



WORSHIP

Sanctuary



December 1, 2024—FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

I believe with all my belief in the coming of the messiah. And even if there is a delay, I believe. ~ Hebrew song

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Still, Still, Still

arr. Carol Moglebust

Bel Canto Ringers—Judy Brame, director

WELCOME

Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley

INTROIT

Mary Had a Baby

African American Spiritual

Cherub Choir—LeAnn Malecha & Isabelle Esquivel, directors, Gloria Song, piano

❖ ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

The Petrie Family

Leader: Today is the first Sunday of Advent, a season where we wait for the coming of the Christ child.

People: We long for a Savior to come into our weary and hurting world.

Leader: The time is nearing for light to be born again into our world.

People: We need the warmth of a love that reminds us we belong, exactly as we are.

Leader: This day we light the candle of hope, for our hope in the peace, justice, and healing that Jesus exemplifies and encourages in us.

People: Our hope is in the one who has come and who is coming.

All: Thanks be to God.

❖ HYMN #88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vv. 1, 2, 6, 7)

VENI EMMANUEL

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Amy Heinrich

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule.

We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment.

We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace.

In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.

(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 AND 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

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 33:14-16

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

❖ HYMN #90

Wait for the Lord

WAIT FOR THE LORD

The congregation sings the refrain twice as instructed.

SERMON

Yearning for Better

Dr. Paulson

THE RESPONSE

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed



We believe in one God

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,
We believe in one God
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
We believe in one God
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 one God
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 believe in one God
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

The Angel Gabriel

arr. Mary Goetze

Motet Choir—David H. Edelfelt, director; Gloria Song, piano; Becky Nelson, soloist

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)

Hymnal #552

(verse 1)

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.

Hymnal #553

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.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND 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 Lamb William Blake/Edwin Fissinger
Motet Choir
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence arr. Fred Gramann
Vesper Bells—Gloria Song, director

THE SENDING

❖ 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. Make us gentle, joyful, thankful people, serving our neighbors, worshiping you alone. Keep us in the peace of Christ until you gather us at your table in glory. Even now, a voice is crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord! Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

❖ HYMN #82

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

❖ THE CHARGE & BLESSING

❖ POSTLUDE

The Hanging of the Greens
Vesper Bells

arr. Linda R. Lamb

❖ *Please stand in body or in spirit.*

Stewardship Update: We have received \$ 1,098,459 toward reaching our goal of \$1,170,093.

Community Notes

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

The flowers today are placed to the glory of God by the Roland family with love and in celebration of the 98th birthday of Marty Powell (Mom, Grandma, GG)

Sunday, December 1—First Sunday in Advent

- 10:00 AM Communion Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM Sunday School Pre-K-8th Grade
- 11:00 AM Social Hour (Social Hall)
- 11:15 AM Alpha Chimers
- 11:15 AM Trinity Choir (Choir Room)
- 5:30 PM Youth Bells
- 6:30 PM Advent Vespers Service (Sanctuary)

Monday, December 2

- 2:00 PM Advent Book Study (Dougherty Room) & 6:00 PM (Zoom)
- 6:30 PM Vesper Bells (Bell Room)
- 7:00 PM Rebecca Circle (Parlor)
- 7:00 PM Scout Troop 71 (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, December 3

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

Wednesday, December 4

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

Thursday, December 5

- 9:00 AM Bel Canto Ringers
- 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)

Sunday, December 8—Second Sunday in Advent

- 10:00 AM Worship & Chancel Choir Major Work (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM Sunday School Pre-K-8th Grade
- 11:00 AM Social Hour (Social Hall)
- 11:15 AM Alpha Chimers
- 11:15 AM Trinity Choir (Choir Room)
- 11:45 AM Confirmation (Youth Ed. Room)
- 5:30 PM Youth Bells
- 6:00 PM JHF/SHF Christmas Caroling

First Pres Giving Tree

Help make someone's holiday bright! Use the QR code to choose a gift recipient. Please return the gifts (with labels attached) to the Sanctuary Narthex by noon on Sunday, Dec. 15. <https://bit.ly/3Z320v5>

Advent Devotions Emails: If you received our Advent devotions last year, you'll automatically receive them by email starting today! If you haven't subscribed before, you can sign up using the link on our website or email mhuber@boxp.net.

Tonight: Advent Vespers Choir at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary: Experience the joy and wonder of the season with our Advent Vespers Choir as they present *The Seven Joys of Christmas*.

Next Sunday: Chancel Choir Major Work during worship: Join us next Sunday as the Chancel Choir & Orchestra presents Marc-Antoine Charpentier's *Messe de Minuit pour Noël* (The Midnight Mass).

Ecumenical Advent Service on Dec. 11: Led by ten women in ministry from diverse Christian denominations! The evening will begin at 6:45 PM in Social Hall with a warm, festive reception. At 7:30 PM, we'll move to the Chapel for worship.

Christmas Pageant on Dec. 15 during worship: Our children and youth will bring the Christmas story to life through song and scripture.

Christmas Eve Worship: Join us for Christmas Eve Worship on Sunday, Dec. 24, in the Sanctuary. Our Family Service will be at 4 PM, followed by traditional Candlelight Services at 7 and 10 PM.

Job Openings: We are currently seeking a Chapel Music Director and Office Manager & Executive Assistant to the Pastor. Job descriptions are available at www.firstpreslibertyville.org.