

My beloved sisters and brothers, let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Thanksgiving is in our hearts, and praise is on our lips.**

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 #14**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

❖ **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** *March in C*

Frederick Keene

*You may wish to be seated for the postlude.*

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

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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

**September 5, 2021**  
**15<sup>th</sup> 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 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** *Sonatina In E-flat*

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 Ministry** – Marion Medical Mission Video

**Call to Worship** (*Psalm 146*)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom  
there is no help.

**Happy are those whose help is the God of  
Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.**

**Call to Confession**

God know us completely. God knows our heart and  
discerns our thoughts. Let us then confess what we  
carry within us that does not honor God or God's  
path of righteousness.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, although we honor you with our  
words and worship, our hearts are often far  
from you. We are quick to judge, quick to  
exclude, quick to put others down instead of  
building them up. Forgive us, God. Help us  
amend our ways. Help us embrace the  
inclusive love you graciously offer us and  
expect us to offer others.**

**Assurance of Pardon** (*Book of Common Worship*)

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to  
everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus  
Christ, you are forgiven.

May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of  
the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

**Invitation to the Offering**

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

**Anthem** *Bread of the World*

John Hodges/arr. Daniel Burton

**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** *Psalm 8 (NRSV)*

<sup>1</sup>O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.  
<sup>2</sup>Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.  
<sup>3</sup>When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;  
<sup>4</sup>what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?  
<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honor.  
<sup>6</sup>You have given them dominion over the works of your  
hands; you have put all things under their feet,  
<sup>7</sup>all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,  
<sup>8</sup>the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.  
<sup>9</sup>O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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

**Sermon** *Tree Huggers*

Matt and Rachel 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** (*Romans 8*)

**We believe there is no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus;  
for we know that all things work together for  
good for those who love God,  
who are called according to God's purpose.  
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

**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.**

# This Week

## Sunday, September 5

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

## Monday, September 6 Office Closed for Labor Day

- 8:00 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

## Tuesday, September 7

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Zoom
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor & Zoom
- 6:30 PM Epilepsy Support/Westminster Hall

## Wednesday, September 8

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

## Thursday, September 9

- 9:00 AM Nurture Team/Chapel & Zoom
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 10:00 AM ESL/Rm 201 204, 205, 206, 207, Café
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 4:30 PM Finance Team/Zoom

## Friday, September 10 Church office closes at noon

- 7:30 PM Friday Nite Lights Study/Zoom

## Saturday, September 11

- 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 resume Sunday, September 12.

•Liturgist this morning is **Tom Ulen**. Contact **Carol Miles** to serve as a liturgist. Thank you to **Blaise Pascal** 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](https://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.

•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...**August newsletter** available in the kiosks or at [firstpres.church/newsletter](https://firstpres.church/newsletter). September's issue will be out next week!



**THE MATTHEW  
STORIE  
QUARTET**

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

**OCT 10  
WESTMINSTER HALL  
10-1045**

**GET READY FOR THE UPCOMING C.U.  
JAZZ FESTIVAL!**