



# WORSHIP

*Chapel*

November 19, 2023

*Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others. ~ Cicero*

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Take This Moment*

LAND OF REST

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### WELCOME

Rev. Brian Paulson

### SONG OF PRAISE

*Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Paul Vasile

### SONG OF PREPARATION

*There is a Balm in Gilead*

Negro Spiritual

### CONFESSION OF SIN

Ms. Kim Mendoza, M. Div.

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### SONG OF RESPONSE

*Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land*

Negro Spiritual

### PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dan Brame

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

*Matthew 25:14-23*

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

*Matthew 25:24-30*

### BLESSING THE CHILDREN

*(As the congregation stands to sing, children are greeted and depart for Sunday School.)*

### SENDING SONG OF BLESSING

*O The Word of God*

CHMIV

### ENCOUNTER WITH THE WORD

### MEDITATION

*Take a Risk*

Dr. Paulson

### SONG OF AFFIRMATION

*Faithful*

Randy Gill

### OFFERING OUR LIVES AND RESOURCES

### OFFERTORY SONG

*Love Is Still a Worthy Cause*

Sara Groves

### DEDICATION PRAYER

### MOMENT FOR MINISTRY – Sacred Ground

### TABLE TALK

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

### SONG OF SENDING

*Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult*

PLEADING SAVIOR

### THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

### POSTLUDE

## Community Notes

Learn more in our online *Parish Life* newsletter at [www.firstpreslibertyville.org](http://www.firstpreslibertyville.org)

### Upcoming Events

First Light Service (Nov. 19)  
Lunch & Learn: ThanksLIVING with Dr. Rob. Heinrich (Nov. 21)  
Advent Book Study Begins (Nov. 27)  
Advent Wreath Workshop & Lunch (Dec. 3)  
Advent Vespers Service (Dec. 3)  
Chancel Choir & Orchestra Major Work "Gloria" by Antonio Vivaldi (Dec. 10)  
Ecumenical Advent Worship Service (Dec. 13)  
Children & Youth Christmas Pageant "Los Posadas" (Dec. 17)  
Lunch & Learn: Christmas Music with Bel Canto Ringers (Dec. 19)  
Christmas Eve Worship at 10 a.m., 7 p.m. & 10 p.m. (Dec. 24)  
Sacred Ground Study Begins (Jan. 7)

### Tonight: "First Light: Service of Hope & Healing"

If you have a heavy heart or are carrying a burden of grief as we head into the holidays, then our "First Light: A Service of Hope & Healing" is for you. Join us this evening at 6 p.m. in our chapel. This contemplative candlelight service, led by Rev. Amy M. Heinrich and our Stephen Ministers, is a space for hope and healing. Music will be led by Charles Murphy and the Chapel Music Team.

### Lunch & Learn: "ThanksLIVING" on Tuesday, Nov. 21

#### Integrating Gratitude & Mindfulness into our Daily Lives

Dr. Robert Heinrich, a clinical psychologist and meditation practitioner, will guide us on a journey to appreciate the power of gratitude and mindfulness in enhancing our daily lives. Join us on Tuesday, Nov. 21 from 12 – 1:30 p.m. in Social Hall. Lunch is \$12. RSVP at [www.firstpreslibertyville.org](http://www.firstpreslibertyville.org) or call the church office at 847-362-2174.

### A Note from Linda Westman in the Business Office

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, in this season of gratitude it seems appropriate to acknowledge all the wonderful things I've witnessed that FPC members offer through their generosity of time, talent and finances. As we approach the end of the year, we encourage you to review the fulfillment of your 2023 pledge commitment. As of Nov. 15, budgeted pledge revenue is behind by \$17,323. [Budgeted pledge revenue: \$993,500; Actual pledge revenue: \$976,177]

### PRAYER BOX - Sunday - November 19, 2023

#### For those experiencing loss:

Matt and Sabrina Gibson and family on the loss of Sadie Abney, grandmother/great grandmother.

#### For those in need of prayer:

Jeanne & Larry Streeter  
Laurie Knight, sister/sister-in-law of Sue and Jerry Brann  
Nancy, friend of Louise Quillman  
Lindsay and her mother, Gale – friends of Kay Yates  
Louise Tischendorf  
Caroline Kearns  
Harriet Donndelinger, mother/mother-in-law of Sally and Connie Kowal  
Chris Dowell, son of Lynn Dowell  
Paul and Louise Quillman

#### Other:

Pray for peace in the world, and for peaceful resolutions to the wars in Israel and Ukraine.  
Pray for missionaries who share the Gospel around the world.  
Pray for our Mobile Food Pantry guests, workers and helpers.  
Pray for our sister churches in Chicago, Cuba and Italy.  
Pray for the elderly, the marginalized, the homeless and the hungry.  
Pray for those struggling with addiction and abuse.  
Pray for those who suffer from serious and long-term health challenges.