



# WORSHIP

Sanctuary

May 10, 2026

## THE GATHERING

**PRELUDE** *Talk About a Child That Do Love Jesus* arr. Calvin Taylor  
Gloria Song, organ

**WELCOME** Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley

❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Alex Barnes, M.Div.

Leader: Faithful God, through all the ages, you have kept your promises.

**People: You have freed us from the powers of scarcity and death for abundant new life.**

Leader: Stay with us as we wait and watch for your Spirit with excitement and hope,

**People: that we may experience your love and share it with our lives,**

Leader: in the name of Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

❖ **HYMN #243** *Be Not Afraid* (sing 2x) BE NOT AFRAID

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy One, we love you imperfectly: we do not always keep your commandments.**

**We love each other imperfectly: we hurt those you call us to love through our actions and our inaction.**

**We love ourselves imperfectly: we struggle to believe that we are truly your children, made in your image.**

**Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit, make us more faithful that we might live as Christ has shown us, reflecting your love and grace.**

*(Silence for personal confession.)*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

❖ **GLORIA PATRI** *(Glory to God)*

❖ **SUMMARY OF GOD'S COMMANDS**

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**

**MOMENT FOR MINISTRY** - Stephen Ministries 30 Year Anniversary

Elder Brian Tischendorf

## 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**

*Acts 17:22-31 (NRSVue)*

**BLESSING THE CHILDREN**

*At this time, children are welcomed by our Sunday School teachers and depart for Sunday School.*

ANTHEM *I Have Felt the Hand of God* Craig Courtney  
Chancel Choir - David H. Edelfelt, director; Gloria Song, piano

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *John 14:15-21 (NRSVue)*

SERMON *Indeed, God Is Not Far* Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley

### THE RESPONSE

#### MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - God Is Our Strong Salvation

**God is our strong salvation; what foe have we to fear?  
In peril and temptation our light, our help, is near.  
Though hosts encamp around us, firm to the fight we stand;  
what terror can confound us, with God at our right hand?**

#### TABLE TALK

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY - Session Report and Vision Plan Session Elder Tony Cacich

#### 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 *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name* Tom Fettke  
Chancel Choir; Gloria Song, organ; Kitty Snyder, piano

❖ 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 #366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (vv. 1, 2) HYFRYDOL

❖ CHARGE AND BLESSING

❖ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (v. 3) HYFRYDOL

❖ *Please rise in body or spirit.*

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### IN MINISTRY TOGETHER

Ministers	The Congregation
Officers	The Session and the Board of Deacons
Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Paulson ( <i>in Chapel</i> )
Associate Pastor	The Rev. Amy Heinrich ( <i>in Chapel</i> )
Associate Pastor	The Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley
Pastoral Resident	Alex Barnes, M.Div.
Music, Department Head	Gloria Song, M.Mus.

*A complete list of our staff team is found at [FirstPresLibertyville.org](http://FirstPresLibertyville.org)*

# Community Notes

Our full Church Calendar & Parish Life Newsletter are available at [www.firstpreslibertyville.org](http://www.firstpreslibertyville.org)

**Flower dedications:** The flowers in the sanctuary are placed to the glory of God in honor of Rich Monahan's induction into the Senior Hall of Fame; and by Devin Stieber wishing a Happy Mother's Day to all mothers! A special thank you to his mother, Jill Koeppen, who enriches, inspires, and supports every day; and in the chapel by Debra and Rich Alexander in celebration of their son Grant's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## Sunday, May 10 - Mother's Day

- 10:00 AM — Worship (Sanctuary & Chapel)
- 10:15 AM — Sunday School (Ages 3–8th Grade)
- 11:00 AM — Social Hour

## Monday, May 11

- 6:00 PM — Combined Committee Meeting Night (Fellowship Hall)

## Wednesday, May 13

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

## Saturday, May 16

- 7:30 AM — Mobile Food Pantry Volunteering (Sanctuary Entrance)

## Sunday, May 17 - Major Work & Vision Plan Gathering

- 10:00 AM — Worship (Sanctuary & Chapel)
- 11:15 AM — Vision Plan Gathering & Lunch (Fellowship Hall)

## Looking Ahead

- May 24 — Pentecost Sunday Worship (Chapel)
- May 31 — Confirmation & Baccalaureate
- June 7 — Retirement Celebration for Rev. Amy M. Heinrich
- June 21 — Ordination & Installation of Church Officers
- June 28 — Pride Sunday
- July 19 — Bluegrass Sunday

## Chancel Choir Major Work – May 17

On May 17, the Chancel Choir will present *Messe Solennelle in C-sharp minor* by Louis Vierne. Composed in 1899, this “Solemn Mass” is a powerful and expressive setting of the Latin text for choir and organ. For this special presentation, our sanctuary organ will lead the accompaniment, joined by our continuo organ to enhance the depth and texture of the music. Come experience this powerful and prayerful work as part of worship and be uplifted by the beauty and grandeur of this beloved choral masterpiece.

## Vision Plan Gathering – May 17

Join us Sunday, May 17 (11:15 AM–1:15 PM) for our third Vision Plan Gathering as we look ahead to God's call for our future. Lunch and childcare provided. RSVPs appreciated to help with food and childcare planning.

## Graduate Info Needed

We'd love to celebrate your graduate! Please submit your student's high school or college graduation information to the church office by May 24. High school graduates will be recognized during worship, and all graduates will be included in the May 31 bulletin. Join us afterward for a cake reception to celebrate together! You can call the church office or fill out the form on our website.

## Rev. Amy's Retirement – June 7

Join us on Sunday, June 7 as we celebrate the ministry and retirement of Rev. Amy M. Heinrich after nearly 22 years as Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church. Rev. Amy will be preaching in the sanctuary and there will be a reception immediately following in Fellowship Hall. More details are available in Parish Life!

## 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](mailto: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.