

peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.”<sup>18</sup> And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your sight.” Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.<sup>19</sup> They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her.<sup>20</sup> In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, “I have asked him of the LORD.”

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**  
 Esto es palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos, Señor.**  
 Ceci est la Parole du Seigneur. **Gloire à Dieu**  
 (pronounced “glow-ah ah dew”)

**Anthem** *Come Unto Me (Matthew 11:29-30)*  
 Robert Powell

**Sermon** *My Heart Exults in the LORD; My Strength Is Exalted in My God* Rev. Dr. Rachel 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.*

### **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 #594** *Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy*

❖ **Charge and Benediction**

❖ **Congregational Sung Benediction #659**

*Know That God Is Good*

**Know that God is good. Know that God is good.  
 Know that God is good; God is good; God is good.  
 Halle, hallelujah (repeat)**

❖ **Postlude** *Suite du Deuxième Ton: No. 1 “Plein Jeu”*

Clérambault

*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

## November 14, 2021

### 25<sup>th</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.



## 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 Friend-ship 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 Suite du Deuxième Ton: No. 2 "Duo" Clérambault 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 Mission – Compassion, Peace & Justice**

Brandi Lowe

### **✧ Call to Worship (Psalm 100)**

Vengan a sus puertas, entren en su templo;  
cantando himnos de alabanza y gratitud;  
Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving,  
and the courts of God with praise.

**Give thanks and bless God's holy name!**

For the Lord is good; God's love is eternal,  
**and God's faithfulness has no end.**

### **✧ Hymn of Praise #591 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah**

### **Call to Confession (1 John 1:8-9)**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and  
the truth is not in us. But when we confess our sins,  
God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Trusting in  
God's grace, let us confess our sin.

### **Prayer of Confession (Psalm 51)**

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your  
steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot  
out our transgressions.

**In your abundant love and mercy, forgive us,  
O God.**

For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever  
before us.

**In your abundant love and mercy, forgive us,  
O God.**

Against you, you alone, have we sinned, and done  
what is evil in your sight.

**In your abundant love and mercy, forgive us,  
O God.**

Create in us a clean heart, O God!

**Place a new and right spirit within us!**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The past is  
left behind;

**everything has become fresh and new.**

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

### **Passing (Waving) of Christ's Peace**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ,

let us share signs of reconciliation and peace.

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let's all wave at the cameras up front, you at home,  
our brothers and sisters in Cuba, and at each other.

### **Response of Gratitude #240**

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

**Come let us praise the living God,**

**Joyfully sing to our Savior.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

### **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 1 Samuel 1:4-20**

<sup>4</sup>On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; <sup>5</sup>but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. <sup>6</sup>Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. <sup>7</sup>So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. <sup>8</sup>Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

<sup>9</sup>After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. <sup>10</sup>She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. <sup>11</sup>She made this vow: "O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

<sup>12</sup>As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. <sup>13</sup>Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. <sup>14</sup>So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." <sup>15</sup>But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. <sup>16</sup>Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." <sup>17</sup>Then Eli answered, "Go in

# This Week

## Sunday, November 14

- 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, November 15

- 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
- 3:30 PM Environmental Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

## Tuesday, November 16

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Zoom
- 9:00 AM PW Coordinating Team/Chapel & Zoom
- 10:00 AM ESL/Zoom
- 10:30 AM Hodges Memorial/Sanctuary & Westminster
- 1:30 PM PW Study Leaders/Parlor
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program
- 4:30 PM World Mission/Parlor & Zoom

## Wednesday, November 17

- 8:00 AM Champaign Partnership/Westminster Hall
- 10:00 AM ESL/Zoom
- 10:30 AM CPJ/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, November 18

- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 10:00 AM ESL/Zoom
- 10:30 AM Circle of Joy/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 1:00 PM Circle of Faith/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program
- 7:00 PM Session/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:00 PM Circle of Peace/Chapel & Zoom

## Friday, November 19 Church office closes at noon

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

## Saturday, November 20

- 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** will be held at 10:15 this morning.
- Liturgist this morning is **Bob Kirby**. Contact **Carol Miles** to serve as a liturgist. **Blaise Pascal Zamena** will read our scripture in French today.
- Judi Geistlinger** will preach at this morning's 10:15 AM service at the Windsor of Savoy.
- Vaccinated and unvaccinated people **must wear a mask** indoors for everyone's safety.
- This morning's **sermon** will be available online 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)

# 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 for **Faith in the Real World**. **Rachel Matthews** will talk about *Avoiding the Holiday Blues*. Last Sunday **Harvey Hodges** referenced a website with stories about the Special Services Unit of which he was a part. Here it is: <http://www.schistory.net/campcroft/laughs/laughs.html>. It can also be found by googling "Laughs, Inc.-South Carolina".
- Join us this **Advent season** to prepare our hearts and minds for the birth of Christ. Let's spend the season looking at the ordinary and glimpsing the divine. *Advent in Plain Sight* by Jill Duffield will be available for \$15, beginning November 21. We will gather Sundays in December to discuss the readings at 10:15 in Mae Chapin Parlor.
- Reminder...**please turn in your 2022 Pledge response**. By investing your time, talent and treasure in First Presbyterian Church, you help nurture those who serve neighbors near and far.
- The **Bell Choir** is looking for new members! No prior experience required. Interested Contact **Libby Sternhagen** [ecsternhagen@gmail.com](mailto:ecsternhagen@gmail.com).
- 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...the **November newsletter** is available in the kiosks or at [firstpres.church/newsletter](http://firstpres.church/newsletter).