



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

August 22, 2021
13th 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 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!*

¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

Anthem *I'll Fly Away*
Matthew Storie, saxophone

Sermon Rev. Samantha Nichols

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 #307**
God of Grace and God of Glory

❖ **Charge and Benediction**

❖ **Congregational Sung Benediction #748** *Go With Us, Lord*
**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through
this and every coming day, that in your Spirit
strong and true our lives may be our gift to
you.**

❖ **Postlude** *Fugue in G* J.S. Bach
You may wish to be seated for the postlude.

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

Liturgy in part from Mindi Welton-Mitchell.

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 *Allein zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ* Johann Pachelbel
Chiming of the Hour on 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

Whether we gather our hearts at home or afar,
We are the church, the body of Christ.
Whether we are at home or in a building together,
We are in the house of God, for God is with us.
Whether we sing in the choir or pray under the trees,
We are at worship, for God is everywhere.
Come, join in worship, wherever you are,
For we are God's people.

Call to Confession

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

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we come before you to confess our divisions, the walls we have built, the lines we have drawn. We confess that we have determined who is just and who is not, who is loved and who is not, who is right and who is wrong. We have been exclusive in our love instead of inclusive in your gospel. Forgive us. Remind us that all of us are created in your image. All of us are worthy of love. All of us have sinned, and all of us can participate in the work of restoration and forgiveness. Call us as your children, O God. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior, our Brother, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

No matter what boundaries and borders we have made,
God transcends them all.
There is nothing
nothing that can separate us from God's love in Jesus Christ.
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 *The Lord's Prayer* Albert Hay Malottte
Connor Stout, soloist

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 *Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 (NRSV)*

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel.

¹⁴"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

¹⁶Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

Ephesians 6:10-20 (NRSV)

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

This Week

Sunday, August 22

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM Worship at Windsor of Savoy
- 11:15 AM The Gathering/Chapel

Monday, August 23

- 8:00 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
- 10:00 AM ESL/Rm 201 204, 205, 206, 207, Café
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 3:30 PM Environmental Team/Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, August 24

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 10:00 AM ESL/Rm 201 204, 205, 206, 207, Café
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor & Zoom

Wednesday, August 25

- 9:00 AM Cuba Steering Committee/Parlor & Zoom
- 10:00 AM ESL/Rm 201 204, 205, 206, 207, Café
- 1:30 PM Pakistan Study/Zoom
- 4:30 PM CYF Meeting/Zoom

Thursday, August 26

- 10:00 AM ESL/Rm 201 204, 205, 206, 207, Café

Friday, August 27 Church office closes at noon

Saturday, August 28

- 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.

•Liturgist this morning is **Linda Peterson**. Contact **Carol Miles** to serve as a liturgist. Thank you to **Charles Masengu** for reading our scriptures in French this morning.

•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.

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.

•**If unable to attend church**, you can catch our 9 AM service live each Sunday morning at firstpres.live

•Check out our **Small Groups** for this Fall. Stop by the sign-up table after the 9 AM service in Westminster Hall or fill out the interest sheet in the Small Group brochure to sign up for a group this fall.

•Check out **Dreams of Peace** at the corner of Church and State. DREAM youth and CYF staff painted over 240 doves as prayers for peace for shooting incidents in CU this year.

•Keep up with the latest news...**August newsletter** available in the kiosks or at firstpres.church/newsletter.

**THE MATTHEW
STORIE
QUARTET**

Matthew Storie
Tenor Saxophone
Jesus Fuentes-
Piano
Emma Taylor-
Bass
Frank Kurtz-
Drums

**OCT 10
WESTMINSTER HALL
10-1045**

COME ENJOY COFFEE AND A PRELUDE
OF MUSIC FOR THE UPCOMING C.U.
JAZZ FESTIVAL.