"I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." <sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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 She Did All She Could

Matt Matthews

Anthem With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

### 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 #488**

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

**\*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

You may wish to be seated for the postlude.

\*Please stand if able. Remain seated if need be.

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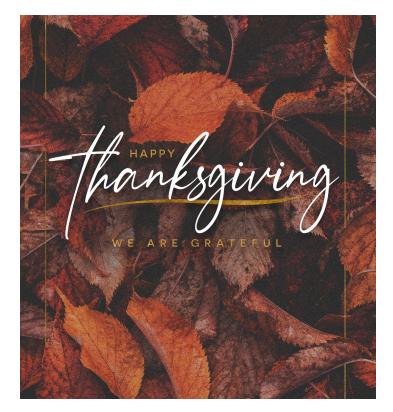
## November 21, 2021 Christ the King Sunday

# 9 AM

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church Bienvenue à La Premiere Eglise Presbytérienne de Champaign

#### Bienvenidos a La Primera Iglésia Presbiteriana

샴페인 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 Mission – Angel Tree

Tree Rachel Matthews

#### Call to Worship (Psalm 98:1-9)

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the LORD

# make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

- Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.
- Let the floods clap their hands;

# let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD,

for he is coming to judge the earth. O sing to the LORD a new song!

#### \*Hymn of Praise #267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

#### Call to Confession

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

#### **Prayer of Confession**

(from Stages on the Way/Wild Goose Worship Group) Lord God,

in this world where goodness and evil continue to clash with each other, instill in us, and in all your people,

discernment to see what is right, faith to believe what is right, and courage to do what is right. Keep us aware of the subtlety of sin, and preserve us, body, mind, and soul, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us our sins as you also empower us to serve in your name.AMEN.

#### Assurance of Pardon

Trust in the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Alleluia!

#### Passing the Peace (Waves not touches!)

#### 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

Sung Response #15 All Creatures of Our God and King All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing: Alleluia, Alleluia Praise the Creator, praise the Son, Praise, praise the Spirit, Three in One! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### 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

#### Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism

Sentences of Scripture (from Matthew 28:18-2) The Presentation Profession of Faith Constitutional Questions for the Parents Constitutional Questions for the Congregation The Apostle's Creed I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

The Welcome

Prayer for Illumination #466 Come and Fill Our Hearts (from Psalm 106:1 & 118:1a, 29a) Come and fill our hearts with Your peace, You alone, O Lord, are holy. Come and fill our hearts with Your peace, Alleluia!

#### Scripture John 18:33-37

<sup>33</sup>Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied,

## This Week

#### Sunday, November 21

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

#### Monday, November 22

- 10:00 AM ESL/Zoom
- 1:00 PM Women's Bible Study/Parlor
- I:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- I:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

#### Tuesday, November 23

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Zoom
- 10:00 AM ESL/Zoom
- 11:00 AM John Goin Memorial Service/Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program

#### Wednesday, November 24

- 9:00 AM Cuba Steering Committee/Parlor & Zoom
- 10:00 AM ESL/Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

### Thursday, November 25 Office Closed

#### Friday, November 26 Office Closed

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

#### Saturday, November 27

6:00 PM French Prayer/Zoom

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for all of your support! Happy holidays to you and yours! The church staff

The Session has called a **meeting of the** 

**Congregation** immediately after the 9 AM service of worship on Sunday, December 5, for the purpose of asking the Congregation to instruct the Nominating Committee to search for a slate of candidates to serve on an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.

# 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 **Tom Ulen.** Contact **Carol Miles** to serve as a liturgist. **Solange Mboyo**
- **Bosomba** will read our scripture in French today.
- •The **flowers** this morning are in loving memory of
- Betty Eisner from her great-granddaughter

Vivian Schroeder and the family. Betty was born on November 21, 1921.

•Gary Peterson will preach at this morning's 10:15 AM service at the Windsor of Savoy.

- •Everyone must wear a mask indoors for safety.
- •This morning's **sermon** will be available online or on WDWS 1400AM next Sunday at 10:30 AM.

•If unable to attend church, catch our 9 AM service live each Sunday morning at <u>firstpres.live</u>

## 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 for Adult Ed at 10:15 AM this morning. **Betty Hollister** will lead us through TED Talk **Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I've Loved** from Duke Divinity Professor, Kate Bowler.

•This year's **Angel Tree** supports the children of Kemmerer Village. Take the wish list tag(s) from the tree this morning and return your gift(s) by December 12. Gifts will be delivered to Kemmerer on December 13.

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,TODAY. 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 our neighbors near and far.
The Bell Choir is looking for new members! No prior experience required. Contact Libby Sternhagen ecsternhagen@gmail.com.
If you or a loved one is in the hospital or in need

If you of a loved one is in the hospital of in need of a pastoral visit, contact the church office.
The November newsletter is available in the kiosks or at <u>firstpres.church/newsletter</u>.