



# WORSHIP

*Sanctuary*

June 7, 2026 - Service for the Lord's Day

## THE GATHERING

**GATHERING MUSIC #291**

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*  
Chapel Music Team - Adam Hendrickson, director

SPIRIT

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION**

**WELCOME**

Rev. Amy Heinrich

### ❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Let us lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty.  
People: **Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies; let it resound loud as the rolling sea.**  
Leader: Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us; sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.  
People: **Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.**  
All: **Let us worship our God of liberation and love, justice and joy!**

### ❖ **HYMN #339**

*Lift Every Voice and Sing* (vv. 1, 3)

LIFT EVERY VOICE

**PRAYERS OF THE DAY AND LORD'S PRAYER** - Hymnal p. 35

Rev. Brian Paulson

### ❖ **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** - *The Penguin Who Flew*

## THE WORD

*An NRSV pew Bible is available for your convenience. You may access other versions using your mobile device at [biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com).*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Deacon Rob Heinrich

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

*John 3:1-8 (NRSVue)*

**ANTHEM**

*Like the Murmur of the Dove*  
Chancel Choir - David H. Edelfelt, director; Gloria Song, organ

arr. Dan Ferguson

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

*2 Corinthians 5:17 (NRSVue)*

**SERMON**

*Spiritual Metamorphosis and Migration*

Rev. Amy M. Heinrich

## THE RESPONSE

**MUSIC FOR REFLECTION**

**LITURGY OF AFFIRMATION AND DISSOLUTION**

**Introduction**

Presbytery Ruling Elder Mark Nokes

**Associate Pastor's Words of Gratitude**

**Litany of Thanksgiving**

One: For the long work of ministry among us, for seasons of planting and harvest, of cocoon and wing,  
All: **We give you thanks, O God.**  
One: For Amy's faithful preaching, her care in sorrow, her joy in celebration,  
All: **We give you thanks, O God.**  
One: For the Spirit who transforms us and sends us to new places,  
All: **We give you thanks, O God.**

## Act of Dissolution

Elder Nokes: Do you, the members and friends of this congregation, release Amy from her service as your Associate Pastor?

**All: We do, with thanks to God.**

Elder Nokes: Do you, Amy, accept the completion of this ministry among this people, trusting God who calls you to what is next?

Rev. Heinrich: I do, with thanks to God.

## 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

*Give Us the Wings of Faith*  
Chancel Choir; Gloria Song, organ

E. Bullock

## ❖ 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*

## PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

## TABLE TALK

## THANKSGIVING FOR FAITHFUL SERVICE/RECOGNITION OF RETIREMENT

God of grace, we thank you for the faithful service of your servant Amy. As she enters a new season of rest and flight, surround her with your love; give her joy in the years to come, and let her always know herself held in your hand; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE SENDING

## ❖ HYMN #250

*In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

PROMISE

## ❖ CHARGE AND BLESSING

## ❖ POSTLUDE

*I Wanna Dance with Somebody*  
Chapel Music Team; Caitlyn Glennon, soloist

Merrill & Rubicom

## ❖ *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

**Associate Pastor**

The Rev. Amy Heinrich

**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)  
Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley and Alex Barnes are away at Montreat*

# Community Notes

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

**Flower dedications:** The flowers today are placed to the glory of God by Brian Tischendorf and family in loving memory of Louise Tischendorf; and by the church staff with love and deep appreciation for Rev. Amy M. Heinrich.

## Sunday, June 7 - Rev. Amy's Retirement Celebration

10:00 AM — Congregational Meeting & Combined Worship (Sanctuary)

11:00 AM — Retirement Reception (Fellowship Hall)

## Wednesday, June 10

4:00 PM — PADS Food Donation Drop-Off

## Sunday, June 14

10:00 AM — Combined Communion Worship (Sanctuary)

11:00 AM — Social Hour hosted by CARE (Social Hall)

## Looking Ahead

June 20 — Mobile Food Pantry Volunteering

June 21 — Ordination & Installation of Church Officers, followed by Ice Cream Social

June 22 — Montreat Fundraiser at Panera

June 28 — Pride Sunday Worship Service

July 19 — Bluegrass Sunday & Courtyard Cookout

## Retirement Celebration

Join us in Fellowship Hall after worship!

## Prayer for Our Montreat Travelers

Please keep our youth and adult leaders in your prayers as 7 young people and 3 adult leaders arrive at Montreat today for a week of faith, fellowship, and fun. For those less familiar, Montreat is a Presbyterian conference center nestled in the mountains of North Carolina that has been a beloved gathering place for youth from across the denomination for generations. May they travel safely, grow in faith, and return refreshed and inspired. *Thank you to all you supported the fundraising for this trip!*

## Join the June Choir!

Sing with us on June 14, 21, and 28! Rehearsals are held at 7:30 PM on the Thursday before each Sunday service. Whether you're a longtime choir member or would like to give it a try, all are welcome! To sign up or learn more, email Gloria or call the church office.

## Montreat Fundraiser at Panera on June 22

Support our youth by dining at Panera Bread (832 S. Milwaukee Ave., Libertyville) on June 22! Panera will donate 20 percent of your purchase back to our youth program. Use the code FUND4U or mention the fundraiser when you order. Tell your friends and family!

## Pride Sunday Worship on June 28

Join us for worship on June 28 as we observe Pride Sunday, a time to celebrate God's inclusive love and the full welcome of all people in our community of faith. Alex Barnes will be preaching. We look forward to worshipping together!

## Summer Book Read

Readers aged 14 and up are invited to join the First Pres Summer Book Read, brought to you by the Committee on Anti-Racism & Equity. Join us and read the bestselling novel "James" by Percival Everett, and graphic novel "Big Jim and the White Boy" by David F. Walker and Marcus Kwame Anderson. Both books retell the story of the American classic Huckleberry Finn from a new vantage point. Discussions will take place in person on Sunday, August 30 from 11:30 - 12:45 p.m. and over Zoom on Tuesday, Sept. 1 from 7 - 8:15 p.m. We hope you'll join us!

## Podcasts

Sunday sermons and our *Anywhere Anytime Bible* podcasts are available on the listening platform of your choice, including Spotify and Apple.

**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.

**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.