



WORSHIP

Sanctuary

April 19, 2026

Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you just show up and try to do the right thing, the dawn will come. You wait and watch and work: you don't give up. ~ Ann Lamott

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

My Jesus, I Love Thee
Alpha Chimers - Gloria Song, director

arr. J. Jensen

WELCOME

Rev. Brian Paulson

INTROIT

Servants of Peace
Faith Choir - Gloria Song, director; Kitty Snyder, piano

K. Lee Scott

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP - Micah 6:8; 1 John 4:7, 19

S. J. Bianco

One: What does the Holy One require of us?

All: **To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.**

One: Beloved, let us love one another.

All: **We love because God first loved us.**

❖ HYMN #486

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (vv. 1, 2)

KINGDOM

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Renewing the Call of God's Grace

Rev. Amy Heinrich

❖ The Apostle's Creed

Session Elder Sally Kowal

Leader: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: **I believe 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.**

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Ghost?

People: **I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Presentation

Commitment and Covenant

Baptism

Charge to the Congregation and Parents

Welcome and Blessing

❖ BLESSING THE CHILDREN #486

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

As the congregation stands to sing, children are greeted and depart for Sunday School.

*Child of joy, our dearest treasure,
God's you are, from God you came.
Back to God we humbly give you:
Live as one who bears Christ's name.*

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

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (NRSVue)

Jennifer Bianco

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision
Chancel Choir - David H. Edelfelt, director; Gloria Song, piano; Andy Danckers, bass

arr. Dan Forrest

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-35 (NRSVue)

SERMON

In Sight

Dr. Paulson

THE RESPONSE

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Fantasy on Hyfrydol
Jubilate Bells - Gloria Song, director

arr. Hal Hopson

TABLE TALK

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.

OFFERTORY

Eye Hath Not Seen
Chancel Choir; Gloria Song, piano; Kaethe Durham, oboe

Douglas Nolan

❖ PRAISE GOD - HYMN #608 (*The Doxology*)

PRAISE GOD

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, DEDICATION, 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.

THE SENDING

❖ HYMN #731

Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm

REPTON

❖ CHARGE

THE MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

❖ BLESSING

❖ *Please rise in body or spirit.*

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 (*in Chapel*)

Pastoral Resident

Alex Barnes, M.Div. (*in Chapel*)

Music, Department Head

Gloria Song, M.Mus.

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

Community Notes

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

Flower dedications: The flowers in the sanctuary are placed to the glory of God by Connie Acevedo in honor of the baptism of Louis Ernesto Blair; and by Bob and Sue Stockwell in celebration of the second birthday and baptism of their granddaughter, Madeline Charlotte Stockwell, in Indiana.

Sunday, April 19

- 10:00 AM — Worship (Sanctuary & Chapel)
- 10:15 AM — Sunday School (Ages 3–5th Grade)
- 11:00 AM — Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 AM — Social Hour (Social Hall)
- 2:00 PM — Inquirers Class (Conference Room)
- 4:00 PM — Youth Group (Grades 6–12)
- 7:00 PM — Jazz for Cuba (Chapel)

Monday, April 20

- 6:00 PM New Member Dinner (Social Hall)
- 7:00 PM New Members meet with Session (Chapel)

Tuesday, April 21

- 7:00 PM — Adult Ed: Biblical Hospitality (Conference Room)

Wednesday, April 22

- 4:00 PM — PADS Food Donation Drop-Off (Sanctuary Entrance)
- 7:00 PM — Adult Ed: Have You Ever Wondered? (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, April 26 - Earth Care Sunday

- 10:00 AM — Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM — Sunday School (Ages 3–8th Grade)
- 11:00 AM — Frog Lady Eco-Fair
- 4:00 PM — Youth Group (Grades 6–12)

Looking Ahead

- May 2 — Women's Spring Retreat
- May 3 — New Member Recognition
- May 9 — *This I Believe* Confirmation Service & Celebration
- May 16 — Mobile Food Pantry Volunteering
- May 17 — Chancel Choir Major Work & Vision Plan Conversation
- May 31 — Confirmation & Baccalaureate
- June 7 — Retirement Celebration for Rev. Amy M. Heinrich
- June 21 — Ordination & Installation of Church Offices
- June 28 — Pride Sunday

Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers | Today in the Sanctuary

A brief Congregational Meeting to Elect Church Officers will be held immediately following the worship service. All members of the church are encouraged to attend.

Inquirers Class | Today from 2:00–4:00 PM in the Dougherty Room, 2nd Floor

If you've been worshipping with us and are considering making First Presbyterian Church of Libertyville your spiritual home, we invite you to attend our Inquirers Class this afternoon. New Members will join on Monday.



Jazz Concert for Cuba | Tonight at 7:00 PM in the Chapel

Featuring *The Flat Five*, a professional jazz quintet featuring Dan Brame, Jared Brame, Kirk Townander, Andy Danckers and Ed Koehler. This performance is a fundraiser for our partner church, San Nicolas de Bari, in Cuba. Doors open at 6:30 PM. There is no cover charge, but donations are appreciated! Scan the QR code to donate online.

Biblical Hospitality: Changing the World Without Burning it Down

Tuesdays, April 21, 28, and May 5, 7:00 PM in the Conference Room or on Zoom. Each session explores different aspects of hospitality: Our next class is "Dwelling — Staying at the Table When It Gets Difficult." Led by Jodi Craiglow. Sign up online.

Have You Ever Wondered? | Wednesday, April 22 and May 6 at 7 PM in Fellowship Hall

As Pride Sunday approaches, the First Pres LGBTQ+ Workgroup is offering a variety of classes and activities to help our community learn together, grow in understanding, and celebrate the diversity of God's beloved people - especially our LGBTQ+ siblings. Classes led by Alex Barnes and Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley. Sign up online.

Women's Spring Retreat | Saturday, May 2

9:00 AM–1:00 PM at Waukegan History Museum at the Carnegie

Join us for our Women's Spring Retreat, *Temporary: Loosening Our Grip, Opening Our Hearts*, led by Rev. Amy M. Heinrich. Together we'll reflect on the sacred truth that much of life is temporary—and explore what it means to hold all things with gratitude and open hands. Lunch is included in the \$20 fee. Register online or in the church office.

Spring Harvest Food Drive — Goal: 1,500 Items

Our Deacons invite you to “Help Feed the Need” this April by supporting our Spring Harvest Food Drive.

Our goal is to collect 1,500 non-perishable food items for local families in need. Order via Amazon delivery to the church, give financially, or bring donations to the Spring Harvest table in the narthex through April 26. All donations benefit the Libertyville and St. Joseph's food pantries. This is our primary food drive of the year.

Thank you for your generous support!

Flower Dedications

Honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion with a beautiful floral arrangement in our worship spaces on Sunday mornings. The cost is \$45. Fill out the form on our website or call the church office.

Podcasts

Check out our podcasts! You can find [Sunday Sermons](#) and [Anywhere Anytime Bible](#) on the listening platform of your choice, including Spotify and Apple.

Contact a Pastor or Staff Member

To reach the church office, please call 847-362-2174 or email office@boxp.net.

Office hours are Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM.

Pastoral Emergencies

If you are a church member and need to reach a pastor in an emergency, please call 847-367-6460. Please leave a message, and a pastor will return your call as soon as possible.