



WORSHIP

Sanctuary

October 12, 2025 - Indigenous Peoples' Sunday

THE GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

I Walk in Beauty "Yo-shi Nai"

Traditional melodies

Recorder ensemble - Suzanne Jozwiak, LeAnn Malecha, Kelly Meyer, Sharon Price;

Percussion - Robin Frey, Martin Frey, Kirk Townander

The Dine' (Navajo) Enemy Way Song, "Yo-shi nai," is a social dance meaning "Come and dance."

The Enemy Way is a healing ceremony originally for warriors returning from a foreign war.

The round, "I Walk In Beauty," is based on a Dine' text and uses a traditional melody.

WELCOME

Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Rosie Maxie

Leader: God of living water,

People: amid all that parches our souls and drains our hearts of joy,

Leader: we pray for refreshment and renewal.

People: Fill us with your Holy Spirit until our delight overflows into praise and we cannot contain ourselves,

Leader: running to tell your good news, alive with the presence of Jesus the Christ.

All: Thanks be to God!

❖ HYMN #53

O God, Who Gives Us Life

NOEL

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Brian Paulson

Jesus, friend of all,
once again, we come to you knowing
our words have stung,
our actions have harmed,
and our indifference has let evil have its day.
Our hearts yearn for you,
our souls thirst for you,
yet we do not imitate you in our lives.
We scorn those who are different from us,
and relish our own comfort.
Once again, forgive us, O God.
Give us your living water,
that we might tell the world
all you have done for us.

(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)*

Hymn #581

❖ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST & BLESSING THE CHILDREN

As the congregation greets one another, children are invited to join our Sunday School teachers and depart for Sunday School.

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY - Stewardship

Session Elder Carol Braunschweig

THE WORD

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

ANTHEM

Isaiah 44:3

Jackson Berkey

Chancel Choir; David H. Edelfelt, director; Gloria Song, organ, Kitty Snyder, piano

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lily Maxie

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE *John 4:5-42 (First Nations Version)*

❖ HYMN #479

Ho, All Who Thirst, vv. 1 & 3

JACOB'S WELL

SERMON

The Giver of Life

Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley

THE RESPONSE

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - *First Presbyterian Church Land Acknowledge Statement*

The land that First Presbyterian Church of Libertyville stands on today was stewarded by hundreds of generations of Native Peoples dating back at least 10,000 years, including the Peoria, Myaamia (Miami), Ojibwe (Anishinaabe), Hoocąk (Ho-Chunk), and Kiikaapoi (Kickapoo).

Most recently, Lake County was home to the Bodéwadmi, or Potawatomi Nation, a society centered around villages where people practiced agriculture, hunting, trapping, and artistic crafts. By the late 1700s, the Potawatomi people oversaw a vast network in present-day Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan, trading furs and using local waterways like the Des Plaines River and trails like the Milwaukee Trace (Milwaukee Road) for transportation. The Potawatomi are still known today for their intricate beadwork designs and sleek birchbark canoes.

As white colonizers entered the area in the early 1800s, the Potawatomi people were forced to cede the land on which they lived and move west of the Mississippi River after signing the 1833 Treaty of Chicago. This removal, which began when the U.S. Senate ratified the treaty in 1835, was brutally managed. As a result, the Nation was scattered, and many people died along the way. Thirty-four years later, our church was founded in Libertyville.

Today, the Potawatomi Nation has established bands in Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Kansas, and Ontario. In addition, the Chicago area is home to one of the largest urban Native populations in the country, representing over a hundred different tribes.

With this acknowledgment, we seek God's wisdom and guidance as we lament the sins of colonization and the generational harm done to Native Peoples, both in the past and in the present. We work to counteract Indigenous erasure, respect Native sovereignty, and be good stewards of the land. We strive through word and deed to build Beloved Community for all God's children.

We speak these words in short form regularly in worship and other activities at First Presbyterian Church of Libertyville as an expression of God's abundant love for all people. By adopting, repeating, and reconsidering these words, we also hope to foster justice and grow Beloved Community now and in the future.

