

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.*



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

September 19, 2021
17th Sunday after Pentecost

9 AM

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 #39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness, O God My Father

❖ 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 *Toccata in E Minor*

Johann Pachelbel

You may wish to be seated for the postlude.

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

**We come now
to worship you**

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 *Warum sollt' ich mich denn grämen*
Johann Gottfried Walther

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

Call to Worship (by Linda Peterson)

Come Holy Spirit.

For we, vessels of your making, are empty.

Fill us with your powerful presence.

May your love overflow from us.

Come Holy Spirit.

Open our eyes, remove our blindness;

Let your lamp shine to guide us.

As we walk the paths of righteousness,

Come Holy Spirit.

Redeem our brokenness, reconnect our souls;

Use our hands, feet; our all

To turn something beautiful back in our world.

Come Holy Spirit.

Giver of perfect peace, whisper softly.

Let our ears hear and our mouths echo your
precious Word,

For only your touch can reach all senses

Come Holy Spirit.

Soften our hardened hearts.

Armor us with strength and truth.

Bless us as we live in faith.

Come Holy Spirit.

To you, O God, we humble ourselves to receive your
grace.

We bow our heads in thanks for your many blessings.

We come now to worship you. Amen.

Call to Confession

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

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we seek Your will and way. Guide our steps. Forgive us when we carve a path that disregards You and our neighbor. Grant us wise-thinking and brave-doing. In Christ's holy name we pray. AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

Because of God's everlasting love, know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God.

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

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 9:33-37 (NRSV)

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

James 3:8 (NRSV)

⁸Draw near to God and God will draw near to you.

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

Anthem *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*
arr. William Dawson

Sermon *The Greatest* Pastor Matt Matthews

This Week

Sunday, September 19

- 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

Monday, September 20

- 8:00 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
- 10:00 AM ESL/Zoom
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program
- 3:00 PM Environmental Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, September 21

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Zoom
- 9:00 AM PW Coordinating Team/Chapel & Zoom
- 10:00 AM ESL/Zoom
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor & Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Chapel & Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program
- 4:00 PM World Mission/Parlor & Zoom

Wednesday, September 22

- 9:00 AM Cuba Steering Committee/Parlor & Zoom
- 10:00 AM ESL/Zoom
- 1:30 PM Pakistan Study/Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program
- 4:30 PM CYF/Zoom
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Westminster Hall

Thursday, September 23

- 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 Circle of Peace/Parlor & Zoom

Friday, September 24 Church office closes at noon

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

Saturday, September 25

- 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** is at 10:15 this morning.

•Liturgist this morning is **Sandy Carr**. 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

•Plan to stay after this morning's service for our **Faith in the Real World** series at 10:15 AM in the Sanctuary. Today's speaker is **Rob Dalhous**, outreach director of CU at Home.

•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.

•You will notice on the south side of the CE Building facing Church Street is a **Free Little Pantry**. Anyone can take from it and anyone can give to it. Here are some suggested items that can be contributed to fill the pantry: small cereal boxes, self opening cans, protein bars, granola bars, water bottles, small Kleenex packs, wet wipes, nuts and dried fruit. Thanks for helping us keep it stocked.

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