

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

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.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 #730

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

❖ 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 *Prelude and Fugue in F Major*

J.S. Bach

You may wish to be seated for the postlude.

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



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

November 7, 2021
24th Sunday after Pentecost

9 AM

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Bienvenue à La Première Eglise

Presbytérienne de Champaign

Bienvenidos a La Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana

샬페인 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 *Prelude in C*

J.S. Bach

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 – SAFE House Ritchie Drennen
Raymond McCrary

❖ **Call to Worship**

God's Word called into being the pumpkins, the geese who fly south, the leaves which litter our lawns.

In awe, we come into the presence of the God of vivid imagination.

God's arms reach down and gather up children, lovingly placing us in grace's lap.

In joy, we reach up to the God who loves us completely.

God's Spirit fills our lungs, so we can cry out for justice for the broken, the young, the old, the abandoned of our time.

In service, we join with our God to build hope in our world.

❖ **Hymn of Praise #611** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Call to Confession

God is ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, too often we turn only to those we know, people who are familiar, known and most like us. We fail to listen to marginalized voices. We fail to hear our stories as told by people from outside perspectives. Forgive us, God, and redeem us. Help us to seek your wisdom and your truth from people without power and privilege. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

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

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Alleluia. Amen.

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.

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Invitation to the Offering

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

Offertory *A Joyful Alleluia*

Cynthia Dobrinski

Upper Room Ringers, Libby Sternhagen, director

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 12:38-44 (NRSV)*

³⁸As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury.

⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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 Give My Heart*

Jean René Balekita

Sermon *Tremendous Gift*

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)

Remembering the Saints

Reading of the Names

You are invited to come forward up the center aisles and light a candle in memory of a person or people you have lost. Please light your candle and place it in the sand, moving out from the center of the bowl so placement is safe and easy for those who come forward after you. Please light your candles off of a candle that is already lit. Return to your seat by the outside aisles.

This Week

Sunday, November 7

- 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 Fellowship Event/Hardy Reindeer Ranch

Monday, November 8

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

Tuesday, November 9

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Zoom
- 8:30 AM Staff Retreat/Parlor
- 10:00 AM ESL/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, November 10

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

Thursday, November 11

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

Friday, November 12 Church office closes at noon

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

Saturday, November 13

- 11:00 AM Jean Hinton Memorial Service/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** will be held at 10:15 this morning.
- Liturgist this morning is **Bill Marble**. Contact **Carol Miles** to serve as a liturgist. **Charles Masengu** will read our scripture in French today.
- At this morning's service, we **remember** those who have died.
- The Rev. Dr. Rachel Matthews** 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

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**. This Sunday finds **Pastor Matt** having a conversation with our very own **Harvey Hodges** about his WWII experience. Harvey brought music--of all things--to the front lines of the European Theater. He crossed the English Channel with an M-1 and the Rhine with a trombone. This conversation will be one way we can think about and thank all of our Veterans. Remember, Veterans Day is Thursday, November 11th.
- Hardy's Reindeer Ranch fellowship event TODAY**. Meet in the church parking lot at 1:30 PM to car pool/caravan to Rantoul for a reindeer tour and corn maze fun. All ages welcome!
- The **Bell Choir** is looking for new members! If you enjoy hearing them, imagine the fun of playing in the group. No prior experience is required. Interested Contact **Libby Sternhagen** at ecsternhagen@gmail.com.
- 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...the **November newsletter** is available in the kiosks or at firstpres.church/newsletter.

Remembering the Saints

This morning we remember those who have died.

Members from our church family
over the past two years include:

Louise Allen
Marian Babbs
Bertha Berger
Kevin Chapman
Don Dixon
Joan Dobrovolny
Don Eberly
Betty Eisner
Les Etheridge
Pat Failor
The Rev. Dave Fillpot
Dick Green
Fran Haughey
Carl Herzog
Jean Hinton
Adella Hodges
Barbara Hoover
Gordon Johnson
Rich Johnson
Chuck Kelly
Paul Kelley
David Kinser
Beverlie Meeker
Chuck Milazzo
Jeannie Murray
Marsha Nichols
Steve Nichols
Jerry Phillips
Paul Rector
Ralph Sackett
Bill Schowenderdt
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Vivian Terrill
Bill Thompson
Bob Twardock
Roy Van Buskirk
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