



WORSHIP

Sanctuary

February 1, 2026

PRELUDE

THE GATHERING

Faithfulness

Jubilate Bells - Gloria Song, director

arr. William Runyan

WELCOME

Rev. Amy Heinrich

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come to worship to remember who we are and whose we are.

People: **We come to be turned around from the values of this world to the values of the Gospel.**

Leader: We come with our laments and our longings for a better world.

People: **We come to imagine an alternative reality in which love is the law of the land.**

All: Let us worship God, who claims us, reorients us and gives us a vision of a more excellent way to live.

❖ HYMN #372

O For a World AZMON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we confess that the world we are living in tries to invert our values. The power of love is called weakness. The power of hate is called strength. The craziness of this world is called wisdom and your wisdom is called foolish.

Forgive us, O' God, when we turn to the twisted values of our society—the fleeting fads, the cultural bias that “might makes right” and the distorted “truths” of those who spout off on social media to guide us rather than listening to your “foolish” wisdom, that is the only thing that has the true power to save us.

SONG OF CONFESSION - HYMN #345 *In an Age of Twisted Values* (vv. 1, 2)

CHURCH UNITED

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

THE WORD

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Vanessa Griffin

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:1-12 (NRSVue)

ANTHEM

Ubi Caritas (Where Charity and Love Are, God is There)
Chancel Choir - David H. Edelfelt, director

Maurice Durufle

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

SERMON

Foolish Wisdom

Rev. Amy Heinrich

THE RESPONSE

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

TABLE TALK

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Confirmation Service Project

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE AND THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Cantique de Jean Racine

Chancel Choir; Gloria Song, piano; Kendra Gohr, euphonium

Gabriel Faure

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Sanctus (*sung in unison*)

Hymnal #552 (v. 1)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

The Great Mystery of Faith (*sung in unison*)

Hymnal #553

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(Please note that communion is gluten free bread and grape juice so that there may be no barriers to the table.)

Hold the bread so we may share it together as a sign of our unity in Christ.

Drink the cup as it arrives as a sign of your individual communion with your Savior.

Music for Distribution of the Elements

HYMN #537

When at This Table

FEASTDAY

THE SENDING

❖ PRAYER OF RESPONSE

Loving God,
you graciously feed us,
who have received these holy mysteries,
with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation. May we who have received this sacrament,
be strengthened in your service;
we who have sung your praises
tell of your glory and truth;
we who have seen the greatness of your love
see you face to face in your kingdom.
For you have made us your own people
by the death and resurrection of your Son our Lord and by the life-giving power of your Spirit. Amen.

❖ HYMN #731

Give Thanks for Those Faith Is Firm

REPTON

❖ CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Come, Christians Join to Sing
Jubilate Bells

Matthew Campton

❖ 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 (<i>in Chapel today</i>)
Associate Pastor	The Rev. Amy Heinrich
Associate Pastor	The Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley (<i>in Chapel today</i>)
Pastoral Resident	Alex Barnes, M.Div.
Music, Department Head	Gloria Song

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

Community Notes

Flower Dedication: The flowers in the sanctuary are placed to the glory of God by Joan and Don Lennie in honor of their daughter, Lisa Mehta's birthday on February 2.

Church Calendar & Parish Life Newsletter: www.firstpreslibertyville.org

Sunday, February 1

10:00 AM Communion Worship in the Sanctuary & Chapel
10:15 AM Sunday School Pre-K-8th grade
11:00 AM Souper Bowl Fundraiser (Narthex)
11:00 AM Social Hour & "One Tree Planted" Fundraiser (Social Hall)
11:15 AM Third Grade Bible Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
4:00 PM Youth Group (grades 6-12)

Sunday, February 8 - Annual Meeting

10:00 AM Sunday Worship-Combined-Sanctuary
10:15 AM Sunday School Pre-K-4th grade
11:00 AM Annual Meeting of the Congregation-Sanctuary
4:00 PM Youth Group (grades 6-12)

Annual Meeting: Join us next Sunday, February 8 at 11:00 AM in the sanctuary for our Annual Meeting of the Congregation. All members are encouraged to attend. Childcare through 4th grade will be provided in rooms 105/106. The Annual Report was emailed on Friday to active members. Printed copies of both the Annual Report and the Appendices are available in the narthex.



Let's tackle hunger in Lake County: Each year, as football's best teams square off for the NFL championship, the Board of Deacons holds its annual Souper Bowl fundraiser aimed at tackling hunger in our community. Funds raised support the Holy Family Soup Kitchen and other hunger-focused ministries. The Deacons will be banging pots in the Narthex after worship today! You may also give online via Realm, by check/cash in the collection plate, or by using the QR code.

Volunteer Appreciation Sunday: Join us on Sunday, February 15, as we give thanks to our volunteers. We'll celebrate together in worship and then invite everyone to continue the celebration with brunch in Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

Lent Devotion Writers: This Lent, we invite you to lend your voice to our church's annual devotional series. Our theme, *Hymns of Lent and Easter*, will explore the prayers we sing—songs of lament, hope, repentance, and resurrection that have carried our faith through generations. Whether a hymn has shaped your spirituality, sustained you through a hard season, or opened your heart to new joy, your reflection matters. Writers of all ages and experience levels are welcome. Email abarnes@boxp.net to sign up and help our congregation journey toward Easter, one hymn at a time!

Ash Wednesday: Join us in the sanctuary on Wednesday, February 18, at 7:00 PM for Ash Wednesday worship, marking the beginning of the Lenten season. Rev. Amy Heinrich will preach "From Ashes, We Rise Together", and the service will conclude with the imposition of ashes, inviting us into a time of reflection and preparation for Easter.

Did you know? Each year our church shares in the life and work of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) through a *per capita* contribution to the PC(USA) and the Presbytery of Chicago. For 2026, the amount is \$38.00 per member. Per capita supports our shared responsibility for church governance and mission, funds leadership and oversight at the General Assembly, Synod, and Presbytery levels, and sustains essential ministries such as pastoral care and conflict resolution. It also connects us to the broader mission of our denomination. You'll see this amount listed on your statement as a reminder to reimburse the church for your portion of this shared commitment.

Jesus' Alternative Plan: The Sermon on the Mount : This Lent, go deeper into the surprising blessings of the Beatitudes with a book study on *Jesus' Alternative Plan: The Sermon on the Mount* by Fr. Richard Rohr. You're invited to read along, but advance reading is **not required** to participate. Each week, Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley will offer brief chapter summaries and guide the group into thoughtful conversation around the book's themes and emphases.

Class meets Mondays in Lent: Feb 23, March 2, March 9, March 16, March 23 & March 30

2:00 PM — in person, Dougherty Room

6:00 PM — on Zoom

Please **RSVP by Thursday, February 19** to receive all the details, including weekly reading selections and Zoom information. The link is available on our website and in Parish Life.