

## 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 #175** *Seek Ye First*

❖ **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** *You may wish to be seated for the postlude.*

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



# **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** OF CHAMPAIGN

**October 17, 2021**  
**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**9 AM**



**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

### 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

### Minute for Stewardship

Kate Cole, Brandi Lowe, Karin Vermillion

### Call to Worship (adapt. Psalm 121:1-2)

I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?

**My help comes from the Lord, who made  
heaven and earth.**

Let us worship the Lord with gladness!

**Praise the Lord.**

### Call to Confession

In confidence of God's enduring love and forgiveness  
**let us confess our sins to God.**

### Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, set us free from a past that  
we cannot change; open to us a future in  
which we can be changed; and grant us grace  
to grow more and more in your likeness and  
image.**

### Assurance of Pardon

Because of God's everlasting love, know that you are  
forgiven and be at peace.

**Thanks be to God.**

The old life is gone; the new life has begun.

**Alleluia!**

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**In Jesus Christ our sins are 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 Habakkuk 1:1-3, 2:1-4

<sup>1</sup>The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

<sup>2</sup>O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"  
and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see wrongdoing  
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.

<sup>2</sup>I will stand at my watchpost,  
and station myself on the rampart;  
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,  
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

<sup>2</sup>Then the Lord answered me and said:

Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.

<sup>3</sup>For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come, it will not delay.

<sup>4</sup>Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faith.

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")

**Anthem** *I Will Arise* (Early American) arr. Alice Parker

**Sermon** *The Righteous Shall Live by Faith*  
The Rev. Dr. Rachel Matthews

# This Week

## Sunday, October 17

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Sunday School/Gather in Westminster Hall
- 10:15 AM *Faith in the Real World*/Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy
- 11:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Zoom
- 11:15 AM The Gathering/Chapel

## Monday, October 18

- 10:00 AM ESL/Zoom
- 1:00 PM Women's Bible Study/Parlor
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program
- 3:00 PM Environmental Stewardship/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:00 PM CROP Walk Donations Collection/CE Entry
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

## Tuesday, October 19

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Zoom
- 9:00 AM Nurture Team/Zoom
- 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 World Mission Team/Parlor & Zoom

## Wednesday, October 20

- 9:15 AM Small Group Ministry/Parlor & Zoom
- 10:00 AM ESL/Zoom
- 10:30 AM Compassion, Peace & Justice/Zoom
- 1:30 PM PEB Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

## Thursday, October 21

- 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
- 7:00 PM Session/Parlor & Zoom

## Friday, October 22 Church office closes at noon

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

## Saturday, October 23

- 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 **Greg Cozad**. Contact **Carol Miles** to serve as a liturgist. Thank you to **Blaise Zamena** 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)
- The Rev. Dr. Rachel Matthews** will preach at this morning's 10:15 AM service at the Windsor of Savoy. **Gary Peterson** is preaching this morning in Paxton as part of our Amateur Preacher's Team.

# 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 as our *Faith in the Real World* series continues. This morning **Ken Chapman**, a member of our congregation and science groupie will speak on *How I've Changed My Mind*.
- 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).