



# WORSHIP

*Sanctuary*

January 21, 2024

## THE GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*Allegro Maetoso*  
Gloria Song, organ

John West

WELCOME Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley

### ❖ CALL TO WORSHIP - from *Follow Me* Worship Helps

Evie and Liz White

Leader: We gather to worship God, who formed us and made us.

**People: God makes a way, even in the wilderness of life.**

Leader: We come together, made one in Jesus Christ.

**People: Jesus is the living water, a stream of mercy in the desert.**

Leader: We worship God through the help of the Spirit

**All: who restores us, encourages us, and comforts us. Let us worship God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer!**

### ❖ HYMN #755

*Alleluia! Laud and Blessing*

WIESSE FLAGGEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION - from *Follow Me* Worship Helps

Rev. Amy Heinrich

Ever-present God, we confess that we are prone to wander far from you, pursuing our own priorities and seeking our own satisfaction. When we stumble, when we fall, we come running back, like a child seeking comfort. And you are always there, to enfold us in your arms of mercy. But still we wander away again, and again the floods of life overwhelm us! And when we are exhausted from trying to keep our heads above water, we call upon you, and you are there to lift us up and hold us close. Forgive us, God, when we fail and forget and stray from you. Help us to walk in faith and trust, holding the hand of the One who loves us and redeems us. Help us to remember that, in Jesus Christ, we belong to you, for it is in his name that we pray. 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

### ❖ SUMMARY OF THE LAW

**Our Lord Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment.**

**And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.**

### ❖ PASSING THE PEACE

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

*Isaiah 43:1b-5a*

**ANTHEM**

*The Beautitudes*  
Motet Choir - David H. Edelfelt, director

Kent A. Newbury

**SECOND READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE**      *Psalm 46*

❖ **BLESSING THE CHILDREN**

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

❖ **SONG OF BLESSING - HYMN #818**      *By Gracious Powers* (v. 1)

INTERCESSOR

*By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered,  
and confidently waiting, come what may,  
we know that God is with us night and morning  
and never fails to greet us each new day.*

**SERMON**

*Sit for a Spell*

Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley

**THE RESPONSE**

**MUSIC FOR REFLECTION**

❖ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** - adapted from the Heidelberg Catechism, Romans 8:35, 38–39; Saint Patrick's Breastplate

**What is our comfort in life and in death?**  
**Knowing that we belong to God.**  
**What can separate us from God's love?**  
**Absolutely nothing can separate us from God's love.**  
**Jesus is with us and within us. Jesus is behind us and before us.**  
**Jesus is there to comfort and restore us.**

**TABLE TALK**

**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**

*Set Me As a Seal*  
Motet Choir

Rene Clausen

❖ **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 #757**      *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*      KINGSFOLD

❖ **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

*Allegro*  
Gloria Song, organ

Cesar Franck

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❖ *Please stand in body or in spirit.*

# Community Notes

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

The flowers in the Sanctuary are placed to the glory of God by the Ergang family and Georgene Pomplon in honor of Kirk on his birthday; and by Gale Dewar in celebration of her husband Dave's birthday today!

## Sunday, January 21

- 10:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary & Chapel
- 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 (Classroom 04)
- 11:15 AM Confirmation Class
- 1:00 PM Sacred Ground (Dougherty Room & Library)
- 4:00 PM JHF (Youth Lounge)
- 5:30 PM Youth Bells (Classroom 04)
- 7:00 PM SHF (Youth Lounge)

## Wednesday, January 24

- 4:00 PM PADS Food Drop Off (Sanctuary Narthex entrance)

## Thursday, January 25

- 9:00 AM Bel Canto Ringers (Classroom 04)
- 9:00 AM Women's Disciple Bible Study (Conference Room)
- 4:15 PM Cherub Choir (Chapel)
- 4:15 PM Faith Choir (Sanctuary)
- 4:30 PM Joyful Noise Choir (Choir Room)
- 6:00 PM Chapel Music Team (Chapel)
- 6:30 PM Motet Choir (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

## Sunday, January 28

- 10:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary & Chapel
- 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 (Classroom 04)
- 11:15 AM Confirmation Class
- 5:30 PM Youth Bells (Classroom 04)
- 7:00 PM JHF & SHF Bowling (Offsite)

## Coming Events

### February

- SHF Stronghold Retreat (Feb. 2-4)
- Volunteer Appreciation Sunday (Feb. 4)
- JHF Winter Xtreme @ Camp Timberlee (Feb. 9-11)
- Annual Meeting of the Congregation (Feb. 11)
- "Souper Bowl" Sunday Fundraiser (Feb. 11)
- Ash Wednesday Service (Feb. 14)
- Mobile Food Pantry (Feb. 17)
- Lent Book Study begins (Feb. 19)
- Lunch & Learn: Travel Tips (Feb. 20)

### March

- Women's Lenten Soul Feast: Journey to the Cross (March 8)
- Mobile Food Pantry (March 16)
- PI Day Sale (March 10)
- Youth Sunday (March 17)
- Lunch & Learn: Senior Safety (March 19)
- Palm Sunday (March 24)
- Maundy Thursday (March 28)
- Good Friday (March 29)
- Easter Sunday (March 31)

**Volunteer Appreciation Sunday**

Join us for worship on Sunday, Feb. 4 as we recognize all of our wonderful volunteers! After worship, join us in Fellowship Hall for a delicious brunch served by our church staff!

**PADS Food Program at First Pres**

We're collecting donations of packaged food items on Wednesdays between 4-6 p.m. at the Sanctuary Narthex entrance on Douglas Ave. Please see our website for a list of the specific food items needed.

**Flower Dedications**

Honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion by dedicating a floral arrangement to be used in our worship spaces on Sunday mornings. The cost is \$40 per arrangement. To make a dedication, visit [www.firstpreslibertyville.org](http://www.firstpreslibertyville.org), email [office@boxp.net](mailto:office@boxp.net) or call the church office at 847-362-2174.

**Pastoral Resident Grant**

Last Sunday, we celebrated Rev. Kim Mendoza's ordination and rejoiced as she took her next step in serving our Lord as an ordained Presbyterian minister. We are grateful for the many blessings that Kim's service to our church has produced and desire to continue the Pastoral Resident program for years to come. We are grateful for the extra-mile donations we have already received toward this ministry, which is essential for the future vitality of our church and our denomination. If you would like to contribute toward this grant, please use the QR code to access the giving links and select Pastoral Resident Grant in the drop-down list.