



WORSHIP

Chapel

March 8, 2026 – Third Sunday in Lent

Once we learn to take the last places, rather than striving for the first, that dignity will appear, and we will come to the fore simply and effortlessly. ~ Pope Leo XIV

GATHERING SONG

Rest in You

Mia Fieldes

Chapel Music Team – Adam Hendrickson, director

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME

Rev. Brian Paulson

SONG OF PRAISE

Lord, I Need You

Nockels, Carson, Reeves, Stanfill, & Maher

PRAYERS OF THE DAY & LORD'S PRAYER

SONG OF RESPONSE

Guide My Feet (vv. 1, 5)

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PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

As the congregation greets one another, children are welcomed to gather at the Wiggly Worship tables for the Children's Message.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ENCOUNTER WITH THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Session Elder Debra Alexander

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:1-2, 5; 11:28-30 (NRSVue)

SERMON

Grounded Strength

Dr. Paulson

TABLE TALK AND OFFERING OUR LIVES UNTO GOD

OFFERTORY SONG

Bowing Down

Matt Redman

THE SENDING

CHARGE AND BLESSING

All members of the church family are encouraged to exit forward and down the stairs (or to the elevator) to Fellowship Hall for our church wide congregational gathering.

CLOSING MUSIC

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

CALM SEAS



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

*A complete list of our staff team is found at FirstPresLibertyville.org
Alex Barnes is away through March 25 serving with our Waldensian affiliates in Milan.*

Community Notes

Flower dedications: The flowers today in both the Sanctuary and the Chapel are placed to the glory of God by Sally, Connie and K.C. Kowal in loving memory of Lauren Kowal on her birthday; and in the Sanctuary by Cathy Dummer with love, in honor of Barb Peter on her birthday.

Our full Church Calendar & Parish Life Newsletter are available at www.firstpreslibertyville.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

March

Pi Day Pie Sale (March 15)

Mobile Food Pantry Volunteering (March 21)

Holy Week & Easter

Palm Sunday – March 29 at 10:00 AM

Maundy Thursday – April 2 at 5:30 PM

Good Friday – April 3 at 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday – April 5 at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Easter Plant Dedications: Celebrate the joy of Easter by dedicating a plant in memory or in honor of a loved one. Dedications will be printed in our Easter Sunday bulletin. The cost is \$13 per plant. Please submit your order by March 23. Plants may be picked up following the 11:00 AM Easter service on April 5. If you would like to donate your plant to our Senior Ministry, simply note that on your order form. The form is available in Parish Life and on our website.

College Care Package Building: Sunday, March 15 12:00-1:00 PM

Families of our college kids are invited to bring a package of pre-wrapped treats to share with others, and a box up to shoebox-size, for a time of care package-building. First Pres will take care of the mailing if you give us the address! We'll have note cards, markers, stickers, packing tape, and mailing labels ready for you in Room 207.