



WORSHIP

Sanctuary

March 1, 2026 - Second Sunday in Lent

THE GATHERING

- PRELUDE** *Sweet Hour of Prayer* William Walford
Alpha Chimers - Gloria Song, director
- WELCOME** Alex Barnes, M.Div.
- ❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Nicole Barnes
Leader: Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning.
People: Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Leader: Come as you are—sorrowful or dancing, heavy-hearted or rejoicing.
All: Let us worship the Lord, who turns our mourning into dancing.
- ❖ **HYMN #826** *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER
- PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley
Teacher, you call us to go, following the plan that you have set out for us.
You promise us blessings and purpose, but we do not trust your words.
We cling to what we already know, we trust in what we can see and touch,
we make excuses for our failure to trust in you.
Call to us again, that we may be born again through your Spirit.
Help us to believe and give us the abundant life that comes from following your will.
- ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**
- ❖ **GLORIA PATRI** (*Glory to God*) Hymn #581
- ❖ **SUMMARY OF GOD'S COMMANDS** Josh Barnes
Our Lord Jesus said:
**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment.**
**And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all
the law and the prophets.**
- ❖ **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**
- FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** *Jeremiah 31:7-14 (NRSVue)*
- ANTHEM** *A Beautiful Land* Benjamin Davis Knoedler
Chancel Choir - David H. Edelfelt, director; Gloria Song, organ; Jodi Craiglow, soloist
- SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** *Revelation 21:1-7 (NRSVue)*
- SERMON** *Good Mourning* Alex Barnes, M.Div.

THE RESPONSE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Apostles' Creed

We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell, the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. We believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; he resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

TABLE TALK

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE AND THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me

Howard Helvey

Chancel Choir - David H. Edelfelt, director; Gloria Song, piano; Tom Bowling, violin; Susan Henning, soloist

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 #517 *Here, O Our Lord, We See You* MORECAMBE

THE SENDING

❖ PRAYER OF RESPONSE

Thank you, gracious God, for giving us bread for the journey of these forty days. As we travel on through the wilderness, help us discipline ourselves to walk in your footsteps, so that we might share your grace with others, serve all of creation in love, and draw ever closer to you—through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

❖ HYMN #37

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

❖ CHARGE AND BLESSING

❖ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - #172

Blest Are They (v.1)

BLEST ARE THEY

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!

Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

❖ *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 Brad & Gini Baker in celebration of their granddaughter, Bree Summers' 15th birthday on March 3rd.

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

Sunday, March 1

- 10:00 AM Communion Worship (Sanctuary & Chapel)
- 11:00 AM Social Hour (Social Hour)
- 4:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Lounge)

Monday, March 2

- 2:00 PM Lent Book Study (Dougherty Room)
- 6:00 PM Lent Book Study (Zoom)

Wednesday, March 4

- 4:00 PM PADS Food Donation Drop-Off (Sanctuary Entrance)

Sunday, March 8

- 10:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary & Chapel)
- 10:15 AM Sunday School Pre-K-8th grade
- 10:30 AM Congregational Gathering (Fellowship Hall)
- 4:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Lounge)

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.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday

March 29 at 10:00 AM (Sanctuary)

Maundy Thursday

April 2 at 5:30 PM (Chapel)

Good Friday

April 3 at 7:30 PM (Sanctuary)

Easter Sunday

April 5 at 9:00 & 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)

