

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 (*Let us hold the elements and partake together.*)
The Meal is Shared
We Close in Prayer

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.

❖ Hymn for Commitment #221 *O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

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.

It Was On a Sunday from *Songs on the Way* by Wild Goose Worship

❖ Charge and Benediction

❖ Congregational Sung Benediction *Christ Jesus, On Sunday, You Rode Into Town*
(*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*) words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

**Christ Jesus, on Sunday, you rode into town;
The crowds laid their coats and some palms on the ground.
They made you a welcome and called you their king,
But they did not know of the reign you would bring.**

❖ Postlude

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



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

April 2, 2023 Palm Sunday



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.

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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 – One Great Hour of Sharing

Rachel Matthews

❖Call to Worship

Humble and riding on a donkey,

We greet you.

Acclaimed by crowds and caroled by children,

We cheer you.

Moving from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power,

We salute you, Christ our Lord.

You are giving the beasts of burden a new dignity; you are giving majesty a new face; you are giving those who long for redemption a new song to sing.

With them, with heart and voice, we shout 'Hosanna!'

❖Processional Hymn #196 *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Abba God, Father of Jesus, forgive our lack of respect and attention as your son enters this most painful of weeks. We, like the disciples, fall asleep when Jesus asks us to stay awake and pray. Our minds wander as he sets his path straight for Jerusalem to speak truth to power on our behalf. We are careless with our faith, while Jesus acts with extraordinary love. Forgive our apathy. Forgive our inattention. Forgive our careless and self-serving attitudes. Remind us, this Holy Week, of the salvation you offer in Jesus Christ. Let us not take this gracious gift for granted. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

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

Offertory Song – *I Will Give Thanks Unto the Lord*

Thomas Matthews

Response of Gratitude #22 *God of the Sparrow* (vs. 3)

God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave,

How does the creature say Grace? How does the creature say Thanks?

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!"

Word with Children

Prayer for Illumination #471 *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.

When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer.

O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

Scripture *Matthew 21:1-11* (NT 23)

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 *Parade*

Matt Matthews

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

We are Invited

We give Thanks

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.

... prayers continue

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,**

This Week

Sunday, April 2

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Sunday School/Christian Education Building
- 10:00 AM Called Session Meeting/Library
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 204
- 10:15 AM Lenten Study/Parlor
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy
- 1:00 PM APNC/Parlor

Monday, April 3

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 10:00 AM ELL In-Person/Room 204
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 1:30 PM Bible Study (Rempe)/Westminster Hall
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 4:00 PM HR Team/Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, April 4

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:00 AM Small Group Ministry Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 9:30 AM ELL In-Person/Rooms 102, 103, 104, 201, 204, 205, 206, 207, Café
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 3:30 PM DREAAM Culinary Arts Club/Centennial Hall & Kitchen
- 4:00 PM Kids Club Planning Mtg/Parlor & Zoom

Wednesday, April 5

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:30 AM ELL In-Person/Rooms 102, 103, 104, 201, 204, 205, 206, 207, Café
- 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch/Westminster Hall
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building

Thursday, April 6

- 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
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 2:30 PM Care Deacons/Parlor & Zoom
- 4:00 PM Spiritual Formation/Zoom
- 6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Soup Supper & Communion Service/Centennial Hall
- 6:30 PM Bell Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Friday, April 7 Church Office Closes at Noon

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 7:00 PM Good Friday Service/Sanctuary

Saturday, April 8

- 11:00 AM Leland Andrews Memorial Service/Sanctuary
- 6:00 PM French Worship Service/Centennial Hall

Announcements

- **We are glad you're here!** Questions about First Pres, contact **Pastor Matt Matthews** or call the church office.
- **Sarah Laufenberg** is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve, contact **Carol Miles**.
- The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by **Jim Berger** in honor and in celebration of **Jo Foley's** 95th birthday today.
- **Sunday School** for children this morning at 10 AM. Sign in children at the Welcome Center 8:45-9. After worship, they will be escorted to their class. Meet your child or children in the library in the Education Building at 11. Transportation is not being provided at this time.
- Join us this morning in the **Parlor at 10:15 for a video/discussion** series based on Adam Hamilton's *The Walk, Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life*. Discussion leader is **Dave Bauer**.
- **The Rev. Dr. Rachel Matthews** will preach today's 10:15 AM service at the Windsor of Savoy.
- **Spring flowers will decorate the Sanctuary on Easter.** If you would like to give a monetary donation in honor or memory of someone, please note so on your check's memo line. Please include a note who the flowers are in honor or memory of. You may also sign up to give flowers throughout the year on the flower calendar in Westminster Hall.
- **If unable to attend church**, catch our 9 AM service live each Sunday at firstpres.live. The Sunday sermon is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.
- Do you have a **family member graduating this year from high school or college?** They don't have to be a member of the church or even live in the area. Please send a photo and a message including where they are graduating from and what their future plans might be to **Brandi Lowe** brandiscrapbook@yahoo.com or text 217-369-5844. Please submit no later than May 14.
- 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 for yourself.
- **The Little Free Pantry** is a small but important way you can help our neighbors on hard times. Food bars, snack bars, nut bars, dried goods, canned soups and meats with pull top lids, and other pantry items are great contributions. Donations may be brought to the church office or Westminster Hall.
- The **April newsletter** is available in the kiosks or at firstpres.church/newsletter.
- Please **do not park** in the spaces marked Reserved 24/7 behind the law office on Sunday mornings. The spaces behind the law office belong to Meyer/Capel.

We invite you to journey with us throughout Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday, April 6

6 PM Soup Supper/Communion Service

Good Friday, April 7

7 PM Worship with First Methodist

Easter Sunday, April 9

9 AM Worship

Easter & Good Friday service live streamed
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