

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Call to Prayer *Hear Us, Lord* Hal Hopson
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern
The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal pg. 35)

◆ **Hymn #248** *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

◆ **Charge and Benediction**
Hallelujah Chorus G.F. Handel
(The congregation is encouraged to join in.)

◆ **Postlude** Pierre Tang
(If you wish to be seated for the postlude, you may.)

◆ Please stand if able.

Welcome

We are an inclusive, Christ-centered community of faith, passionately committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ in practical ways. Please let us know of your interests and concerns.

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We want to get to know you!

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- Fill in the Friendship Pads; please use a name tag.
- Introduce yourself to your pew mates and one of the pastors.
- Join us for coffee and conversation in Westminster Hall.
- Trouble hearing? Try a hearing device at the back of the Sanctuary.
- Large-print hymnals are on the back table.
- Wheelchairs are available for in-church use.
- Printed sermons are available the following week; video is available at www.firstpres.live

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

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Easter Sunday
8 and 9:30 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.

Pour nos amis de langue française et les membres,
nous avons des copies du sermon d'aujourd'hui en français
à l'arrière de l'église

Service for the Lord's Day

A special welcome to those at our church for the first time.

We'd love to connect with you this morning. Fill out the Friendship Pad when passed, then stop by our Welcome Center after the service to receive a small gift. Enjoy some coffee, meet new people, and learn how our church can become your home.

Prelude

Pierre Tang

Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell Greeting & Announcements

Introit *Hosanna to the Son of David*

Tomas Luis da Vittoria

◆Call to Worship (from *Stages on the Way*)

This is the Good News – the grave is empty, Christ is risen.

HALLELUJAH!

This is the Good News – the light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never put it out.

HALLELUJAH!

This is the Good News – once we were no people, now we are God's people.

HALLELUJAH!

Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other.

HALLELUJAH!

Let us worship God.

The LORD's name be praised.

◆Hymn #232 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

◆Call to Confession

Let us call upon Jesus to forgive and heal us.

Let us confess our sins.

#227 *Jesus, Remember Me* (A sinner's prayer, sung)

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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◆Prayer of Confession (adapted, Martin Luther King Jr.)

O Thou Eternal God, out of whose absolute power and infinite intelligence the whole universe has come into being, we humbly confess that we have not loved thee with our hearts, souls and minds, and we have not loved our neighbors as Christ loved us.

Forgive us, O LORD.

We have all too often lived by our own selfish impulses rather than by the life of sacrificial love as revealed by Christ.

Forgive us, O LORD.

We often give in order to receive.

Forgive us, O LORD.

We love our friends and hate our enemies.

Forgive us, O LORD.

We go the first mile but dare not travel the second.

Forgive us, O LORD.

We forgive but dare not forget.

Forgive us, O LORD.

And so, as we look within ourselves, we are confronted with the appalling fact that the history of our lives is the history of an eternal revolt against you. But thou, O God, have mercy upon us. Forgive us for what we could have been but failed to be. Give us the intelligence to know your will.

Help us, LORD!

Give us the courage to do your will.

Help us, LORD!

Give us the devotion to love thy will.

Help us, LORD!

In the name and spirit of Jesus we pray. Amen.

◆Assurance of Pardon

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were yet sinners,

Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

The old life is gone;

The new life has begun.

Believe the Gospel and be at peace:

In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

◆Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please greet one another in the peace of Christ.)

Response of Gratitude #240 *Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Hymn #238 *This Is the Glory*

Act of Friendship (Learn the names of your pew mates.)

Please complete Prayer Request Card.

9:30 Children's Time

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! Jeremy Bankson

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

(Lyrics adapted)

All creatures of our God and King,

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

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,

And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Anthem *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!* D. Johnson, arr. Hal Hopson
(Congregation, please join on verses 1, 2, and 5)

Prayer for Illumination #474 *As a Child Rests* (refrain)

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

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A Reading from the Gospels *Luke 24:1-12* (NT pg. 90)

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

Message *A Few Really Big Words*

Pastor Matt Matthews

Affirmation of Faith *Apostles Creed* (Hymnal pg. 35)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

This Week

Sunday, April 21 Easter Sunday

- 8:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Chapel
- 3:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Chapel

