

McKinley Memorial Presbyterian Church

10:30 AM

January 22, 2023



WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Thom Shuman

Come out of the shadows and into God's light!

**We will not play hide and seek,
but will make a pilgrimage to God's heart.**

Lay down all which is a burden to you!

**We will give our fears to God,
who is our help in every moment.**

Follow the One who will lead you to new life!

**We long to live in God's presence
every day of our lives.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Thom Shuman

Your heart is the shelter for our weary souls.
You will not push us away,
 but clasp us tight in your embrace.
You refuse to abandon us,
 standing by our side all our lives.
Time Reaper,
you are our Hope!

When others try to tear us apart, you pick up the pieces, making us whole.
When we wonder what
the day might bring,
 you whisper, 'follow me,
 I will make you
 readers to little children,
 bandagers of bruised hearts,
 lovers of the forsaken,
 pilgrims who show the way
 to others.'

Time Shaker,
you are our Dawn.

You appeal to us to set aside all that divides us, so we might be one.
You send us to proclaim good news,
not with silver-tongued sophistication
 but with simple words:
 justice
 hope
 grace
 love
 which bring light to the shadows.

Timekeeper,
you are our Joy.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE AND CANDLES FOR PEACE

All are invited to come forward and light candles representing prayers for peace.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Thom Shuman

If we come to God with open hearts and honest words, we will not be pushed away, but wrapped in God's loving and forgiving embrace. I invite you to join me as we confess our lives to God, praying,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Thom Shuman

We admit, God our Light, that we do indeed try to tear Christ apart - a piece of him here to support our politics, a part of him to undergird our economic views, the rest of him to bolster our fears of others. We could leave immediately to follow him, but need to wait until we see where he might lead us. We want you to look upon us with favor always, but have no trouble turning our backs on those around us.

Hear us, God our Deliverer, as we speak of our failures! Have mercy on us, we appeal to you, have mercy! May your love become the core of our hearts, may your compassion become the words we speak, may your hope illuminate the ways in which we serve others, even as we seek to follow the One who calls us to new life, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silence is observed

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Thom Shuman

God is our help, so why should we be afraid?
God keeps us safe, there is nothing to dread!
This is good news for all of us.

Sheltered in God's gracious heart of mercy and love, we raise shouts of joy: thanks, be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

ANTHEM

I Love the Lord, God Heard My Cry

Richard Smallwood

I love the Lord, God heard my cry; and pities ev'ry groan.
Long as I live, while troubles rise, I'll hasten to God's throne.

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES Psalm 27: 1, 4 – 9 (NIV)

The Lord is my light and my salvation –

whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life-

of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I ask of the Lord,

this is what I seek:

That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

To gaze upon the beauty of the Lord

and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble

he will keep me safe in his dwelling;

he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle

and set me high upon a rock.

Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me,

at his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Hear my voice when I call, O Lord;

Be merciful to me and answer me.

My heart says to you, “Seek his face!”

Your face, Lord, I will seek.

Do not hide your face from me,

do not turn your servant away in anger;

you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me,

O God my Savior.

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURE

Luke 11:1, 5-10 LEB

And it happened that while he was in a certain place praying, when he stopped a certain one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John also taught his disciples." And he said to them, "Who of you will have a friend, and will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine has come to me on a journey, and I do not have anything to set before him.' And that one will answer from inside and say, 'Do not cause me trouble! The door has already been shut and my children are with me in bed! I am not able to get up to give you anything,' I tell you, even if he does not give him anything after he gets up because he is his friend, at any rate because of his impudence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

SERMON

"Prayer Changes Things" Really!?!?

Julie Birdwell

*HYMN #173

"Lord, You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response: Gracious God, Hear Our Prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Maori, from the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer)

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother to us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;**

**Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever, Amen.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand"

Arr. Adam Mason

ASSISTING WITH TODAY'S SERVICES

Guest Preacher	Julie Birdwell
Liturgist	Mike Cain
Pastor	Rev. Heidi Weatherford
Interim Choral Director	Alonza Lawrence
Director of Children's Education	Sara McHenry
Worship Techs	Josh Harris, Lara Hebert
Guest Musician	Matthew Chiu

TO REACH ANY OF THE STAFF AT MCKINLEY

You can send an email to office@mckinleycu.org to reach anyone at McKinley Church or McKinley Foundation.

HOW TO DONATE TO MCKINLEY CHURCH

Online pledges can be made here:
<https://bit.ly/McKinleyDonate>

Thank you 

or YOU CAN MAIL YOUR DONATION TO:
MCKINLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
809 S. 5TH ST
CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS 61820

You can also scan this QR code
with your phone and pay!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Get Your Chili Tickets Now!!!

