



WORSHIP

Sanctuary

November 19, 2023
THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Children of the Heavenly Father
Vesper Bells - Jane Orth, director; soloist, Becky Nelson

Tryggare Kan Ingen Vara

WELCOME

Rev. Amy Heinrich

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Bonnie Hansen & Delaney Rybicki

Leader: In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

People: We recognize God as the source of all goodness.

Leader: All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:

People: love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness are all of God.

Leader: We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

All: God sustains as we run the race of faith together. With thankful hearts we worship God!

❖ HYMN #319

Shout to the North

SMITH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we are so weary and are often tempted to give up. We sow seeds for a harvest we do not see. We work for holy but elusive goals. Remind us O' God that you call us to faithfulness not necessarily success. Strengthen us O God for the long haul, especially when we feel discouraged.

We want to shut our eyes and our hearts to the overwhelming pain in the world. Help us to keep our eyes open that they may see the deepest needs of your people. Move our feet, that one step at a time, we can make the longest march towards justice. Touch our hearts that they may bring warmth to the despairing. Teach us the generosity that welcomes strangers. Let us share our possessions to help the immigrant and the poor. Give us the care that strengthens the sick and suffering. Make us share in the quest to set the oppressed and imprisoned free.

In your mercy may we share both our limits and our love, and in so doing partake of your divine presence.

(Silence for personal confession.)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

❖ GLORIA PATRI (*Glory to God*)

Hymnal #581

❖ PASSING THE PEACE

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dorothy Roderick

FIRST READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE *Isaiah 40:26-31*

ANTHEM

My God how Wonderful Thou Art
Chancel Choir - David Edelfelt, director

Rene Clausen

SECOND READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE *Hebrews 12:1-2*

❖ BLESSING THE CHILDREN

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

❖ SONG OF BLESSING - HYMN #743 *O God, You Are My God* STEP BY STEP

*O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.
And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.*

SERMON *Running the Race of Faith Together* Rev. Amy Heinrich

THE RESPONSE

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Reinhold Niebuhr

Leader: Nothing that is worth doing can be achieved in our lifetime;

People: Therefore we must be saved by hope.

Leader: Nothing which is true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate context of history;

People: Therefore we must be saved by faith.

Leader: Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone;

People: Therefore we must be saved by love.

TABLE TALK Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY - Sacred Ground Rosemary Monahan

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: We give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

OFFERING *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Dan Forrest
Chancel Choir

❖ PRAISE GOD - HYMN #608 (*The Doxology*) PRAISE GOD

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, DEDICATION, AND 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.

THE SENDING

❖ HYMN #307 *God of Grace and God of Glory* BUNESSAN

❖ CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Nun Danket alle Gott ("Now Thanks We All Our God")* Sigfrid Karg Elert
Gloria Song, organ

❖ *Please stand in body or in spirit.*

Community Notes

Learn more in our online *Parish Life* newsletter at www.firstpreslibertyville.org

The flowers in the Chapel today are placed to the glory of God by Juli and Jamie Dunsing in honor of National Adoption Month (November) and all children still waiting for their “forever families”.

Sunday, November 19

10:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary with Rev. Amy M. Heinrich
10:00 AM Worship in the Chapel with Rev. Dr. Brian R. Paulson
10:20 AM Sunday School Pre-K - 7th grade
11:00 AM Jr/Sr High Choir (Choir Room)
11:00 AM Social Hour - (Social Hall)
11:15 AM Alpha/Omega Chimers (Room 04)
11:15 AM Confirmation (Youth Education Room)
11:15 AM Fourth and Fifth Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
11:15 AM Liturgist Training (Chapel)
4:00 PM JHF (Youth Lounge)
5:30 PM Youth Bells (Room 04)
6:00 PM First Light Service (Chapel)
7:00 PM SHF (Youth Lounge)

Tuesday, November 21

12:00 PM Lunch & Learn: “ThanksLIVING” with Dr. Robert Heinrich (Social Hall)

Sunday, November 26

10:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary with Rev. Dr. Brian R. Paulson
10:00 AM Worship in the Chapel with Rev. Amy Heinrich
11:00 AM Jr/Sr High Choir (Choir Room)
11:00 AM Social Hour - (Social Hall)
11:15 AM Alpha/Omega Chimers (Room 04)
5:30 PM Youth Bells (Room 04)

Monday, November 27

2:00 PM Advent Book Study (Dougherty Room)
6:00 PM Advent Book Study (Zoom)

Sunday, December 3

10:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary with Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley
10:00 AM Worship in the Chapel with Rev. Dr. Brian R. Paulson
10:20 AM Sunday School Pre-K - 7th grade
11:00 AM Jr/Sr High Choir (Choir Room)
11:00 AM Advent Wreath Workshop & Lunch (Social Hall)
11:15 AM Alpha/Omega Chimers (Room 04)
11:15 AM Confirmation (Youth Education Room)
4:00 PM JHF (Youth Lounge)
5:30 PM Youth Bells (Room 04)
6:30 PM Advent Vespers Service (Sanctuary)
7:00 PM SHF (Youth Lounge)

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 or call the church office at 847-362-2174.

Advent Book Study begins Monday, Nov. 27

Looking for ideas on how to have a Christmas with less stuff and more meaning? Join us as we use the book *Advent Conspiracy: Making Christmas Meaningful (Again)* to dive into four simple but powerful, countercultural concepts - Worship Fully, Spend Less, Give More, and Love All - to help us substitute consumption with compassion and focus on Jesus' birth. We will meet on Mondays for four weeks (Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18). Join us from 2 - 3 p.m. in the Conference Room or from 6- 7 p.m. on Zoom. Please sign up at www.firstpreslibertyville.org.

Advent Wreath Workshop & Crèche Piece Pick-up on Sunday, Dec. 3

Join us after worship on Sunday, Dec. 3 in Social Hall as we prepare for the arrival of the Advent season. **Lunch will be served!** RSVP at www.firstpreslibertyville.org to make an Advent wreath with evergreens and candles to take home and enjoy through the season; pick up your next (or first) nativity scene figure to put together at home; or sign up to be part of an Advent service by lighting the weekly Advent candles or participating in another way. **RSVPs are needed by Sunday, Nov. 27** so we can be sure to have enough food and wreath materials.

Advent Vespers Service on Sunday, Dec. 3

Don't miss this year's Advent Vespers Service on Sunday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Our Vespers Choir will present "Carols and Lullabies, Christmas in the Southwest," Conrad Susa's beautiful setting of 10 Spanish carols featuring harp guitar & percussion.

Ecumenical Advent Service: *Incarnational Wonder*

Join us on Wednesday, Dec. 13 for our annual Ecumenical Advent Worship Service in the Chapel. This lovely contemplative service will be led by women in ministry from First Presbyterian Church of Libertyville and other area churches. Come at 6:30 p.m. for a twinkly-lighted reception in the Social Hall and then join us for worship at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel. All are welcome!

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]**