



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

September 12, 2021
16th Sunday after Pentecost

9 AM

and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new
earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ
Jesus our Lord.

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 #377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

❖ Charge and Benediction

❖ Congregational Sung Benediction #726

Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)

**Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your
name?**

**Will you quell the fear inside and never be the
same?**

**Will you use the faith you've found to reshape
the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you
and you in me?**

❖ Postlude *Allegro Moderato in F*

W. Griffiths

You may wish to be seated for the postlude.

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

Litany © Teri McDowell Ott in *Presbyterian Outlook*

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 *Prelude*

Johannes Brahms

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 -- Hurricane Disaster Relief

Call to Worship (Psalm 116)

I love the Lord, because God has heard my voice and my supplications.

Because God heard me, I will call on God as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the Lord:

“O Lord, I pray, save my life!

Call to Confession

God delivers us from paths of death and keeps our feet from stumbling. Let us confess all that keeps us from walking in the way of the Lord.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we make so many mistakes. We speak, and words of poison come from our mouths. We sow division, break others down and seek to dominate rather than dialogue. Forgive us, God. Tame our tongues of fire. Guide us in our speech, so our words can bless and build up. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, redeemed and restored to God’s path of righteousness. Amen.

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 Mark 8:27-38 (NRSV)

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of

Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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

Anthem *O Worship the King*
W. Croft; arr. Walter Pelz

Sermon *Who Do You Say I Am?*
Judi Geistlinger

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.

A Brief Statement of Faith

(from Book of Common Worship)

**The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through
Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of
salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of
the church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord
and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom,
and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks**

This Week

Sunday, September 12

- 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
- 11:15 AM The Gathering/Chapel
- 1:00 PM Twardock Memorial Service/Sanctuary

Monday, September 13

- 8:00 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
- 10:00 AM ESL/Rm 201 204, 205, 206, 207, Café
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor & Zoom
- 1:00 PM Prayer Ministry/Chapel & Zoom
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, September 14

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Zoom
- 9:00 AM Small Group Ministry/Parlor & Zoom
- 10:00 AM ESL/Rm 201 204, 205, 206, 207, Café
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Snoeyink's home
- 4:30 PM Mission Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 6:00 PM Contemporary Worship Team/Parlor
- 7:00 PM Worship Team/Parlor & Zoom

Wednesday, September 15

- 10:00 AM ESL/Rm 201 204, 205, 206, 207, Café
- 1:30 PM Pakistan Study/Zoom
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Westminster Hall

Thursday, September 16

- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 10:00 AM ESL/Rm 201 204, 205, 206, 207, Café
- 10:30 AM Compassion, Peace, Justice/Zoom
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 7:00 PM Session/Parlor & Zoom

Friday, September 17 Church office closes at noon

- 6:00 PM DREAM Teen Event/Church Alley
- 7:30 PM Friday Nite Lights Study/Zoom

Saturday, September 18

- 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** resumes TODAY.

•Liturgist this morning is **Miriam Chenault**. Contact **Carol Miles** to serve as a liturgist. Thank you to **Jose Pukuta** for reading our scriptures in French this morning.

•The **flowers** in the Sanctuary this morning are given in loving of **Bob Twardock** by his family. Bob's Memorial Service will be held this afternoon at 1 PM in our Sanctuary.

•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

•**Faith in the Real World** series starts this morning at 10:15 AM in the Sanctuary. Today **Matthew Storie** talks about jazz and faith, sacred music and saxophones. Matthew is working on his music DMA at the U of I.

•Pick up the **Presbyterian Women Directory and Study Guide** this morning in Westminster Hall. Study Guides are \$10 each with checks made payable to PW.

•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...**September newsletter** available in the kiosks or at firstpres.church/newsletter.