



# WORSHIP

*Sanctuary*

February 2, 2025

*I have loved the stars too fondly to be fearful of the night. ~ Sarah Williams (1837-1868)*

## THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

*Pastorale*  
Bel Canto Ringers—Judy Brame, director

arr. Michael Mazzatenta

WELCOME

Rev. Brian Paulson

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP—*based upon Psalm 118*

The Bianco Family

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made!

**People: We will rejoice, and be glad in it!**

Leader: The Lord is our strength and our song; he has become our victory!

**People: You are our God, and we will praise you; You are our God, and we will exalt you.**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

**People: God's faithful loves endures forever!**

❖ HYMN #463

*How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Amy Heinrich

Almighty God,  
you love us, but we have not loved you.  
You call, but we have not listened.  
We walk away from neighbors in need,  
wrapped in our own concerns.  
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace,  
help us to admit our sin,  
so that as you come to us in mercy,  
we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ our redeemer.

*(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 OF CHRIST & BLESSING THE CHILDREN

*(As the congregation greets one another, PreK—5<sup>th</sup> grade children are welcomed by our teachers and depart for Sunday School; 6<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> will remain in worship.)*

## THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jennifer Bianco

FIRST READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

*Jeremiah 1:4-10*

❖ HYMN #177

*I Will Come to You*

YOU ARE MINE

SECOND READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE *1 Corinthians 13:1-13*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**—the Nicene Creed

**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 AND THE OFFERING****OFFERTORY***Psalm 121*

Charles Callahan

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

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.****Sanctus*****Holy, Holy, Holy*** (*sung in unison*)

Hymnal #552 (v. 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

*(Please note that communion is gluten free bread and grape juice so that there may be no barriers to the table)*

**The Great Mystery of Faith** *Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen* (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.**

## BREAKING THE BREAD

*Hold the bread so we may share it together as a sign of our unity in Christ.  
Drink the cup as it arrives as a sign of your individual communion with your Savior.*

**Music for Distribution of the Elements - This Is the Body of Christ**  
Congregation Sings

John Bell

Musical notation for the hymn 'This Is the Body of Christ' by John Bell. It consists of two staves of music in 3/8 time, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 3/8 time signature. The lyrics are: 'This is the bo-dy of Christ, \_\_\_ bro-ken that we may be whole; \_\_\_ this cup, as prom-ised by'. The second staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 3/8 time signature. The lyrics are: 'God, true to his word, cra-dles our Lord, \_\_\_ food for the good of the soul. \_\_\_'. There is a double bar line at the end of the second staff.

*I Am the Living Bread*  
Motet Choir; Gloria Song, piano

Antonio Caldara

## THE SENDING

### ❖ PRAYER OF RESPONSE

Leader: You have given yourself, Lord;

People: **Now we give ourselves for others,**

Leader: Your love has made us a new people;

People: **As a people of love we will serve you with joy.**

Leader: Your glory has filled our hearts

People: **Help us to glorify you in all things. Now send us out from our Lord's table to answer his summons into new life and to follow him with joy and gladness. Set our feet in his holy way, that our lives may be signs of his life and all we do may show forth his love. Amen.**

### ❖ HYMN #366

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

HYFRYDOL

### ❖ CHARGE AND BLESSING

#### POSTLUDE

*Ovation of Praise*  
Bel Canto Ringers

Arnold Sherman

❖ *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 are placed to the glory of God by Don and Joan Lennie in celebration of their daughter, Lisa Mehta's birthday. "Happy Birthday, Lisa!" and the rose on the organ is in celebration of the birth of Madeleine Samantha Bates, daughter of Anna Groebe and Jake Bates, born 1/23/25.

## Today—"Souper Bowl" Sunday

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 & Trinity Choir

3:30 PM First Pres Chamber Orchestra (Sanctuary)

4:00 PM Junior High Fellowship (Youth Lounge)

5:30 PM Youth Bells

## Next Sunday, Feb. 9—Annual Meeting

10:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary) & 10:15 AM Sunday School Pre-K - 8th grade

11:00 AM Annual Meeting (Sanctuary)

11:15 AM Alpha Chimers & Trinity Choir

4:00 PM Junior High Fellowship (Youth Lounge)

5:30 PM Youth Bells

6:30 PM Youth Leadership Team

7:00 PM Senior High Fellowship (Youth Lounge)

**Sunday School & Child Care:** Kids and youth in PreK-Grade 5 will be excused for Sunday School today at 10:15 AM. 6th–8th grade will remain in worship. 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.

**Annual Meeting:** The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held next Sunday immediately following worship. All members are encouraged to attend. Printed copies of both the Annual Report and the Addendum will be available in the narthex. Childcare will be provided.

**Let's tackle hunger in Lake County:** Each year, as football's best teams square off for the NFL championship, the Board of Deacons holds its annual Souper Bowl fundraiser aimed at tackling hunger in our community. Funds raised support the Holy Family Soup Kitchen and other hunger-focused ministries. This year, in addition to banging pots in the Narthex after worship today, we're asking for your help by making a donation via Realm. Use the QR code to go directly to the online giving form. Tech not your thing? You can also write a check payable to the church (write "Souper Bowl" on the memo line. Together, we'll fill stomachs, warm hearts, and give hope!

**New Ringers Welcome:** This morning you are hearing the Bel Canto Ringers. We are looking for a few new members—could that be you? If you have some background in reading music notation and are available to rehearse most Thursday mornings from 9-10:30 am, then we would love to talk to you. Please come up front after worship today or contact Judy Brame at [judybrame@gmail.com](mailto:judybrame@gmail.com) for more information. Next rehearsal cycle starts Feb. 13, so don't delay.

**PADS Food Collection:** Support Drop off on Wednesdays between 4-6 PM in the Sanctuary Narthex. Please visit [www.firstpreslibertyville.org](http://www.firstpreslibertyville.org) for the items that are needed.

**Job Openings:** We are currently seeking a Chapel Music Director and an Office Manager/Executive Assistant to the Pastor. Full job descriptions are available at [www.firstpreslibertyville.org](http://www.firstpreslibertyville.org)