



First
Presbyterian
Church
of Libertyville

WORSHIP

Sanctuary



December 3, 2023 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Sussex Mummers Carol
Bel Canto Ringers - Jane Orth, director

English Tune

WELCOME

Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

The Maxie Family

- Reader 1: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. That light is meant to shine! Let God's good light shine through your life so that one day all may come to rejoice in God." (Matthew 5:14 -16)
- Reader 2: Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. This is the candle of Peace. The Peace of Christ is the hope of the world. We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming.
- Reader 3: A reading from the Gospel of John: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." (John 14:27)
- Reader 4: Let us pray: Almighty God, The one true hope of the world is found in Jesus Christ. Let there be PEACE on Earth and let it begin with us. We make our prayer in the name of Jesus, The Prince of PEACE. **Amen.**

❖ HYMN #82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ms. Kim Mendoza, M. Div.

Holy God, we know that you are as close as breath, and at the same time there is a great distance between you and us. That distance is sometimes tragedy, when we feel abandoned. That distance is sometimes a force of evil, when something conspires against us. That distance is sometimes our foolish choices, or our selfish acts, or the hurt we cause another. We seek your forgiveness, and we seek reconciliation with you and each other. So assure us of your closeness, and your power, and your mercy, and your ability to change our lives for the good. Amen.

(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

The Baird Family

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-35

ANTHEM

O Come, O Come, Emmmanuel
Motet Choir - David Edelfelt, director

arr. Malvar-Keylock/Friedersdorf

❖ BLESSING THE CHILDREN

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

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Mark 13:24-37*

MEDITATION *Eyes Wide Open* Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley

THE RESPONSE

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

TABLE TALK

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

OFFERTORY *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* Michael Praetorius
Motet Choir

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Sanctus – God is Holy (sung in unison)
(verse 1)

Hymnal #552

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.*

Words of Institution

The Great Mystery of Faith (sung in unison)
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD AND POURING THE CUP

(Please note that communion is gluten free bread and grape juice so that there may be no barriers to the table.)

COMMUNION MUSIC

THE SENDING

❖ THE PRAYER OF RESPONSE

Leader: You have given yourself to us, Lord;

All: now we give ourselves for others,

Leader: your love has made us a new people;

All: as a people of love we will serve you with joy.

Leader: Your glory has filled our hearts;

All: help us to glorify you in all things.

O God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace as we wait during this time of Advent. May we yield ourselves, our wills and our works, in everything as a continual thank-offering to you for the greatest Gift, Jesus Christ our Lord and Your son. Amen.

❖ HYMN #102

Savior of the Nations, Come

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

❖ THE CHARGE & BLESSING

❖ POSTLUDE

Christ Is Born in Bethlehem
Bel Canto Ringers

Hart Morris

❖ *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 Brent and Marilyn Roland
in celebration of the 97th birthday of Marty Powell.

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)

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)

Monday, December 4

2:00 PM Advent Book Study (Dougherty Room)

6:00 PM Advent Book Study (Zoom)

Sunday, December 10 - Chancel Choir & Orchestra Major Work

8:30 AM Youth Breakfast Fundraiser (Social Hall)

10:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary with Rev. Dr. Brian R. Paulson, with the Chancel Choir & Orchestra Major Work
"Gloria"

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)

4:00 PM JHF (Youth Lounge)

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Upcoming Events

Chancel Choir & Orchestra Major Work "Gloria" by Antonio Vivaldi (Dec. 10)

Ecumenical Advent Worship Service (Dec. 13)

Children & Youth Christmas Pageant "Las Posadas" (Dec. 17)

Lunch & Learn: Christmas Music with Bel Canto Ringers (Dec. 19)

Christmas Eve Worship at 10 AM, 7 PM & 10 PM (Dec. 24)

David Edelfelt Concert "In With the New" (Jan. 5)

Sacred Ground Study Begins (Jan. 7)

Deadline for Giving Tree items is next Sunday

Help us provide love and hope to those in need! Gifts given through the Giving Tree program provide hope and love to those in need through several partner organizations. Please keep gifts in the \$25-\$30 price range maximum and return gifts to the Sanctuary Narthex by noon on Sunday, Dec. 10.

TODAY: Advent Wreath Workshop & Crèche Piece Pick-up

Join us after worship today in Social Hall as we prepare for the arrival of the Advent season. Lunch will be served!

TONIGHT: Advent Vespers Service

Don't miss this year's Advent Vespers Service this evening at 6:30 PM 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.

NEXT SUNDAY: Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser from 8:30-9:30 AM

Our youth will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser next Sunday, Dec. 10 in Social Hall before the Major Work. There is no fee for the breakfast, but the youth will be accepting financial donations to help pay for their 2024 trips. Breakfast will be served from 8:30-9:30 AM. A gluten-free option will be available. Come to church early next week and have some delicious, hot pancakes before enjoying the musical gifts of our congregation.

NEXT SUNDAY: Chancel Choir & Orchestra Major Work at 10:00 AM

Join us for worship in the Sanctuary for the Chancel Choir & Orchestra's major work: "Gloria" by Antonio Vivaldi!

Poinsettia Dedications Due by December 11

Dedicate a poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone special. Cost: \$16. The dedications will be included in our Christmas Eve worship bulletin and the poinsettias can be picked up after worship. Fill out the dedication form at www.firstpreslibertyville.org.

Ecumenical Advent Service: *Incarnational Wonder* on Dec. 13

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 PM. for a twinkly-lighted reception in the Social Hall and then join us for worship at 7:30 PM in the chapel. All are welcome!