Monday, April 22

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207; Café
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 1:00 PM Knifty Knitters/Parlor
- 1:15 PM PEB Study/Westminster Hall
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, April 23

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207; Café
- 9:00 AM PW Coordinating Team/Westminster Hall
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/U of I Atkins Bldg.
- 4:30 PM ESL Tutor Training/Café
- 6:30 PM Community Mission Deacons/Parlor
- 7:00 PM Session/Westminster Hall

Wednesday, April 24

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207; Café
- 2:30 PM Georgeanne Marty Memorial Service/Sanctuary
- 5:30 PM Covenant Bible Study/Parlor
- 6:00 PM ESL Class/Café
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir/Bell Choir Room
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Thursday, April 25

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast/Library
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Family Library
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207; Café
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor
- 9:00 AM Circle of Joy/Baytowne
- 11:00 AM ESL Info Mtg/Café
- 1:00 PM Circle of Faith/Parlor
- 5:30 PM Cuba Steering Committee/Parlor
- 7:00 PM Circle of Peace/Parlor

Friday, April 26

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall

Saturday, April 27

- 9:30 AM DREAAM Saturday School/Room 212
- 6:00 PM Praise & Prayer Gathering/Centennial Hall

What is a strong congregation?

Strong congregations are places where people (1) are growing spiritually, (2) engage in meaningful worship (where notions of "joy" and "awe" are not alien themes), (3) are active in the work of the congregation, (4) have a sense of belonging ("Relationship, Relationship Relationship"), (5) care for children and youth, (6) focus on the community ("Mission, Mission, Mission"), (7) share their faith, (8) welcome new people, (9) are challenged to use their gifts in ministry ("empowering leadership"), and (10) look to the future. (Cynthia Woolever & Deborah Bruce, *Beyond the Ordinary: Ten Strengths of U.S. Congregations.*)

Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Sandy Carr** at the 8 AM service and **Rachel Matthews** at the 9:30 AM service. Want to serve? Contact **Judi Geistlinger** at judgeistlinger@outlook.com.

•**Brass players** for this morning's service are: Trumpet: **Keven Lewis, Nicole Gillotti**; Trombone: **Ben Carrasquillo, Reid Lasley**.

•The **Easter Prayer** before the sermon is attributed to Archbishop Emeritus **Desmond Tutu**, who adapted it from an original prayer by Sir Francis Drake.

•We **welcome children** of all ages to worship. The CYF committee has provided green pew cards with tips on the back for guiding children in worship. There is **NO Sunday School** today. Childcare will be provided for children 5 years and younger.

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•The **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering** will be received today. A gift to OGHS enables the PCUSA to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. Drop your donation into the OGHS offering envelope or simply mark your check "OGHS."

•This morning's **sermon** is available online this next week or printed copies can be found in the kiosks next Sunday.

Connect

•**We are glad you're here!** If you want to learn more about becoming a member of First Pres., contact **Pastor Matt** or **Pastor Eric** or **Linda Peterson** from the Membership Team (membership@firstpres.church) or call the church office.

•Join us for a **six-week TED Talk video series** starting next Sunday, April 28, with **Pat Phillips** as our discussion leader. Our first video will be the **Rabbi Sharon Brous**. She will discuss four principles of religion: wakefulness, hope, mightiness, and inter-connectedness. Rabbi Brous is a leading voice in reanimating religious life in America, working to develop a spiritual roadmap for soulful, multi-faith justice work. Come join us with a cup of coffee and deeper fellowship in mind.

•Saturday, May 4, **Annual Cuba Forum**, Centennial Hall 9-11 AM featuring **Professor Ellen Moodie** and a report of the 2019 trip to Havana by the **Pastors Matthews, Robert Ferrer and Judi Geistlinger**.

•**Cuba Two Step...Sunday, May 5**. Salsa dancing at 4 followed by Cuban dinner at 5:30 PM. Tickets available. \$20 donation suggested. Proceeds support the work of the Presbyterian Reformed Church of Cuba.

Serve

•**Earth Day** is officially tomorrow, April 22. To keep our focus on Holy Week observances and the joy of the risen Christ, Earth Day will be celebrated by our church on May 19.