



# WORSHIP

Sanctuary

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January 12, 2025 - Baptism of the Lord Sunday

## THE GATHERING

*The church is always good news because as God's people we always need to hear God's wonders.* ~ Oscar Romero

**GATHERING MUSIC - HYMN #468** *In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified* LORD, BE GLORIFIED  
Chapel Music Team - Gloria Song, director

**WELCOME** Rev. Brian Paulson

❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP** - *Mark 1:10-11; Isaiah. 43:1*

Leader: The heavens opened, the Spirit descended,  
**All: and a voice sounded: This is my Beloved Son.**  
Leader: Do not fear, for the Lord has spoken:  
**All: I have called you by name; you are mine.**

❖ **HYMN #490** *Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters* BEACH SPRING

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Rev. Amy Heinrich

Merciful God,  
in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ.  
We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another.  
We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another.  
We allow the past to hold us captive.

In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin.  
Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.

*(Silence for personal confession.)*

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

❖ **GLORY TO GOD - HYMN #582** GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

❖ **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 OF CHRIST & BLESSING THE CHILDREN**

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

## **TABLE TALK**

## THE WORD

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE** *Isaiah 43:1-7*

HYMN #479

*Ho, All Who Thirst*

JACOB'S WELL

*(Refrain only: 1st time cantor, then congregation 2x)*

*Ho, all who thirst, come now to the water, and all whose souls are parched and weary, come and drink!  
Ho, all who thirst, come now to the water, and from your heart will flow a never failing spring!*

SECOND READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE *Luke 3:15-17; 21-22*

Stacey White

SERMON

*I Am With You*

Dr. Paulson

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

CONGREGATIONAL RENEWAL OF BAPTISM

THE STATEMENT OF THE GIFT OF BAPTISM

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND DEDICATION

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.**

OFFERING

*I'll Be With You*

Lee Dengler

Chancel Choir—David H. Edelfelt, director; Gloria Song, piano

❖ RENUNCIATION AND AFFIRMATION

Leader: Do you renounce evil, and its power in the world, which defies God's righteousness and love?

**People: I renounce them.**

Leader: Do you renounce the ways of sin that separate you from the love of God?

**People: I renounce them.**

Leader: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior?

**People: I do.**

Leader: Do you intend to be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word, and showing his love, to your life's end?

**People: I do.**

❖ THE APOSTLES' CREED

Leader: Do you believe in God the Father?

**People: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Ghost?

**People: I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

ACT OF RENEWAL

*Leaders will greet worshippers at stations to offer a "sprig" of water from the baptismal font—you may receive the water on your forehead or hands according to your gesture to receive. Ushers will release congregants by row.*

**Music of Renewal**

*Baptized in Water*  
Chapel Music Team

BUNESSAN

THE SENDING

❖ HYMN # 475

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

❖ CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Shall We Gather at the River*  
Chapel Music Team

Robert Lowry

# Community Notes

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

The flowers today are placed to the glory of God by Mary Russert in great appreciation for all those who contributed to the December online Advent devotions.

## Sunday, Jan. 12

- 10:00 AM 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 Junior & Senior High (Choir Room)
- 1:30 PM Green Oaks Senior Living Service (Offsite)
- 5:30 PM Youth Bells
- 7:00 PM Senior High Fellowship (Youth Lounge)

## Monday, Jan. 13

- 9:00 AM Habitat Quilting (Social Hall)
- 6:30 PM Vesper Bells
- 7:00 PM Business Affairs (Conference Room)
- 7:00 PM Deacons Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM Scout Troop 71 Meeting (Room 207)

## Tuesday, Jan. 14

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 7:00 PM Buildings & Grounds (Parlor)
- 7:30 PM Long Range Planning (Conference Rom)

## Wednesday, Jan. 15

- 7:30 AM Morning Bible Study (Zoom)
- 4:00 PM PADS Donation Drop Off
- 7:00 PM Christian Ed Committee (Zoom)
- 7:00 PM Stewardship Committee (Zoom)

## Thursday, Jan. 16

- 9:00 AM Bel Canto Ringers
- 9:00 AM Women's Disciple Bible Study (Conference 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)

