



HOLIDAY MAJOR WORK

Sunday, December 7 at 10:00 AM

GLORIA

BY PUCCINI

CHANCEL CHOIR
& ORCHESTRA

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF
LIBERTYVILLE

2nd Sunday in Advent

The Advent mystery is the beginning of the end of all in us that is not yet Christ.

~ Thomas Merton

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A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

The Order of Worship

~ December 7, 2025 ~

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10:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Noel Nouvelet ("Now the Green Blade Rises")
Chuck Finton, trumpet; Gloria Song, organ

French Carol, arr. S. Pethel

WELCOME

Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley

♦ ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

The Christian Family

Leader: We light the first candle of Hope, as witness to God's faithful nearness and promise-fulfilling love.

People: Where fear narrows our vision, let this light widen our sight.

Leader: We light the candle of Peace.

People: Peace that cannot be seen by eyes or felt by human hands.

Leader: But prophetic peace that lives within us, that is the promise of a liberation-birthing, truth-telling God in flesh.

People: For the Mighty one has lifted us up, beyond our humble state, above and beyond our foes and for all generations to call us blessed.

♦ OPENING HYMN #129

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ES IST EIN' ROS'

PRAYER OF THE DAY 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.

♦ PASSING THE PEACE

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE *Isaiah 11:1-10*

SENDING WITH GRACE- HYMN #95 *Prepare the Way of the Lord*

PREPARE THE WAY

Children are welcomed by our Sunday School teachers and depart for Sunday School.

Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord, and all people will see the salvation of our God.

(choir to sing first, then congregation)

THE SECOND READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE *Philippians 4:2-9*

SERMON

Prophetic Peace

Dr. Paulson

THE RESPONSE

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

TABLE TALK

MOMENT FOR MISSION - Giving Tree

OFFERTORY

Savior of the Nations, Come
Gloria Song, organ

arr. Paul Manz

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

♦ PRAISE GOD (*The Doxology*)

OLD HUNDRETH

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.***

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gloria from Messe di Gloria

by Giacomo Puccini (1858-1924)

Chancel Choir and Orchestra—David H. Edelfelt, director

Gloria in excelsis Deo Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam tuam.	Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace to all those of good will. We praise thee. We bless thee. We adore thee. We glorify thee. We give thanks to thee according to gloriam thy great glory.
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. have	Lord God, King of heaven, God the Father almighty. Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. Thou who takest away the sins of the world, mercy upon us.
Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, Miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus,	Thou who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For Thou alone art holy
Tu solus Dominus. Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe, Cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.	Thou alone art the Lord. Thou alone art most high, Jesus Christ, With the Holy Spirit in in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE SENDING

♦ THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

- ♦ *Please stand in body or in spirit, as you are comfortable.*

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
Associate Pastor	The Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley
Pastoral Resident	Alex Barnes, M.Div.
Music, Department Head	Gloria Song

ORCHESTRA

<u>Timpani</u> Ed Koehler	<u>Violin I</u> Pam Lutter Jasmine Horton Karen Nelson	<u>Violin II</u> Natalie Frakes Cathy Schmidt Nina Saito	<u>Organ</u> Gloria Song
<u>Viola</u> Tom Bowling Christine Due	<u>Cello</u> Elizebeth Anderson	<u>Bass</u> Jim Batson	<u>Trumpet I</u> Chuck Finton
<u>Trumpet II</u> Greg Fudala	<u>Trombone I</u> Dan Sartori	<u>Trombone II</u> Kendra Gohr	<u>French Horn 1</u> Emma Spencer
	<u>French Horn II</u> Fritz Foss		

Community Notes



Church Calendar: www.firstpreslibertyville.org/calendar

Today (Dec. 7)

10:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary (Major Work)
10:15 AM Sunday School Pre-K-8th Grade
11:00 AM Social Hour (Social Hall)
4:00 PM Junior High Youth Group

Wednesday, Dec. 10

6:45 PM Ecumenical Advent Reception (Social Hall)
7:30 PM Ecumenical Advent Service (Chapel)

Sunday, Dec. 14

10:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary (Christmas Pageant)
10:00 AM Giving Tree Packages Due
11:00 AM Christmas Cookie Reception (Social Hall)
4:00 PM Senior High Youth Group



Parish Life Newsletter: www.firstpreslibertyville.org

Flower dedications: The flowers today are placed to the glory of God by Becky Nelson with grateful thanks to David Edelfelt for his musical, spiritual, and interpersonal leadership for today's major work.

UPCOMING

Ecumenical Advent Service (Dec. 10)
PADS Christmas Party (Dec. 13)
Christmas Pageant & Cookie Reception (Dec. 14)
Giving Tree Packages Due (Dec. 14)
Mobile Food Pantry (Dec. 20)
Christmas Eve Services at 4, 7 & 10 PM (Dec. 24)
Christmas Carol Sing (Dec. 28)

Ecumenical Advent Service on Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 6:45 PM: Join us at our *Table of Refuge* as we reflect on the Christmas story—on Jesus, born as a refugee, who became our refuge. This candlelight communion service offers a sacred space to experience holiness amid the busyness of the season.