00 PM Francophone Bethesda Fellowship/Chapel

Announcements

•Grab a cup of coffee and join us for **Adult Discussion** this morning immediately following worship in the Parlor. **Ric Weibl from Healthy Champaign County** will lead the discussion.

•Our annual **Trunk or Treat** will be held Sunday, October 25, 4 to 5:30 PM. This is a great outreach event as many families from the neighborhood attend. The children receive candy, a free book and many smiles. We play games with them and even invite them and their parents to a soup supper. If you would like to participate in the event by decorating your car turnk and passing out candy, email **Nicole Miller** reservationfor5@gmail.com. If you cannot attend but would like to donate treats, please drop them off at church or in the church office.

•We are partnering again with **Immigrant Services** collecting new winter wear. We are focusing on gloves, mittens, hats, hand warmers, scarves and warm blankets of any size. Drop your donations on the Mission table in Westminster Hall.

•**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 11 AM to 12:30 PM.

•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.