



# WORSHIP

*Combined Service*

June 21, 2026

*Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.*  
~ 1 Peter 4:10

## THE GATHERING

**PRELUDE** *How Firm a Foundation* arr. James Pathel  
Gloria Song, organ

**WELCOME** Rev. Brian Paulson

- ❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP** - 2 Corinthians 13:13, Galatians 3:27; Ephesians 4:4  
Ruling Elder Gail Starr, Clerk of Session; Deacon Liz Tanner, Moderator
- Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**People: And also with you.**  
Leader: As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.  
**All: There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.**

- ❖ **HYMN #463** *How Firm a Foundation* (vv. 1, 2, 3, 5) FOUNDATION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Alex Barnes, M.Div.

**Mighty and merciful God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling. We have been timid and frightened disciples, forgetful of your powerful presence and the strength of your Spirit among us. O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. As you have chosen us and claimed us in our baptism, strengthen us anew to choose Christ's way in this world. Give us your Holy Spirit that each one in ministry may be provided with all the gifts of grace needed to fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.**

*(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*) Hymnal #581

- ❖ **PASSING THE PEACE**

## 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

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** *Jeremiah 29:11-14 (NRSVue)*

**ANTHEM** *If You Will Trust the Lord to Guide You* arr. K. Koethe

June Choir - David H. Edelfelt, director; Judy Brame, flute; Gloria Song, piano

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** *1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 27 (NRSVue)*

## WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

**SERMON** *Good Plan!* Dr. Paulson

## THE RESPONSE

❖ HYMN OF DEDICATION #697 *Take My Life* (vv. 1, 2, 5)

HENDON

### ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

#### Sentences of Scripture - 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 27

One: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.  
There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.  
God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.  
Each one is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

**All: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.**

#### Statement on Ordination

#### The Presentation

#### The Constitutional Questions

❖ The Questions of the Congregation

Leader: Do we, the members of the church, accept \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ as ruling elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**People: We do.**

Leader: Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is the Head of the Church?

**People: We do.**

#### Prayer Requests

#### The Prayer of Ordination and Installation

#### Declaration of Ordination and Installation

#### The Welcome

OFFERING

*Alleluia*

Phil McLendon

June Choir; Judy Brame, flute; Gloria Song, piano

## THE SENDING

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, DEDICATION, AND THE 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**

❖ 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.*

❖ HYMN #749

*Come! Live in the Light!*

WE ARE CALLED


❖ CHARGE AND BLESSING


❖ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #177


*I Will Come to You*

YOU ARE MINE

  
Do not be a-fraid, I am with you.

  
I have called you each by name.

  
Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home;

  
I love you and you are mine."

## 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. Nicole Chapman-Farley
<b>Pastoral Resident</b>	Alex Barnes, M.Div.
<b>Music, Department Head</b>	Gloria Song, M.Mus.

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

# Community Notes

Learn more in our online *Parish Life* newsletter at [www.firstpreslibertyville.org](http://www.firstpreslibertyville.org)

**Flower dedications:** The flowers are placed to the glory of God by Tony and Karen Cacich in celebration of their daughter and son-in-law, Amanda and Matthew Davy's first anniversary; and by the Clerk of Session in deep appreciation and admiration of the commitment, courage, and service of the 2026 class of Elders. Thank you for your joyful and tireless service.

The rose on the chancel is placed in joyful celebration of the birth of Malachi James (M.J.) Bianco on June 12 to David and Jennifer Bianco.

### **Sunday, June 21 - Ordination & Installation**

10:00 AM — Combined Worship (Sanctuary)

11:00 AM — Ice Cream Social (Social Hall)

### **Monday, June 22**

Montreat Fundraiser at Panera in Libertyville

### **Wednesday, June 24**

4:00 PM — PADS Food Donation Drop-Off

### **Sunday, June 28 - Pride Sunday Service**

10:00 AM — Combined Worship (Sanctuary)

11:00 AM — Social Hour (Social Hall)

### **Today: Ice Cream at Social Hour**

Celebrate our new officers with an ice cream treat!

### **Tomorrow: Have breakfast, lunch or dinner at Panera**

Support our youth by dining at Panera Bread (832 S. Milwaukee Ave., Libertyville) on Monday, June 22! Panera will donate 20 percent of your purchase back to our youth program. Grab a flyer in the narthex or download it from Parish Life. Tell your friends and family!

### **Next Sunday: Pride Sunday Worship**

Join us for worship on June 28 as we celebrate God's enduring love for LGBTQ+ people on Pride Sunday. Together we will celebrate the diversity of God's creation, honor the experiences and contributions of our LGBTQ+ siblings in Christ, and recommit ourselves to the work of welcome, justice, and belonging. Alex Barnes will be preaching.

### **Deacons "Drive for Independence" begins June 28**

Deacons will be collecting new, everyday household items and non-perishable food items benefiting the Lake County Haven, FIT Moms, the Libertyville Township Food Pantry and the St. Joseph's Food Pantry. Items can be donated through an Amazon Wish List or dropped off under the sign in the Narthex before or after worship through Sunday, July 13. Or you can make a financial donation online. Please see Parish Life or the church website for more information."

**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.

**SERMON NOTES**