



WORSHIP

Sanctuary

September 29, 2024

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Pie Jesu ("Merciful, Jesus")
Bel Canto Ringers, Judy Brame, director

G. Faure, arr. W. Mathis

WELCOME

Rev. Amy Heinrich

OPENING SENTENCES

Gracie Villarreal and Alex Barnes, M.Div.

❖ HYMN #753

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we must confess that we are not well practiced in the things that make for peace. Rather, we are good at fighting, but not good at fighting well, in good faith, with goodwill. Often our fights turn ugly and even violent. Teach us how to let go of petty concerns, while not sidestepping crucial conflicts. Teach us how to engage in respectful debates that find common values and vision.

When we are angry, and often legitimately so, teach us how to channel our emotions in constructive ways that work towards understanding, reconciliation, just solutions, rather than merely deepening divides. Hold us in your wide and inclusive love that we might learn how to hold the tension between our convictions and our communities. Temper us, O God, that we might pause and pray before we act and speak so that your wisdom and truth may be heard above the cacophony. Forgive us. We are guilty of too many words. Angry words, ignorant words, insensitive words, biased words, impetuous words... that do harm. And not enough stillness and silence in your presence that fosters empathy and understanding.

(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 & BLESSING THE CHILDREN

(As the congregation greets one another, children are welcomed by our Sunday School teachers and depart for Sunday School.)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kenny Maxie

FIRST READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

ANTHEM

A Gaelic Blessing
Chancel Choir—David H. Edelfelt, director; Gloria Song, organ

John Rutter

SECOND READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Acts 15:1-18

SERMON

Peaceful Conflict

Rev Amy Heinrich

THE RESPONSE

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—PC(USA) Confession of 1967

The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of all in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God's purpose rather than human schemes will finally prevail.

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

Dona Nobis Pacem ("Grant Us Peace")
Chancel Choir; Gloria Song, piano; Jasmine Horton, violin

arr. Ysaye Barnwell

❖ 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 #372

O for a World

AZMON

❖ THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

My Lord, What a Morning
Bel Canto Ringers

African American Spiritual, arr. J Behnke

❖ *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

The flowers in the sanctuary today are placed to the glory of God by Jennifer Yonan in celebration of the marriage of Emma Yonan to Wright Eggena, Saturday, September 28 in Santa Rosa Beach, FL: and by Roy and Linda Lucke in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Sunday, Sept. 29

- 10:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary & Chapel)
- 10:15 AM Sunday School Pre-K - 8th grade
- 11:00 AM Social Hour (Social Hall)
- 11:15 AM Alpha Chimers (Bell Room)
- 11:15 AM Trinity Choir Junior & Senior High (Choir Room)
- 3:00 PM First Communion Class (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 PM Junior High Fellowship (Youth Lounge)
- 5:30 PM JHF & SHF Parent Gathering (Social Hall)
- 5:30 PM Youth Bells (Bell Room)
- 7:00 PM Senior High Fellowship (Youth Lounge)

Monday, Sept. 30

- 6:30 PM Vesper Bells (Bell Room)
- 7:00 PM Scout Troop 71 (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, Oct. 1

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Zoom)

Wednesday, Oct. 2

- 7:30 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study (Zoom)
- 4:00 PM PADS Food Donation Drop-off (Sanctuary Narthex)

Thursday, Oct. 3

- 9:00 AM Bel Canto Ringers (Bell Room)
- 4:20 PM Faith Choir (Sanctuary)
- 4:30 PM Cherub Choir (Chapel)
- 6:00 PM Chapel Music Team (Chapel)
- 6:30 PM Motet Choir (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

Saturday, Oct. 5

- 8:00 AM Help Build Hope (Wildwood Presbyterian Church)
- 8:30 AM God's Gardeners (Winchester Road Garden)

