



WORSHIP

Sanctuary



April 13, 2025—Palm Sunday

*Every year everything I have ever learned in my lifetime leads back to this:
the fires and the black river of loss whose other side is salvation. ~ Mary Oliver*

THE GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

Jubilation

Mary Kay Parrish

Vesper Bells— Gloria Song, director

WELCOME

Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Nolan Villarreal

Leader: Open to us the gates of righteousness, that we may enter and give thanks to God.

All: **We thank you, God, that you have answered our cries and have become our salvation.**

Leader: God's steadfast love endures forever.

All: **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

❖ HYMN #197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of love,
whose gracious Son
rode into a city which hailed him and then rejected him,
we confess our response to Christ is also wavering and changeable.
Our faith is unsteady and our resolution frail.
Though we offer him the praise of our lips,
often we have withheld from him the loyalty of our lives.

Forgive us, we pray.

Fashion in us a more constant devotion to the best that we know.

Lift us to higher levels of unfaltering allegiance and steadfast love.

Keep the road into our hearts open for Christ.

Grant us grace to say,

“Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!”

(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, children are welcomed by our Sunday School teachers and depart for Sunday School.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Wren Frey

FIRST READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Psalm 130

ANTHEM

Palm Sunday Hosanna

Jennette Threlfall/arr. Joel Raney

Chancel choir—David H. Edelfelt, director; Faith choir—Gloria Song, director, flute, Sheryl Devore;
hand bells, Bonnie Rhodes, Anna Groebe, Elizabeth Wagner; Kitty Snyder, piano

❖ HYMN #82

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

SERMON

We Look

Dr. Paulson

THE RESPONSE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—*The Nicene Creed*

(Sung) *We believe in one God,*
(Choir) 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,*
(Choir) 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,*
(Choir) 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,*
(Choir) 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,*
(Choir) *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,*
(Spoken) **We look for the resurrection of the dead,**
and the life of the world to come.

(Choir) Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
(Sung) *Amen.*

TABLE TALK

SESSION REPORT

Elder Liz White

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

View the Present Through the Promise
Chancel Choir; Gloria Song, organ

Thomas H. Troeger/Roy Hopp

❖ 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.*

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.

THE SENDING

❖ HYMN #198

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

ST. DROSTANE

❖ THE CHARGE

THE MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

❖ THE BLESSING

❖ *Please rise in body or spirit.*

Community Notes

Calendar: www.firstpreslibertyville.org/calendar Parish Life: www.firstpreslibertyville.org

JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY

April 13: Palm Sunday Worship at 10 AM in the Sanctuary and Chapel

April 17: Maundy Thursday Service at 5:30 PM in the Chapel

April 18: Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary

April 20: Easter Sunday Worship at 9:00 & 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary

Sunday, April 13—Palm Sunday

10:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary & Chapel) & 10:15 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers (Sanctuary)

11:00 AM Social Hour (Social Hall)

11:15 AM Alpha Chimers & Trinity Choir

11:15 AM First through-Third Friends (Youth Lounge)

1:30 PM Green Oaks Worship Service (Offsite)

4:00 PM Junior High Fellowship (Youth Lounge)

5:30 PM Youth Bells

6:30 PM Youth Leadership Meeting (Youth Lounge)

Monday, April 14

9:00 AM Habitat Quilting (Social Hall)

1:00-7:00 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)

6:30 PM Vesper Bells

7:00 PM Caregiver Support Group (Zoom)

7:00 PM Deacon Meeting

7:00 PM Troop 71 Meeting (Social Hall)

Tuesday, April 15

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

7:00 PM Stephen Ministry Training (Dougherty Room)

Wednesday, April 16

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)

6:30 PM Motet Choir (Sanctuary)

7:30 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, April 17—Maundy Thursday

9:00 AM Bel Canto Ringers
9:00 AM Women's Disciple Bible Study (Conference Room)
5:30 PM Maundy Thursday Worship (Chapel)

Friday, April 18—Good Friday

12:00 PM Office Closes at Noon
3:30 PM Chamber Choir Rehearsal
7:30 PM Good Friday Tenebrae Service (Sanctuary)

Saturday, April 19

8:00 AM Mobile Food Pantry

Sunday, April 20—Easter Sunday

9:00 AM Easter Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt (Dougherty Room)
11:00 AM Easter Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
1:30 PM Sedgebrook Senior Living Worship (Offsite)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Earth Care Worship & Frog Lady Eco-Fair (April 27)
Women's Spring Retreat at Prairie Crossing Farm (May 3)
iConfirm Service & Party (May 10)
Chancel Choir Major Work (May 11)
Confirmation & Baccalaureate (May 18)

Please stay after worship for a brief Congregational Meeting to elect officers.

Easter Dedications: Today is the deadline to purchase your Easter plant dedication. Sign up at www.firstpreslibertyville.org.

Sunday School: Kids and youth in PreK through 8th Grade are invited to Sunday School 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 participate in a Sunday School setting or sit through worship.

Spring Harvest: The deacons are running a food drive to benefit Libertyville and St. Joseph's food pantries. Food and monetary donations will be collected the entire month of April in the Narthex. The Spring Harvest program is replacing the Meal-A-Month program. As this will be the only deacon-led food drive for the entirety of this year, we urge you to give generously.

Earth Care Sunday: Don't miss the special worship service on Sunday, April 27. After worship, join us in Social Hall for our Eco-Fair featuring the Frog Lady and her friends.

Women's Spring Retreat: The Early Bird rate is still available for the Women's Spring Retreat "Rooted" on Saturday, May 3 from 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM at the Prairie Crossing Farm in Grayslake. Learn more and register at www.firstpreslibertyville.org.

iConfirm Service & Party on Saturday, May 10: Come meet our confirmation students at a special service where they share the scripture passages they've memorized and explain why the scripture is meaningful to them. Everyone in the congregation is invited! Please help spread the word—we'd love to see a big turnout this year!