TABLE TALK

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Rev. Maricela Gonzalez Rubio
interpreter: Carmen Lago

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

Esto Les Digo

Kinley Lange

Chancel Choir; Becky Nelson, soloist; Gloria Song, organ

❖ 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 #36 *For the Fruit of All Creation* AR HYD Y NOS
- ❖ CHARGE AND BLESSING
- ❖ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #543 *O Christ, Surround Me* GREEN TYLER



- ❖ *Please rise in body or spirit.*

IN MINISTRY TOGETHER

Ministers	The Congregation
Officers	The Session and the Board of Deacons
Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Paulson
Associate Pastor	The Rev. Amy Heinrich (<i>in Chapel today</i>)
Associate Pastor	The Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley
Pastoral Resident	Alex Barnes, M.Div. (<i>in Chapel today</i>)
Music, Department Head	Gloria Song

A complete list of our staff team is found at FirstPresLibertyville.org



Church Calendar: www.firstpreslibertyville.org/calendar

Community Notes

Today - Indigenous Peoples Sunday

- 10:00 AM Worship in the Chapel & Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM Sunday School PreK-5th Grade
- 11:00 AM Social Hour (Social Hall & Courtyard)
- 11:15 AM Cuba Conversation with Pastora Maricela (Chapel)
- 12:15 PM First through Third Friends
- 4:00 PM JHF & SHF Barnyard Bash (Offsite)

Next Sunday

- 10:00 AM Worship in the Chapel & Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM Sunday School PreK-8th Grade
- 11:00 AM Fall Fest Social Hour (Social Hall & Courtyard)
- 4:00 PM Junior High Fellowship (Youth Lounge & Social Hall)
- 6:00 PM Love Every Neighbor (Fellowship Hall)



Parish Life Newsletter: www.firstpreslibertyville.org

UPCOMING

Combined Committee Meetings (Oct. 14)
Mobile Food Pantry Volunteering (Oct. 18)
Women's Fall Retreat (Oct. 18)
Love Every Neighbor (Oct. 19)
Inquirers Class (Nov. 9)
Men's Overnight Retreat (Nov. 21-22)

Cuba Conversation: Join us after worship today to meet Rev. Maricela Gonzalez Rubio from our partner church in San Nicolás de Bari, Cuba! She will be with us in the sanctuary for worship, then continue the conversation over coffee in the Chapel at 11:15 AM, sharing stories from her congregation and insights into life in Cuba. Come curious and bring your questions!

Winter Clothing Drive: Help keep our neighbors warm this winter! Gently used or new winter clothing (coats, snow pants, mittens, hats) can be dropped off in the sanctuary narthex or chapel entryway through October 16. All donations will be shared with families in need at the Mobile Food Pantry on Saturday, October 18.

Love Every Neighbor: LGBTQ+ Perspectives: Join us next Sunday, October 19 to learn and consider the lived experiences of our LGBTQ+ neighbors through a faith lens. Pizza and salad will be served from 6:00-6:30 PM and the program will run from 6:30-7:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Visit www.firstpreslibertyville.org to register.

Women's Retreat: A few spots are still open for the "Women's Fall Retreat: Finding Balance" on October 18 at Ragdale, Lake Forest. Enjoy gentle yoga (chair options available), prayer, conversation, a contemplative walk, reflection, and a shared meal. Sign up at www.firstpreslibertyville.org.

Feed Our Youth! Shared meals are a key part of our Youth Groups' new format this year, and you can help! Sign up to provide a Sunday dinner through our **Meal Train**. Details are in **Parish Life**!

Help with Sunday School: Even if you can't commit every week, helping once or twice a year makes a big difference! Extra hands mean lighter prep for teachers and more support for kids. You can teach, assist, or serve as a "superintendent" (checking in on classes and helping with supplies). A short training course, background check, and online DCFS course (every three years) are required. Interested? Contact Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley!

Men's Overnight Retreat: Men of all ages are invited to the Men's Overnight Retreat with Rev. Dr. Phil Butin, November 21–22 at the Siena Retreat Center in Racine, WI. Together we'll step away from daily demands to explore how Christ-like qualities of humility, servanthood, and vulnerability can shape our lives at work, at home, and in our church. Registration is now open! Sign up at www.firstpreslibertyville.org.

Flower Dedications: Honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion with a \$45 floral arrangement in the Sanctuary or Chapel. You may take the flowers home after worship or donate them for delivery to someone on our prayer list. Gifts to the flower fund also support Sundays that don't have flower dedications. To sign up, use the form in the pews, fill out the link on our website or call the church office at 847-362-2174.

PADS Food Collection: Donations may be dropped off on Wednesdays between 4:00 and 5:30 PM in the Sanctuary Narthex. Please see www.firstpreslibertyville.org for items needed.