



WORSHIP

Sanctuary

June 22, 2025

*Have courage for the great sorrow of life and patience for the smaller ones;
and when you have laboriously accomplished your daily task, go to sleep in peace. God is awake. ~ Victor Hugo*

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Everlyn's
CWM Rhondda ("Guide Me O Thou, Great Jehovah")
Gloria Song, organ

arr. Alan Viner
arr. Malcolm Archer

WELCOME

Rev. Brian Paulson

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP - 2 Corinthians 13:13, Galatians 3:27; Ephesians 4:4 Elder Gail Starr, Deacon Lisa Jersild

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

All: **There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.**

❖ HYMN #298

Lord, You Give the Great Commission (vv. 1, 2 & 5)

ABBOT'S LEIGH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Alex Barnes, M.Div.

Mighty and merciful God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling. We have been timid and frightened disciples, forgetful of your powerful presence and the strength of your Spirit among us. O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. As you have chosen us and claimed us in our baptism, strengthen us anew to choose Christ's way in this world. Give us your Holy Spirit that each one in ministry may be provided with all the gifts of grace needed to fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

(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

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

There Is a Joy
June Choir - David H. Edelfelt, director; Gloria Song, organ

Robert Leaf

❖ 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.***

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

Rev. Amy Heinrich

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TABLE TALK

PRAYERS FOR INTERCESSION, ILLUMINATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley

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 WORD

READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE *Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16 (CEB)*

Sadie Gibson

*An NRSV pew Bible is available for your convenience.
You may access other versions using your mobile device at biblegateway.com.*

- ❖ **GATHERING SONG – HYMN #62** *Love The Lord Your God* GREAT COMMANDMENT
(As the congregation stands to sing, children are invited forward.)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley, Elder Sally Kowal

THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

We give you this Bible as a foundation for your growing faith, and so that the Word of God will light your path. Along with your family, we promise to pray for you, to help form you in our shared faith, and to celebrate the gifts that God has given you. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we promise all these things in the guiding love of Christ.

- ❖ **SONG OF BLESSING - HYMN #62** *Love The Lord Your God* GREAT COMMANDMENT
SERMON *Spiritual Encouragement* Dr. Paulson

THE RESPONSE

- ANTHEM** *Make Me a Christian, Lord* arr. Jody W. Lindh
June Choir; Gloria Song, organ

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Opening Litany

One: Friends, in their baptism, these people to be ordained and installed were clothed with Christ and are now called by God through the voice of the church to the office of Deacon and Elder.

All: We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God's particular call to these officers.

One: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

All: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

One: God works through each person in a unique way,

All: but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

One: Each one is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

All: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

The Presentation

The Constitutional Questions

Request for Prayer

- ❖ Prayer of Thanksgiving, Ordination and Installation
❖ The Charge to New Officers

THE SENDING

❖ HYMN #295

Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE

❖ CHARGE AND BLESSING

❖ POSTLUDE

Laudation

Gilbert Martin

Gloria Song, organ

You are welcome to leave in silence during the postlude. Meet and greet joyfully in our Social Hour!

❖ *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

The flowers are placed to the glory of God by Tony and Karen Cacich in joyful celebration of their daughter Amanda Catherine's marriage to Matthew James Davy on June 21; and by the Clerk of Session with great admiration and appreciation for the generous and loving leadership of the 2025 class of Elders.

Sunday, June 22 - Ordination & Installation

10:00 AM Combined Worship (Sanctuary)
11:00 AM Cake reception in honor of New Members (Social Hall)
11:15 AM Church Partnership Task Force (Conference Room)
11:20 AM "Tending the Wild Garden" Book Study (Library)

Tuesday, June 24

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
7:00 PM Stephen Ministry Training (Dougherty Room)

Wednesday, June 25

7:30 AM Morning Bible Study (Zoom)
4:00–5:30 PM PADS Donation Drop Off
7:30 PM CARE Meeting (Social Hall)

Thursday, June 26

7:30 PM June Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday, June 27

7:30 PM Cole Porter Show (Chapel)

Saturday, June 28

7:30 AM Men's Sounding Board (Conference Room & Zoom)

Sunday, June 29

10:00 AM Combined Worship (Sanctuary)
11:00 AM Social Hour (Social Hall)
11:20 AM "Tending the Wild Garden" Book Study (Library)

Upcoming Events

Cole Porter Show (June 27)
Drive for Independence (June 29)
Bluegrass Sunday (July 6)
Courtyard Convos (Sundays in July)
Flower Fest Sunday (July 20)

Welcome New Members

Patrick & Carol Campbell of Mundelein
Al & Holli DeVon of Libertyville
Don & Joan Lennie of Lake Forest

Nurse & Pre-K: Caregiving is available throughout the summer for children from birth to age 2 in the nursery, and for ages 3–4 in the PreK–K room (Room 105/106). This is a great option for little ones who may not be quite ready to sit through the full service.

Cole Porter Concert on June 27: David Edelfelt and Elizabeth Doyle are bringing their new Cole Porter Show “Too Darn Hot” to First Pres on Friday, June 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel. Nationally renowned singers Elizabeth and David - joined by Andy Danckers on bass and Ed Koehler on percussion - will bring their prodigious talents to the music of one of America's most prolific and beloved composers, sharing many of your favorite songs.

From the family of Cole Porter: “As Cole’s cousins, we have heard countless performers present his intricate rhymes and story-telling tunes. The Doyle & Edelfelt show was among the best we’ve ever heard.” Don't miss this rare opportunity to revel in the wit, sophistication and genius of this iconic music! No reservations or tickets necessary - bring a friend!

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

Flower Dedication Calendar: Honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion with a beautiful floral arrangement in our worship spaces on Sunday mornings. To make your dedication, simply fill out the form below or call us at 847-362-2174. The cost is \$45.

Sermon Podcasts: Podcasts of previous Sunday sermons are available on the listening platform of your choice, including Spotify, Apple, and YouTube Music. The links are also available on our website at www.firstpreslibertyville.org/podcasts. New podcasts are generally uploaded midweek.

C.A.R.E. Summer Book Read: Discussions of “The Distance Between Us” by Reyna Grande will be held on Sunday, August 24 at 11:30 a.m. in the Dougherty Room and Wednesday, August 27 from 7-8:15 p.m. on Zoom.