



WORSHIP

Chapel

November 17, 2024

*“Hope” is the thing with feathers - That perches in the soul - And sings the tune without the words –
And never stops - at all ... ~ Emily Dickinson*

GATHERING SONG

Here I Am to Worship

Tim Hughes

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME

Rev. Brian Paulson

SONGS OF PRAISE

*Everlasting God
Amazed*

Brenton Brown & Ken Riley
Jared Anderson

CONFESSION OF SIN

Rev. Amy Heinrich

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF RESPONSE

God has Done Great Things

Shirley Berkeley

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST AND BLESSING THE CHILDREN

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

ENCOUNTER WITH THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Beth Semmelman

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:28-31

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:16-20

SONG FOR REFLECTION

Lead with Love

Melanie DeMore

MEDITATION

Certain Hope

Dr. Paulson

SONG OF AFFIRMATION

Hallelujah Is Our Song

Sarah Hart, Josh Blakesley, Sarah Kroger, Trey Heffinger

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND RESOURCES

OFFERTORY SONG

Hold My Hope

Anna Hernandez

DEDICATION PRAYER

TABLE TALK

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY – Audio Visual Team

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER

THE SENDING

SONG OF SENDING

From this House

Ben Allaway

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Community Notes

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

The flowers today in the Chapel are placed to the glory of God by Erin Sharp and David Bailey in honor of Iona's 16th birthday!

Recognition of our Audio Visual Team: We honor our faithful team of AV volunteers who give of their time and talent behind the scenes to share our worship through our streaming ministries. They bring their full heart to our ministry and apply their full focus and creativity to our worship hour week after week. Their commitment involves early arrival, coordination with liturgists, preachers, and musicians. They are problem solvers with a can-do spirit that makes all the difference. Please join us in thanking these unsung heroes of our congregation. Thank you AV leaders!

Chapel Worship Forum: After worship today, there will be a forum in the chapel for all church members to share hopes and dreams for our chapel worship service. If you are able to join our gathering, come prepared to offer your perspective on what you value about Chapel worship and what you hope and dream to see moving forward. We'll be honoring Charles and his next Sunday, Nov. 24.

DIY Advent Wreath & Crèche: Come to Fellowship Hall after worship next Sunday to enjoy lunch and create your own Advent wreath with fresh-cut greenery to prepare your heart for the season. If you've been making handmade crèche pieces each year, your next piece will be ready for you. If you're new to the tradition, come and pick up your first piece to start building your own nativity set. All are welcome! Please RSVP on our website or by calling the office.

First Light on Nov. 24: 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 on Sunday, Nov. 24 at 6 p.m. in our chapel. This contemplative candlelight service, led by Rev. Amy Heinrich and our Stephen Ministers, is a space for hope and healing. Music will be led by Charles Murphy and the Chapel Music Team.

Maximize your charitable giving: Join us next Sunday at 11:15 AM or 12:30 PM in the conference room for an informative session on the tax advantages of Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) and Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs). Facilitated by Bill Chapman, our own expert in financial stewardship, with guest speaker Marshall Lund from Creative Planning. RSVP at firstpreslibertyville.org or call the church at 847-362-2174.

Advent Book Study begins Nov. 25: "What would you do if you were not afraid?" "Calling All Angels" asks us to contemplate what would change in our relationships, vocations, congregations, and communities if we have the courage to overcome our fears like Mary, Joseph, Zechariah, and the shepherds in the Advent story. See our website for more details!

Celebrate the Season on Dec. 1 at 6 PM: Experience the joy and wonder of the season with our Advent Vespers Choir as they present *The Seven Joys of Christmas*. This enchanting piece captures the spirit of the holidays through rich harmonies and lyrical melodies, taking you on a musical journey through the joys of Christmas. Invite your friends and loved ones and spread the word!