



WORSHIP

Combined Service

July 12, 2026

GATHERING SONG

Hear the Sound
Chapel Music Team – Adam Hendrickson, director

Jordan, Leonard, & Maher

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME

Rev. Brian Paulson

SONGS OF PRAISE

Everlasting God
#418 *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

Brown & Riley
SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF RESPONSE #853

We Are Marching in the Light of God

SIYAHAMBA

SUMMARY OF GOD'S COMMANDS

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ENCOUNTER WITH THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Deacon Gale Dewar

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55:10-13 (NRSVue)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NRSVue)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Out and Back

Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley

SONG OF AFFIRMATION #14

THE RESPONSE
For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND RESOURCES

OFFERTORY SONG

Home

Holden & Pearson

TABLE TALK

PRAYERS OF DEDICATION, THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

THE SENDING

SONG OF SENDING #515

I Come with Joy (vv. 1, 4, 5)

DOVE OF PEACE

CHARGE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

BENEDICTION

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. Nicole Chapman-Farley
Pastoral Resident	Alex Barnes, M.Div.
Music, Department Head	Gloria Song

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

Alex Barnes is away visiting family.

Community Notes

Church Calendar & Parish Life newsletter: www.firstpreslibertyville.org

Congregational Meeting

A brief meeting of the congregation will be held today after worship to vote on a change in Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley's terms of call. All members are encouraged to attend.

Help at Mobile Food Pantry on Saturday, July 18 - All are welcome! Meet outside the sanctuary entrance at 7:30 AM.

Bluegrass Sunday Worship & Church Cookout on Sunday, July 19

We'll be worshipping in the Sanctuary next Sunday, and after the service the Deacons will host an all-church cookout featuring grilled hot dogs, watermelon, and more. We hope you'll stay and join us!

Register your kids for fall!

Visit firstpreslibertyville.org to register for Sunday School, music programs, kids' groups, and youth group with one easy form! Please register by July 24 so we can line up volunteers and classrooms for a great September! Note: On mobile, checkboxes only work in the Adobe Acrobat app. Physical copies are also available at the sign-in kiosks and can be turned in to the church office.

Summer Book Read

Readers age 14 and up are invited to join the First Pres Summer Book Read! This year we're reading two books that retell the story of Huckleberry Finn from a new vantage point: the bestselling novel "James" by Percival Everett and the graphic novel "Big Jim and the White Boy" by David F. Walker and Marcus Kwame Anderson. We'll gather to discuss both books in person on Sunday, August 30 from 11:30 AM–12:45 PM, and over Zoom on Tuesday, September 1 from 7–8:15 PM.

Flower Fest: Bring a Bouquet to Church – Sunday, July 26

Do you have summer flowers blooming in your garden? Bring a bouquet—big or small, simple or fancy—to help decorate the chapel for worship on July 26. Just place your blooms in a vase and drop it off at the chapel narthex between 9:40 and 9:50 AM. After the service, take your bouquet back home to keep enjoying it, or pass it along to a friend!