



WORSHIP

Combined Service

August 9, 2026

Christ is the meaning that is not yet finished; we are the storm he walks through.

~ Christian Wiman

GATHERING SONG

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

Houston, Crocker & Lighthelm

Chapel Music Team – Adam Hendrickson, director

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME

Rev. Brian Paulson

SONGS OF PRAISE

#39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FATHFULNESS

#775 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

WALK WITH ME

CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF RESPONSE #600

Amen

AMEN

SUMMARY OF GOD'S COMMANDS

Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

ENCOUNTER WITH THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Session Elder Esther Pochron

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 (NRSVue)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:22-33 (NRSVue)

SERMON

Finding Faith in Rough Waters

Dr. Paulson

THE RESPONSE

SONG OF AFFIRMATION #803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND RESOURCES

OFFERTORY SONG

Down to the River to Pray

Traditional

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

TABLE TALK

THE SENDING

SONG OF SENDING

Stand in Your Love

Hulse, Baldwin, Harris & Springer

CHARGE

CLOSING MUSIC #399

God Welcomes All

THEMBA AMEN

THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

BLESSING

Community Notes

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

Sunday, August 9 - Blessing of the Backpacks

- 10:00 AM — Worship (Chapel)
- 10:50 AM — Congregational Meeting (Chapel)
- 11:10 AM — Social Hour (Social Hall & Courtyard)

Wednesday, August 12

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

Saturday, August 15

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

Sunday, August 16

- 10:00 AM — Worship (Chapel)
- 11:10 AM — Social Hour (Social Hall & Courtyard)
- 1:00 PM — Volunteer Training (Fellowship Hall)

Help Support Our Kids & Youth Programs

We hope you'll consider joining our Sunday School Volunteer Team! We have about 40 kids signed up and we need at least **12 more adult volunteers** to make sure our classes are fully staffed each week! Let's show families how much our kids and youth are welcomed, valued, and loved. To learn more or sign up, visit our website or click the links in *Parish Life*. Questions? Contact Megan at 847-362-2174 or email office@boxp.net.

Rally Day Fall Kick-Off and Welcome Rev. Nanette Sawyer – Sunday, September 13

Celebrate the start of fall at First Pres! Join us for worship in the sanctuary and chapel, welcoming Rev. Nanette Sawyer, the kickoff of Sunday School, the Rally Day Program Fair to explore our ministries and groups, and lunch featuring walking tacos and other treats. Come for fun, fellowship, and a fresh start to the fall program year! If you lead a group or committee and would like a table at the program fair, please RSVP to Michelle by Monday, August 31 to reserve a spot.

Let's Make Music Together!

We'd love to have you join one of our choirs. We have groups for all ages! See our website for more information.

Summer Book Read

Join us to discuss "James" by Percival Everett and "Big Jim and the White Boy" by David F. Walker and Marcus Kwame Anderson. In-person: **Sunday, August 30**, 11:30 AM–12:45 PM. Via Zoom: Tuesday, **September 1**, 7–8:15 PM.