

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

August 15, 2021
12th Sunday after Pentecost

9 AM

Song for Centering

Call to Prayer #474 *As a Child Rests*

**As a child rests in its mother's arms,
so will I rest in you.**

**As a child rests in its mother's arms,
so will I rest in you.**

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 #12**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

❖ **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 F Major*

JS Bach

You may wish to be seated for the postlude.

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

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. Enjoy coffee or tea, 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 *Berceuse*

Louis Vierne

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

The prophet Zephaniah says, "The Lord, your God, is
in your midst.

**God will save and will rejoice over you with
gladness;**

God will renew you in His love;

God will exult over you with singing.”

Let us praise and rejoice with God as we worship.

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.

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.**

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Invitation to the Offering

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

Offertory

Sung Response #15 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

All creatures of our God and King,

**Lift up your voice and with us sing: Alleluia,
Alleluia**

Praise the Creator, praise the Son

Praise, praise the Spirit, Three in One!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 #466

Come and Fill Our Hearts

**Come and fill our hearts with Your peace,
You alone, O Lord, are holy.**

**Come and fill our hearts with Your peace,
Alleluia!**

Scripture *1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14 (NRSV)*

¹⁰Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. ¹¹The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. ¹²So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

^{3:3}Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places.

⁴The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” ⁶And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted.

⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?” ¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. ¹⁴If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.”

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

Anthem *God Is a Spirit* William Sterndale Bennett
Brandi Lowe and Karin Vermillion

God is a spirit and they that worship him

must worship him in spirit and in truth

For the Father seeketh such to worship him in spirit
and in truth.

Sermon *Politics As Usual?*

Matt Matthews

This Week

Sunday, August 15

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM Worship at Windsor of Savoy
- 11:15 AM The Gathering/Chapel
- 7:00 PM Fun in the Sun/Centennial Park Pavilion
- 8:00 PM Pool Party/Sholem Aquatic Center

Monday, August 16

- 8:00 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 3:30 PM Environmental Team/Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, August 17

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor & Zoom
- 4:30 PM World Mission/Parlor & Zoom

Wednesday, August 18

- 1:30 PM Pakistan Study/Zoom
- 4:00 PM COVID Response Team/Parlor & Zoom

Thursday, August 19

- 12:00 PM Kelly Memorial Reception/Westminster Hall
- 7:00 PM Session/Parlor & Zoom

Friday, August 20 Church office closes at noon

Saturday, August 21

- 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 **Judi Geistlinger**. Contact **Carol Miles** to serve as a liturgist. Thank you to **Blaise Pascal Zamena** for reading our scriptures in French this morning.
- We request **unvaccinated people wear a mask** indoors for their safety and the safety of other unvaccinated people.
- 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.
- Join us this afternoon (rain date August 22) at Centennial Park Pavilion at 7 PM for **Fun in the Sun!** Games and fun food followed by free admission at 8 PM to Sholem Aquatic Center. Bring a lawn chair, your swimsuit and beach towel. More information at www.firstpres.church.
- 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.



The church has an electrostatic sprayer which we use weekly to sanitize each area of the church. It provides total coverage of all surfaces, shadowed, vertical and underneath. We also have available in each building free standing units containing hand sanitizer. We are taking all precautions in providing a germ-free space for our guests and members.