



# WORSHIP

*Sanctuary*

**March 30, 2025—Fourth Sunday in Lent**

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; though my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. ~ Irish poem*

## THE GATHERING

### GATHERING MUSIC

*Bless This House*

arr. David Werden

Kendra and Annabelle Gohr, euphonium; Gloria Song, piano

### WELCOME

Alex Barnes, M.Div.

### ❖ CALL TO WORSHIP - *Colossians 1:17–18; Revelation 1:6–7*

Leader: In Christ all things hold together;

**People: he is head of the church and Lord of all.**

Leader: Jesus Christ is coming to reign.

**All: To God be glory forever and ever!**

### ❖ HYMN #264

*At the Name of Jesus*

KING'S WESTON

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Amy Heinrich

**Righteous God,  
you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.  
We confess that we have not bowed before him,  
and are slow to acknowledge his rule.  
We give allegiance to the powers of this world,  
and fail to be governed by justice and love.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all,  
that we may be loyal ambassadors,  
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

*(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

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder David Potts

FIRST READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE *Psalm 27*

### ANTHEM

*Zion's Walls*

arr. Aaron Copland

Kirk Ergang, soloist; Gloria Song, piano

SECOND READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE *Mark 1:9-15*

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Brian Paulson

### ❖ HYMN #373

*O Day of Peace* (v. 1)

JERUSALEM

### SERMON

*Jesus Reigns*

Dr. Paulson

## THE RESPONSE

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—Nicene Creed

*(Sung) We believe in one God,*

(Cantor) 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 God*

*(Sung) We believe in one God,*

(Cantor) We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
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.

*(Sung) We believe in one God,*

(Cantor) 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

❖ *(Sung) We believe in one God,*

*(Spoken) 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.*

*(Sung) We believe in one God,*

(Cantor) *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.*

*(Sung) We believe in one God,*

(Cantor) We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.

*(Sung) Amen.*

### 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

*How Can I Keep from Singing*  
Kirk Ergang, soloist; Gloria Song, piano

Robert Lowry

#### 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.**

❖ **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.*

## THE SENDING

- ❖ **HYMN #826** *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER
- ❖ **THE CHARGE AND BLESSING**
- ❖ **POSTLUDE** *Twelve* Mozart/Dishinger  
Kendra and Annabelle Gohr, euphonium
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- ❖ *Please rise in body or spirit.*

## **Community Notes**

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

### **Sunday, March 30**

- 10:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 AM Social Hour (Social Hall)
- 11:15 AM Alpha Chimers & Trinity Choir
- 5:30 PM Youth Bells

### **Monday, March 31**

- 2:00-7:00 PM Lenten Labyrinth (Social Hall)
- 2:00 PM "Hard & Holy Work" Lent Book Study (Social Hall)
- 6:00 PM "Hard & Holy work" Lent Book Study (Zoom)
- 7:00 PM Troop 71 Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

### **Tuesday, April 1**

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

### **Wednesday, April 2**

- 7:30 AM Morning Bible Study (Zoom)
- 12:00 PM "Lent of Liberation" Discussion (Zoom)
- 4:00-5:30 PM PADS Donation Drop Off
- 6:00 PM "Lent of Liberation" Discussion (Zoom)

### **Thursday, April 3**

- 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)

### **Sunday, April 6**

- 10:00 AM Communion Worship (Sanctuary & Chapel)
- 11:00 AM Social Hour (Social Hall)
- 11:00 AM Montreat Parent Meeting (Youth Lounge)
- 11:15 AM Alpha Chimers & Trinity Choir
- 11:45 AM Confirmation
- 4:00 PM Junior High Fellowship
- 5:30 PM Youth Bells
- 7:00 PM Senior High Fellowship

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Palm Sunday (April 13)
- Feed My Starving Children Packing Event (April 16)
- Maundy Thursday Service (April 17)
- Good Friday Service (April 18)
- Easter Sunday (April 20)
- Earth Care Sunday (April 27)
- Women's Spring Retreat (May 3)
- iConfirm Service & Celebration (May 10)

**Welcome Connie Acevedo!** We are thrilled to introduce Connie Acevedo as the new Executive Assistant to the Pastor. Connie resides in Mundelein with her husband, John, of 39 years. They have four children, two of whom live in Libertyville, and three wonderful grandchildren. Connie is looking forward to getting to know members of our congregation. Stop by and say hello when she's here during the week!

**Memorial Service for Paul Quillman:** The visitation and memorial service for Paul Quillman is next Saturday, April 5 here at First Pres, beginning with a visitation at 11 AM in the Narthex. This will be followed by a memorial service at 12 PM in the Sanctuary. After the service, a reception will be held at 1 PM in Social Hall.

**Sunday School & Child Care: Kids and youth will remain in worship today.** 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 sit through worship.

**Spring Cleaning? We need men's pants!** Legacy Reentry Foundation, one of our CARE community bridge partners, has a boutique for people re-entering society. They are in real need of men's pants—anything from sweat pants to suit pants, all sizes, as long as they are clean and in good repair. Simply drop them off in marked bins under coat racks outside the sanctuary today or tomorrow. Thank you!

**Easter Flower Dedications:** Honor a loved one by dedicating an Easter plant! See Parish Life and our website ([www.firstpreslibertyville.org](http://www.firstpreslibertyville.org)) for details.

**Spring Harvest:** Our deacons are challenging you to 'Help Make It Rain Donations' throughout the month of April as part of our Spring Harvest: Feed the Need drive. The goal is to collect 1000 items through donations. Donation options include: bringing a bag of items to the church narthex at the designated table, scanning the QR code on the flyer in the Narthex to order items through Amazon for delivery to the church or donating monetarily through Realm.

All donations will benefit the Libertyville and Saint Joseph's food pantries. This will be the only time we will collect donations for the food pantries this year as our spring harvest drive will be replacing our former meal-a-month program. Please consider giving often or generously this April.

**Lenten Labyrinth:** Join us every Monday during Lent from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Social Hall for a peaceful labyrinth walk.

**Caregiver Support Group:** The Caregiver Support Group is back! Their next meeting is on Monday, April 14 at 7:00 PM via Zoom. This group is a sanctuary for those caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's, dementia, or other chronic illnesses such as COPD, stroke, cancer, and more. Learn more and sign up at [www.firstpreslibertyville.org/prayers-and-support/](http://www.firstpreslibertyville.org/prayers-and-support/) or call the church at 847-362-2174.

**PADS Food Collection:** Drop off on Wednesdays between 4-5:30 PM in the Sanctuary Narthex. Please visit [www.firstpreslibertyville.org](http://www.firstpreslibertyville.org) for the items that are needed.

**Flower Calendar: Honor** a loved one or celebrate a special occasion by dedicating a Sunday morning floral arrangement. Sign up at [www.firstpreslibertyville.org](http://www.firstpreslibertyville.org) or call the church at 847-362-2174. Cost: \$45 per arrangement.