



# WORSHIP

*Sanctuary*

April 14, 2024

## THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

*Harmonious Choirchimes*

Paul Rosene

WELCOME

Alpha & Omega Chimers - Gloria Song, director

Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley

INTROIT

*Come Thou Fount*

John Wyeth

Faith Choir - Gloria Song, director; Suzanne Jozwiak, piano

- ❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP** - adapted from *Collect from Orthodox Tradition* used in 2021 Presbyterians for Earth Care World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation Rev. Amy Heinrich

Leader: We praise and bless you, O Lord, for you are the King of all ages, and through Christ your Son you have made all that is.

**People: In the beginning of the beginning, you breathed upon the waters of creation, and filled the earth with life through your vibrant Spirit.**

Leader: The heavens declare your glory, O Lord, and the stars of the sky bring light to our darkness.

**People: You spoke, and the earth burst forth in life; you saw that it was good.**

Leader: You called forth creation, and enlivened every creature on land and sea.

**People: You made human beings in your image, and set us over the whole world in all of its wonders.**

Leader: You gave us share in your dominion, and called us "to till and to keep" this garden, the work of your hands.

**People: In our worship of you this morning, we praise you for your manifold gifts.**

Leader: May our adoration this day give glory to your name, so that we may serve you with faithfulness and love.

**People: May our daily care for your creation show reverence for your name, and reveal your saving power in every creature under heaven.**

Leader: We make this prayer in the name of Christ your son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

- ❖ **HYMN #14** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

DIX

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** - from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

**Loving God, you created us to live in relationship with you, to love and serve one another, and to care for all your creatures. Yet, in the hardness of our hearts, we dismiss your commandments and seek to go our separate ways. Lord, have mercy on us. Redeem, restore, and re-create us, for the sake of Christ our Savior.**

*(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**

*Genesis 2:15-20a*

**ANTHEM**

*The Majesty and Glory of Your Name*  
Chancel Choir—David H. Edelfelt, director

Linda Lee Johnson/Tom Fettke

SECOND READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE     *Matthew 24:45-47*

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

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

- ❖ SONG OF BLESSING - HYMN #487     *These Treasured Children* (vv. 1 & 4)     KINGDOM

*These treasured children present now are bound to us by sacred vow:  
with love, we make a heartfelt claim to welcome them in Jesus' name.*

*Come, Holy Spirit, help us be a nurturing community;  
empower us to realize God's kingdom through our children's eyes.*

SERMON

*Humbly Yours*

Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

THE RESPONSE

- ❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - adapted from *Affirmation of Faith* written by 2009 Eco Stewards Anna Blackman, Alex Remsburg, and Hansen Wendlandt, for the Faith and Environment Conference (Montreat, NC)

**We believe in God, the Creator and Lord of all that is. In your hand is the life of every thing--  
of trees and plants, animals and insects--and the breath of every human being.**

**We believe in Jesus the Christ, the Redeemer of all that we have damaged, our broken souls and our  
broken world, who offers new life when we love our neighbors, neighbors sun and soil, water and air.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Sustainer of this community and future generations, and the source of  
hope and courage to care about creation, especially when sustainability seems hopeless.**

**We promise to work together and with God, to be stewards of this gift, our home.**

TABLE TALK

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY - Youth Open Mic Fundraiser

Bree Summers

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

*To Thee We Sing*  
Chancel Choir

Peter Tkach

- ❖ 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 All Called to Be Disciples*     KINGSFOLD

- ❖ THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

- ❖ POSTLUDE

*Allegro Moderato*  
Kaethe Durham, oboe; Gloria Song, organ

Josef Haydn

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- ❖ *Please stand in body or in spirit, as you are comfortable.*

# Community Notes

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

The flowers today in the sanctuary are placed to the glory of God by Gini and Brad Baker with love and in celebration of their granddaughter, Katie Baker's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## Sunday, April 14

- 10:00 AM Worship in Sanctuary & Chapel
- 10:20 AM Sunday School Pre-K - 7th grade
- 11:00 AM Social Hour (Social Hall)
- 11:15 AM Confirmation (Youth Education Room)
- 11:30 AM Music Staff Meeting (Dougherty Room)
- 11:30 AM Inquirers Class for New Members (Fellowship Hall)
- 4:00 PM Junior High Fellowship (Youth Lounge)
- 5:30 PM Youth Bells (Classroom 04)

## Monday, April 15

- 9:00 AM Habitat Quilters (Social Hall)
- 6:30 PM Vesper Bells (Sanctuary)