McKinley youth will be selling tickets this Sunday and next after worship in the back of sanctuary. (\$6 a person and \$20 a family) We continue to look for a few more chili entries for this long-standing fundraiser for our mission trips and service projects. If you are interested in donating a pot of chili or have questions, contact Jane Cain at 217-649-1082 or jgcain48@gmail.com. Entries in the Vegetarian and Hot 'n Spicy categories are especially welcomed. This fun, community event will be held on February 5th after church in the Presby Dining Hall. Save the Date!

1st Sunday Fair Trade Sales

The McKinley Youth Fair Trade Pop-Up Shop will continue to be open after worship on the 1st Sunday of every month. You can check out available items [here](#). Purchases may also be made throughout the month by contacting Jane Cain at jgcain48@gmail.com or [217-649-1082](tel:217-649-1082) to place an order for pick-up or delivery. All proceeds go toward our mission trips and service projects. Thanks for your support!

Update on COVID-19 Precautions

Here is the most recent (January 13) weekly update from CU Public Health District regarding COVID-19: Community Level is "Medium," same as the previous week. This means that if you live with or have social contact with someone who is at high risk, consider testing yourself for infection before getting together and wearing a mask when indoors with them. If you are immuno-compromised or at high risk for severe illness yourself, talk to your healthcare provider about additional precautions, such as wearing masks or respirators indoors in public.

Food Pantry Needs

We are still in need of clean egg cartons for the food pantry. We also like to include calendars in the boxes we distribute in December. If you have any extra 2023 calendars, please drop them into the bins at the back of the sanctuary or drop them off at the McKinley reception desk in the Foundation.

Student Art Exhibit Opening: Uncanny Juxtapositions

Artists' Alley is pleased to present a new exhibit by Kofi Bazzell-Smith. Bazzell-Smith's Uncanny Juxtaposition is a series of collages featuring art from two manga with opposing themes. Azuki is an action-comedy set in a fantastical world where Rock Paper Scissors is a serious martial art. Karasu is a drama about loss and accepting the inevitability of death. Pairing pessimistic realism with positive and imaginative fantasy juxtaposes tragic elements of the human condition with the speculation of an unlimited future, creating a narrative in the space "between the panels" and highlighting the power of intercultural exchange as a vehicle for knowledge production.

The opening reception is this Wednesday, January 25, from 4:30 to 6 PM. Bazzell-Smith will give a brief talk and answer your questions beginning at 5:30 PM. Light refreshments will be provided.

Join Us Tomorrow McKinley Movie and Game Night

The Christian Education committee is holding a movie and game night from 6-8 tomorrow night, January 21st. This event is for all ages. Join us in the Presby Dining Hall. We will provide snacks, games, toys for younger kids, and a family friendly movie. If you have a favorite game you're welcome to bring it. We hope to see you tomorrow night!

WHAT'S COMING UP THIS WEEK?

Sunday, January 22, 2023	10:30 AM	Julie Birdwell Guest Preaching, Sunday Services
Monday, January 23, 2023	11:30 AM	Staff Meeting
	5:45-7:00PM	Foundation Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, January 24, 2023	1:00-3:00PM	Garden Hills Food Pantry – packaging
	3:30-6:00PM	Garden Hills Food Pantry – distribution
	5:45-7:15PM	Garden Hill Food Pantry – clean up
Wednesday, January 25, 2023	5:15 - 6:30 PM	Come & See Wednesday Bible Study (Hybrid) Zoom & In-Person
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Coffee and Conversation
	7:00 - 8:00 PM	McKinley Choir Practice
Thursday, January 26, 2023	12:00 -1:00 PM	Green Team Meeting
	7:00 - 8:00 PM	Rev. Heidi Office Hours

Friday, January 27, 2023	1:30 - 3:00 PM	Rev. Heidi Off
	5:00-9:00PM	Food & Fellowship, McKinley Foundation
Sunday, January 29, 2023	10:30 AM	Rev. Heidi Weatherford Preaching, Sunday Services

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
OF COUNTRY / FIRST
PEOPLES**
*(An act towards
reconciliation)*

For thousands of years, Indigenous people have walked on this land, in their own country. Their relationship with the land is at the center of their lives.

We recognize and acknowledge that we are on the lands of the Peoria, Kaskaskia, Piankashaw, Wea, Miami, Mascoutin, Odawa, Sauk, Mesquaki, Kickapoo, Potawatomi, Ojibwe, and Chickasaw Nations, past, present, emerging.

We are grateful for their stewardship of this land throughout the ages. These lands continue to carry the stories of these Nations and their struggles for survival and identity.



Yura Khomitskyi, Unsplash

**McKinley Presbyterian Church is a community of faith
Offering genuine welcome,
Working for reconciliation, and
Daring to speak words of abundant hope to a world in pain.**



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