

Thanksgiving is in our hearts, and praise is on our lips.



The prayer continues...

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,
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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer after Communion

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 #598

*Amen, We Praise Your Name (Amen siakudumisa)
Choir sings first two times (English then South
African), Congregation joins on third*

❖ 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** *La De Caze Overture* Claude Balbastre
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 3, 2021
World Communion Sunday
19th 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 *St Anthony Chorale* Joseph Haydn
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

Call to Worship (Rev. Gloria Ulloa, Presbyterian Church of Colombia)

We gather from the west to the east, from the south to the north,

**to celebrate the God of peace who
accompanies us in our acts of peace.**

This God of peace accompanies us in each and every circumstance around us.

We praise God's name!

Opening Prayer

Judi Geistlinger

Call to Confession (Armenian, Shant Agoushian, Near East School of Theology student, Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East)

Faced with God's goodness we recognize our failings.
In the knowledge of God's mercy, we dare tell the truth about ourselves and our world.
In the confidence of God's children let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession (Arabic, Jameel Maher Khadir, Near East School of Theology student, Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Holy Land)

**Gracious Lord, creator of this universe,
in your generosity you have given us a world of
abundance and diversity,
yet we live guided by greed and selfishness.**

**We confess that we have defaced your
creation and poisoned our environment
through our consumerist behavior and for
personal gain.**

**In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters
and intended for us to be united,
and yet we have built walls to separate us
from those who are different from us.**

We love war rather than strive for peace.

**We ignore the poor and the weak
and honored the rich and powerful.**

**In all this we have not lived according to
your will.**

**Forgive us, Lord, for daring to boast in our
human achievements and for failing to
recognize that you alone are worthy of praise.**

In your mercy, forgive us our sins.

Assurance of Pardon (*Philippians 3:9, Ephesians 2:17*)
(Armenian, Shant Agoushian, Near East School of Theology student, Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East)

"God accepted us simply because of our faith in Christ," through whom our sins were forgiven.
May he help us to continue to "preach peace to those who are near and far." Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

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

Anthem *How Good to Thank Our God* John Ferguson

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 *Mark 10:2-12 (NRSV)*

²Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

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

Sermon *God's Ideal*

Matt Matthews

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.*

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed (Glory to God Hymnal, pg. 35)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Readers in Chinese, American Sign Language, Lingala, Korean, Spanish, French, Indonesian proclaim:

This is the table to which Jesus invites us!
Let us participate joyfully!

Wen-Mei Hwu inviting in Chinese

Brandi Lowe in American Sign Language

Jose Pukuta in Lingala

Hyunhsoo Choi in Korean

Mindy Watts-Ellis in Spanish

Charles Masengu in French

Noni Ledford in Indonesian

Great Thanksgiving

My beloved sisters and brothers, may the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

My beloved brothers and sisters, lift up your hearts.

Our hearts are offered to our God.

My beloved sisters and brothers, let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

This Week

Sunday, October 3

- 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
- 2:00 PM CROP Walk/Church Alley

Monday, October 4

- 10:00 AM ESL/Zoom
- 1:00 PM Women's Bible Study (Rempe)/Parlor
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program
- 4:00 PM HR Team/Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 6:30 PM Epilepsy Support/Westminster Hall

Tuesday, October 5

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/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

Wednesday, October 6

- 10:00 AM ESL/Zoom
- 1:30 PM Pakistan Study/Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Westminster Hall

Thursday, October 7

- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 10:00 AM ESL/Zoom
- 11:30 AM PW Fall Gathering/Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 2:00 PM Congregational Care Deacons/Parlor
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program
- 4:00 PM Spiritual Formation/Zoom
- 6:30 PM Compassion, Peace, Justice/Zoom

Friday, October 8 Church office closes at noon

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

Saturday, October 9

- 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 **Mary Jane Kelley**. Contact **Carol Miles** to serve as a liturgist. Thank you to **Charles Masengu** 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
- We have checked with the City of Champaign and have been given **approval to park Sunday mornings ONLY** where meters are bagged on State Street and Church Street.
- Pastor Matt Matthews** 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 coffee and conversation in Westminster Hall.
- Plan to stay after this morning's service for our **Faith in the Real World** series at 10:15 AM in the Sanctuary. Today's speaker is **Bryant Seraphin**. The Urbana Police Chief is active in his church and our community.
- Next Sunday, October 10, **Simply This** jazz quintet will provide music during our fellowship time in Westminster Hall as part of the **Faith in the Real World** series. This is an introduction to their full concert at the church on Saturday, October 16, at 5 PM sponsored by the CU Jazz Fest.
- We now have a **Free Little Pantry** on Church Street. Anyone can take from it and anyone can give to it. Suggested items to contribute: small cereal boxes, self opening cans, protein or granola bars, water bottles, small Kleenex packs, wet wipes, nuts and dried fruit. Thanks for helping us keep it stocked.
- Keep up with the latest news...**September newsletter** available in the kiosks or at firstpres.church/newsletter.