## Tuesday, April 16

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 11:00 AM Laugh Your Way to a Brighter Day (Social Hall)
- 7:00 PM Bible Stories for Grown-Ups (Zoom)

## Wednesday, April 17

- 7:30 AM Breakfast & Bible (Zoom)
- 4:00 - 6:00 PM PADS Food Donation Drop Off (Sanctuary Narthex)

## Thursday, April 18

- 9:00 AM Women's Disciple Bible Study (Conference Room)
- 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)

## Saturday, April 20

- 8:00 AM Mobile Food Pantry (Douglas Parking Lot)

## Sunday, April 21 - Earth Care Sunday

- 10:00 AM Combined Worship in Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Frog Lady Eco Fair (Social Hall)
- 11:15 AM Confirmation
- 5:00 PM Open Mic Coffee House (Social Hall)

### Upcoming Events

- Laugh Your Way to a Brighter Day (April 16)
- Earth Care Sunday / Frog Lady / Eco Fair (April 21)
- Open Mic Coffee House (April 21)
- New Member Recognition (April 28)
- Climate Crisis Action Steps (April 28)
- Chancel Choir & Orchestra Major Work: "Lux Aeterna" (May 12)
- Confirmation & Baccalaureate Sunday (May 19)
- Spring Blooms at Chicago Botanic Garden (May 21)

**Welcome to Paul McKenzie:** Please welcome back Paul McKenzie, who will be serving as our Interim Director of Music Ministries through the end of May. Paul served as Director of Music here at First Pres from 1986 to 1995 and we're so happy to have him on board as we plan out our summer worship services. Along with his duties as music director, he will be conducting our adult bell choirs. Since returning to his native Minnesota, Paul has worked with a number of churches and music groups in the Minneapolis area, most recently as the Assistant Conductor of the Edina Chorale and as Director of Worship, Music, and Fine Arts at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Hopkins.

**Early Bird rate for Chicago Botanic Gardens in Spring Bloom:** Join Rev. Amy Heinrich on Tuesday, May 21 from 11:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Chicago Botanic Gardens in Glencoe. Sign up today to get the discounted Early Bird rate of \$25, which includes parking, admission, a catered lunch and a private tram ride through the gardens! Sign up at [www.firstpreslibertyville.org!](http://www.firstpreslibertyville.org!)

**“Laugh Your Way to a Brighter Day” on Tuesday:** Join us this Tuesday, April 16 from 12-1 p.m. in Social Hall and laugh your way to a brighter day with Rosemary Monahan as she explores how humor can transform and uplift our lives. This Lunch & Learn program is for everyone, so bring a friend to join in the fun! Visit our website or call 847-362-2174 to register. Cost: \$12.

**“Bible Stories for Grown-Ups” starts Tuesday:** In this Zoom learning series, we’ll be led by Pastor Josh Scott, who will look at familiar Bible stories and reveal new details and interpretations. This six-week study begins Tuesday, April 16, from 6:00 PM-7:00 PM. Call the church office at 847-362-2174 or email Megan Huber at [mhuber@boxp.net](mailto:mhuber@boxp.net) to register.

**Earth Care Sunday:** Join us next Sunday, April 21 for our Earth Care Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Rev. Amy Heinrich is preaching and our good friend the “Frog Lady” will join us in Social Hall immediately following the service!

**Great Performances, Handcrafted Coffee Drinks and Delicious Baked Goods:** Our youth are hosting an Open Mic Coffee House next Sunday, April 21 from 5-7 p.m. in Social Hall! We're looking for performers, baristas, bakers, servers, and anyone else who wants to get involved. Visit our website to learn more or reach out directly to Rev. Kim Mendoza at [kmendoza@boxp.net](mailto:kmendoza@boxp.net).

**Climate Response Action Steps:** Join Rev. Amy Heinrich on Sunday, April 28 from 11:15 a.m. -12:30 p.m. in the Dougherty Room for coffee and conversation (and homemade muffins) to talk about Climate Response Action Steps using the book “The Future We Choose,” by Christiana Figueres and Tom Rivett-Carnac.

**Savidis Fine Arts Scholarship:** A \$1,000 college scholarship is being offered to a graduating high school senior who plans to study music, theater, or any other fine art in college. See Parish Life to download the application. The deadline to apply is Monday, May 6, and the scholarship will be awarded on Baccalaureate Sunday, May 19. Call the church office at 847-362-2174 or contact Jerry Brann with any questions.