



WORSHIP

Chapel

March 1, 2026 – Second Sunday in Lent

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

GATHERING SONG

Ashes
Chapel Music Team – Adam Hendrickson, director

Ingram & Fieldes

WELCOME

Rev. Amy Heinrich

SONGS OF PRAISE

Great Are You Lord

Leonard, Ingram, & Jordan

CONFESSION OF SIN

Rev. Amy Heinrich

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SONGS OF RESPONSE - #741

Guide My Feet (v. 1)

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PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST AND BLESSING THE CHILDREN

Rev. Amy Heinrich

As the congregation greets one another, children are welcomed by our Sunday School teachers and depart for Sunday School.

SUMMARY OF GOD'S COMMANDS

Rev. Brian Paulson

ENCOUNTER WITH 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

Mary Kovatch

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 61:1-4 (NRSVue)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:4 (NRSVue)

SERMON

The Unexpected Blessing of Grief

Rev. Amy Heinrich

SONG OF AFFIRMATION

Keep Me in Your Heart for a While

Zevon & Calderon

TABLE TALK

INVITATION TO THE TABLE AND THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG

One Safe Place

Cohn & Galdston

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

Our God Saves

Brown & Baloché

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

THE SENDING

SONG OF SENDING

Stand in Your Love

Hulse, Baldwin, Harris, & Springer

CHARGE AND BLESSING

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - #172

Blest Are They (v. 1)

BLESSED ARE THEY

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 (<i>in Sanctuary</i>)
Pastoral Resident	Alex Barnes, M.Div. (<i>in Sanctuary</i>)
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 Brad and Gini Baker in celebration of their granddaughter, Bree Summers' 15th birthday on March 3rd.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Congregational Gathering #1 (March 8)
- Pi Day Pie Sale (March 15)
- Mobile Food Pantry Volunteering (March 21)
- Palm Sunday (March 29)
- Maundy Thursday (April 2)
- Good Friday (April 3)
- Easter Sunday (April 5)

Your Voice Is Needed – Help Shape the Future of First Pres!

It's time to update our Vision Plan, and we need your input. Together we'll reflect on our past, name our present, and discern where God is calling us next. **Join us next Sunday March 8 in Fellowship Hall for our first discussion session.** We will have a shortened worship service and start our discussion by 10:45 AM. Food, fun, and childcare provided. Let's dream together about the future of our church!

Roadmap to Welcome: Join the LGBTQ+ Working Group in Fellowship Hall today after worship as they discuss the church's welcome statement and lay out the roadmap for events leading up to our first Pride Sunday.

Confirmation Class Fundraiser: This year, our Confirmation Class has chosen to focus their mission on reforestation as a faithful response to climate change. They are partnering with One Tree Planted, a global nonprofit dedicated to restoring forests and rebuilding ecosystems around the world. You may give online, or in person on March 8 and April 12. The class will announce the final total on Earth Care Sunday. See Parish Life for details.