## Friday, Jan. 17

- 6:45 PM Inquirers Class (Fellowship Hall)

## Saturday, Jan. 18

- 8:00 AM Mobile Food Pantry
- 9:00 AM Inquirers Class (Fellowship Hall)

## Sunday, Jan. 19

- 10:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM Sunday School Pre-K - 8th grade
- 11:00 AM Social Hour (Social Hall)
- 11:15 AM Third Grade Bible Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:15 AM Fourth & Fifth Grade Fellowship (Youth Lounge)
- 11:15 AM Alpha Chimers
- 11:15 AM Trinity Choir Junior & Senior High (Choir Room)
- 1:30 PM Sedgebrook Senior Living Worship Service (Offsite)
- 5:30 PM Youth Bells
- 6:00 PM Junior & Senior High Fellowship Combined (Youth Lounge)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Inquirers Class (Jan. 17 & 18)  
Third Grade Bible Presentation & Luncheon (Jan. 19)  
Fourth & Fifth Grade Fellowship (Jan. 19)  
“The Gift of Years” Book Study (Begins Jan. 20)  
Open Mic Coffeehouse Fundraiser (Jan. 26)  
SHF Stronghold Retreat (Jan. 31 – Feb. 2)

**Sunday School & Child Care:** Kids and youth in PreK-Grade 8 will be excused for Sunday School today at 10:15 AM. Caregiving is provided for kids ages birth through age 2 in the nursery and for ages 3-4 in the PreK-K caregiving room (105/106) for those kids who don't feel quite ready to participate in a Sunday School setting or sit through worship.

**New Book Study begins Jan. 20:** "The Gift of Years: Growing Older Gracefully" is a reflective and empowering book that explores the joys, challenges, and spiritual dimensions of aging. With wisdom and warmth, author Joan Chittister reframes aging as a rich and rewarding stage of life, full of opportunities for growth, purpose, and reflection. The book is ideal for older adults seeking to embrace aging with positivity and for those who want to better understand the experiences of their aging loved ones. The book study will be led by Rosemary Monahan. The group will meet on Zoom from 1:30-2:45 PM for seven weeks (Monday, March 20 – Monday, March 3). Sign up at [www.firstpreslibertyville.org](http://www.firstpreslibertyville.org).

**Open Mic Coffee House on Jan. 26 from 4-5:30 PM:** Come for fellowship, fun, and to share your talents with our youth group and congregation! We will be taking a free-will offering that will go towards SHF's summer retreat to Montreat and JHF's summer retreat to Quest.

**Deadline to RSVP for Inquirers Class:** If you've been worshipping with us and are thinking of becoming a member of First Pres, we invite you to attend our Inquirers Class. We're hoping to have a full class on Friday, Jan. 17 from 6:45 -8:45 PM and Saturday, Jan. 18 from 9:00-11:30 AM. Give us a call at 847-362-2174 to RSVP. Please let us know by the end of day tomorrow!

**Meal-A-Month Bags Available Today!** Please grab a grocery bag from a Deacon or in the Narthex after worship today. Fill it with the items listed or other non-perishable food items you wish to donate OR scan the below QR code. Your donations benefit the Libertyville Township and St. Joseph Food Pantries. Please return your filled bag or have online ordered items be delivered by the end of worship on **Sunday, January 19, 2025**. Thanks!

**Wiggly Worship Tables:** We are happy to announce some exciting changes that reflect our commitment to creating a vibrant and inclusive worship environment for families! With the permission of the Session, we've moved the chapel "Wiggly Worship" table to the front, ensuring our kids can engage more fully with the worship experience while giving families the opportunity to sit closer together. The tables in the sanctuary have also been nestled within the front pews, allowing families to be near their little ones and bringing those energetic kiddos right into the heart of the action!

**Third Grade Bibles on Jan. 19:** Do you have a third grader in your household? If so, this is the year they will receive a special Bible from the church. We'll gift them with their Bibles next Sunday. Afterward, we'll host your student and your family at a How-to-Read-Your-Bible luncheon where we'll go over some basics, as well as provide some fun ways to engage with this new Bible. Please RSVP by Monday! Email [mhuber@boxp.net](mailto:mhuber@boxp.net) or call the church at 847-362-2174.