Sunday, Oct. 6—World Communion Sunday

- 10:00 AM Combined Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM Sunday School Pre-K - 8th grade
- 11:00 AM Social Hour (Social Hall)
- 11:15 AM Alpha Chimers (Bell Room)
- 11:15 AM Trinity Choir Junior & Senior High (Choir Room)
- 11:45 AM Confirmation (Youth Education Room)
- 4:00 PM Junior High Fellowship (Youth Lounge)
- 5:30 PM Youth Bells (Bell Room)
- 7:00 PM Senior High Fellowship (Youth Lounge)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Help Build Hope (Oct. 5)
- World Communion Sunday (Oct. 6)
- Deacon Board Winter Clothing Drive (Oct. 6 & 15)
- Inquirers Classes (Oct. 9 & 16)
- Women's Fall Retreat (Oct. 19)
- Mobile Food Pantry (Oct. 19)
- Coffee & Conversation: Wisdom at the Crossroads (Oct. 20)
- Feed My Starving Children (Oct. 26)
- Rev. Nicole's Installation Worship Party (Oct. 27)
- College Care Package Event (Nov. 3)

First Communion Class: We're offering a First Communion class this afternoon at 3:00 PM in the Sanctuary to help kids learn about the practical and theological meanings of communion in preparation for taking communion next week on World Communion Sunday.

Deacon Board Fundraiser for PADS: Today is the last day to donate to the Deacon Board's PADS fund drive. Checks (First Pres Libertyville with PADS in the memo line) or cash (in a pew envelope marked PADS) can be placed in the offering plate. To give electronically through Realm, please scan the QR code.

JHF/SHF Parent Gathering: Parents of Junior High and Senior High kids are invited to the Social Hall this afternoon at 5:30 PM to ask questions about upcoming events and connect with other parents.

Help Build Hope is next Saturday: We need your help next Saturday from 8:00 AM 2:00 PM at Wildwood Presbyterian Church to construct wall frames for a house that will be assembled in Kentucky. Anyone age 15 and older is welcome to join in on the project. Help us do some good and have some fun! Please contact Mike Castner at mtcastner@yahoo.com or call or text at 847-650-0253 if you have questions.

Deacon Board Winter Clothing Drive: Gently used or new winter clothing can be dropped off in the narthex of the sanctuary and chapel Oct. 6-15. The clothing items will be distributed at our Mobile Food Pantry on Saturday, Oct. 19.

Inquirers Class for Prospective New Members: This class is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our church, explore how we are united by God's love, and discover how you can become a part of our community. Join us on Oct. 9 & 16 from 7:00-8:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Please call the church office at 847-362-2174 to learn more!

Women's Fall Retreat: Join us for our Women's Fall Retreat on Saturday, Oct. 19 in Lake Forest as we will explore the Enneagram and how it can help us understand ourselves better, recognize when we are not in our best space, know the much deeper level of what got us there, and point us toward ways of moving out of the ruts of familiar but less-helpful reactions to the world around us.

Feed My Starving Children All Church Event: Join in our all church Feed My Starving Children food packing event on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 5:00-6:30 PM. Friends are welcome! Sign up at www.fmssc.org/join-group?joincode=2848NW.

Service of Installation for Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley: We're delighted to announce that the Presbytery of Chicago unanimously approved Rev. Nicole's call to Associate Pastor here at First Pres! Please put Sunday, Oct. 27 on your calendar! There will be Service of Installation at 3:00 PM in the Sanctuary, followed by a party in Fellowship Hall!

College Care Package Building on Nov. 3: Families of our college kids are invited to bring a mailing container and a package of pre-wrapped treats to share with others for an afternoon of tape, and mailing labels ready for you in the Social Hall.

Join our Sunday Morning AV Team!

We provide all training; no experience necessary! Let us know you're interested by emailing office@boxp.net.

PADS Food Collection on Wednesdays: Drop off between 4:00-6:00 PM in the Sanctuary Narthex. See our website for the specific items needed.