

Sunday, May 17 at 10 AM

# MAJOR WORK

*Messe Solennelle in C-sharp minor*

Chancel Choir &  
Two Organs

By Louis Vierne



*Music does not know the difference between people; it only speaks to their hearts.  
It is the only form of communication that can bring this terrible world together.*

~ Riccardo Muti

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A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

# The Order of Worship

~ May 17, 2026 ~

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10:00 a.m.

## THE GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*Andante from Concerto in C Major*  
Gloria Song, organ; Kitty Snyder, organ

P.A. Soler

### WELCOME

Rev. Brian Paulson

### ◆ CALL TO WORSHIP - *Psalm 47:1, 5; Luke 24:48, 51*

Sadie Gibson

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples!

**People: God has gone up with a shout of Joy.**

Leader: We are witnesses: the Lord is Risen!

**All: Christ has ascended to reign on high.**

### ◆ OPENING HYMN #32

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

ELLACOMBE

### PRAYER OF THE DAY 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.**

### ◆ PASSING THE PEACE

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE *Luke 24:44-53*

### SERMON

*You Are My Witnesses*

Dr. Paulson

### MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

## THE RESPONSE

### TABLE TALK

*During Table Talk, children are invited to the Wiggly Worship tables.*

Alex Barnes, M.Div.

### GRATITUDE FOR VOLUNTEERS AND CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley

### 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

*Bist du bei mir ("If you are with me")*  
Susan Henning, soprano; Gloria Song, organ

J. S. Bach

*If you are with me, then I will go gladly unto [my] death and to my rest.  
Ah, how pleasing were my end, if your dear hands then shut my faithful eyes!*

### ◆ PRAISE GOD (*The Doxology*)

OLD HUNDRETH

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

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

# Messe Solennelle in C-sharp minor

by Louis Verne (1870-1937)

Chancel Choir - David H. Edelfelt, director; Gloria Song, Kitty and Rose Snyder, organ

## 1. Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy)

**Latin:** Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

**English:** Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

## 2. Gloria (Glory to God)

**Latin:** Gloria in excelsis Deo... Cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

**English:** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to all those of good will. The full text praises, blesses, and adores God, acknowledging Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

## 3. Sanctus (Holy)

**Latin:** Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

**English:** Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest.

## 4. Benedictus (Blessed is He)

**Latin:** Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

**English:** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

## 5. Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

**Latin:** Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

**English:** Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

**Latin:** Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

**English:** Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

## THE SENDING

### ◆ THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

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- ◆ *Please stand in body or in spirit, as you are comfortable.*



Messe Solennelle in C-sharp minor was written in Latin and composed in 1899 by a French composer and organist, Louis Vierne. Originally, he scored for choir and two organs, but also adapted for a single organ because most churches could not provide two instruments. First Pres is blessed to have a second organ, the portable continuo organ, generously funded by David and Ruth Arendsen.



## IN MINISTRY TOGETHER

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

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

# Community Notes

**Church Calendar & Parish Life newsletter:** [www.firstpreslibertyville.org](http://www.firstpreslibertyville.org)

## **Sunday, May 17**

10:00 AM — Worship featuring Chancel Choir Major Work (Sanctuary)

11:15 AM — Vision Plan Gathering & Lunch (Fellowship Hall)

## **Wednesday, May 20**

4:00 PM — PADS Food Donation Drop-Off

## **Sunday, May 24 - Pentecost Sunday**

10:00 AM — Worship featuring Jazz Music (Chapel)

## **Looking Ahead**

May 25 — Memorial Day (Office Closed)

May 31 — Confirmation & Baccalaureate Service

June 7 — Retirement Celebration for Rev. Amy M. Heinrich

June 20 — Mobile Food Pantry Volunteering

June 21 — Ordination & Installation of Church Officers

June 21 — Ice Cream Social

June 28 — Pride Sunday

## **Graduate Info Needed**

Please submit your student's high school or college graduation information to the church office by May 22. 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!

**Wear Red on Pentecost Sunday – May 24:** You're invited to wear red next Sunday as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit! Red symbolizes the "tongues of fire" described in Acts 2 and the transforming power of the Spirit. It's a vibrant, visible sign of our inward renewal, a celebration of grace, and a bold statement of faith as we mark the birth of the Church and the spreading of the gospel.

**Join the June Choir!** To sign up or learn more, please email Gloria at [gsong@boxp.net](mailto:gsong@boxp.net).