

Mark 10:26-27

<sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**  
Ceci est la Parole du Seigneur. **Grace à Dieu !**  
(pronounced "grass a dew")

**Anthem** According to Thy Wisdom Daniel Gawthrop

**Sermon** Not All Is Lost  
Matt & Rachel Matthews, Judi Geistlinger

### 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.

#### **Prayers of Thanksgiving & Concern**

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 #714** God of the Fertile Fields

❖ **Charge and Benediction**

❖ **Congregational Sung Benediction #765**

May the God of Hope Go With Us  
May the God of hope go with us every day,  
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace;  
Singing, share our joy with all;  
Working for a world that's new,  
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

❖ **Postlude** Toccata in C Major J. Pachelbel  
You may wish to be seated for the postlude.

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

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## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

October 10, 2021  
20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9 AM

I raise my voice in  
**PRAISE**



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 the Welcome Center downstairs in Westminster Hall after the service. Mingle with other friends and guests, and learn how this congregation can become your church home. *Welcome!*

## 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** Variations on *At the Lamb's High Feast*

J. Pachelbel

**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 pew.*

**Greeting & Announcements**

**Introit**

**Call to Worship**

I will tell God's story to family and friends; I will offer  
praise in the center of the congregation!

**Let us raise our hallelujahs together, God's  
children one and all!**

Because God has never turned away from our  
suffering or hidden away when we were in need.

**God has been right here listening, a breath  
away when we cry out for help.**

To our great comfort, I raise my voice in praise.

**In the presence of the congregation, we  
honor you, O God!**

**Call to Confession**

Once, daunted by the challenges of faithfulness, Jesus's  
disciples asked urgently, "Then who can be saved?"  
Jesus looked at them and said, "For humans it is  
impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for  
God."

Trusting in God who longs to mend our broken  
places, let us turn to God in prayer.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, sometimes it hurts too much to  
look honestly at the world and ourselves. We  
grow tired of the constant bad news, so we  
put on a brave face and gloss over the ache of  
violence, sickness, disaster, and human  
callousness that plagues our globe.**

**With those we are closest to, we sometimes  
pretend that we feel okay, that we are not  
worried, that we have a plan. We even lie to**

**ourselves, not fully admitting the impact of our  
actions on one another or ourselves.**

**Forgive us, O God, when we try to hide our  
hearts from you.**

**Fuel our trust that we might approach you  
with our full selves— authentic in our gifts, and  
our fears, and our shortcomings.**

**Give us the courage to walk together  
through the trials of life, rather than soldiering  
on alone. (time for silent reflection)**

**Assurance of Pardon** (from *Psalm 103:8, 11-12*)

The Lord is compassionate and merciful, very patient,  
and full of faithful love.

As high as heaven is above the earth,

**that's how large God's faithful love is for  
God's children.**

As far as east is from west—

**that's how far God has removed our sin from  
us. In Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven.**

**Invitation to the Offering**

*We are invited to return God's tithes and give our offering.*

**Offertory**

**Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving**

## We Gather Around God's Holy Name

*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**

**Scripture**

*Psalm 22:1-4a*

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
Why are you so far from helping me, from the words  
of my groaning?

<sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;  
and by night, but find no rest.

<sup>3</sup>Yet you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>In you our ancestors trusted;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.

*Hebrews 4:14-16*

<sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has  
passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God,  
let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not  
have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with  
our weaknesses, but we have one who in every  
respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

<sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with  
boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find  
grace to help in time of need.

# This Week

## Sunday, October 10

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Sunday School/Gather in Westminster Hall
- 10:15 AM Jazz Concert/Westminster Hall
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy
- 11:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Zoom
- 11:15 AM The Gathering/Chapel
- 2:00 PM CROP Walk/Church Alley

## Monday, October 11

- 10:00 AM ESL/Zoom
- 11:30 AM Calendar Planning Mtg/Westminster Hall
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor & Zoom
- 1:00 PM Prayer Ministry/Chapel & Zoom
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

## Tuesday, October 12

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Zoom
- 9:00 AM Small Group Ministry Leaders/Parlor
- 10:00 AM ESL/Zoom
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program
- 4:30 PM Mission Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 6:00 PM Contemporary Worship Team/Parlor
- 7:00 PM Worship Team/Parlor & Zoom

## Wednesday, October 13

- 10:00 AM ESL/Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Westminster Hall

## Thursday, October 14

- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 10:00 AM ESL/Zoom
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program
- 3:30 PM Environmental Stewardship/Parlor & Zoom
- 4:30 PM Finance Team/Zoom

## Friday, October 15 Church office closes at noon

- 8:00 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
- 7:30 PM Friday Nite Lights Study/Zoom

## Saturday, October 16

- 5:00 PM Jazz Fest/Sanctuary
- 6:00 PM French Prayer/Zoom

# Worship

- We **welcome children** of all ages to worship. Childcare is available for children 4 years and younger in the education building 8:45 AM-12:15 PM. **Sunday School** is at 10:15 this morning.
- Liturgist this morning is **Bill Marble**. Contact **Carol Miles** to serve as a liturgist. Thank you to **Jose Pukuta** for reading our scriptures in French.
- Vaccinated and unvaccinated people **must wear a mask** indoors for their safety and the safety of others.
- This morning's **sermon** will be available online early this week or on WDWS 1400AM next Sunday at 10:30 AM.
- If **unable to attend church**, you can catch our 9 AM service live each Sunday morning at [firstpres.live](http://firstpres.live)
- Judi Geistlinger** will preach at this morning's 10:15 AM service at the Windsor of Savoy.

# Connect

- We are glad you're here!** Questions about First Pres, contact **Pastor Matt** or call the church office. After the service, join us for conversation in Westminster Hall.
- Plan to stay after this morning's service. The **Matthew Storie Quartet** will provide music during our fellowship time in Westminster Hall as part of the **Faith in the Real World** series.
- If you enjoy jazz, Saturday, October 16, at 5 PM **Simply This** jazz quintet will present a concert in the Sanctuary sponsored by the CU Jazz Fest.
- Trunk or Treat** Sunday, October 24, from 5-6 PM church parking lot for the children of the community with fun treats and decorations. Donations of pre-packaged wrapped candies are needed. Bring the purchased bags of candies to the church office now until October 22. Additional safety measures this year will be in place. If you would like to volunteer, look for sign-up sheets in Westminster Hall.
- We now have a **Free Little Pantry** on Church Street. Anyone can take from it and anyone can give to it. Thanks for helping us keep it stocked.
- If you or a loved one is **in the hospital or in need of a pastoral visit**, please let the church office know.
- Keep up with the latest news...**October newsletter** available in the kiosks or at [firstpres.church/newsletter](http://firstpres.church/newsletter).