



WORSHIP

Combined Service

August 16, 2026

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Voluntary 1: Adagio
Rebecca Nelson, organ

John Stanley

WELCOME

Rev. Brian Paulson

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples, says the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

❖ HYMN #301

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all goodness,
We do not want to face all that is in our own hearts.
We want to focus on the good—
on the love, the compassion, the care—
and ignore the bad—
the greed, the envy, the cruelty.
But before you, God,
we must face it.
Forgive all the ways we have let evil
take hold in our hearts.
Cleanse us. Help us face our own demons,
and empower us to live
a Christlike life.

(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)*

Hymn #581

❖ SUMMARY OF GOD'S COMMANDS

Our Lord Jesus said:
**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment.**

**And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all
the law and the prophets.**

❖ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Children remain in worship today.

THE WORD

An NRSV pew Bible is available for your convenience. You may access other versions using your mobile device at biblegateway.com.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 (NRSVue)

Kirk Ergang

ANTHEM

Et Exultavit Spiritus Meus
Wren Frey, soprano; Gloria Song, piano

J.S. Bach

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 15:21-28 (NRSVue)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

For All Peoples

Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley

THE RESPONSE

❖ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** – A Brief Statement of Faith 11.4

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

TABLE TALK

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

We Called You, Beloved
Delaney Rybicki, soprano; Gloria Song, piano

Zelman & Miller

❖ **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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, DEDICATION, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SENDING

- ❖ **HYMN #317** *In Christ There Is No East or West* MC KEE
- ❖ **CHARGE AND BLESSING**
- ❖ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** – #399 *God Welcomes All* (sing 2x) THEMBA AMEN
- ❖ *Please rise in body or spirit.*

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
Transitional Minister for Pastoral Care	Alex Barnes, M.Div.
Music, Dept. Head	Gloria Song

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

Alex Barnes is away this week

Community Notes

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

The blue rose on the chancel is in joyous celebration of the birth of Benjamin Frederic Hilty, son of Mike and Olivia Hilty, brother of GG and Mimi, born on August 9, 2026.

Sunday, August 16

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

Wednesday, August 19

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

Saturday, August 15

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

Sunday, August 23

- 10:00 AM — Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 AM — Social Hour (Social Hall & Courtyard)
- 11:15 AM — New Deacon Usher Training

Looking Ahead

August 30 — Summer Book Read Discussion

September 1 — Summer Book Read Discussion via Zoom

September 11 — "Eleven" A Concert of Remembrance and Reflection

September 13 — Fall Kick-Off

- Rally Day Program Fair & Taco Lunch
- First Day of Sunday School, confirmation, & Youth Group
- Welcome Rev. Nanette Sawyer

September 20 — Inquirers Class for Prospective New Members

September 27 — New Member Recognition

October 3 — Women's Fall Retreat



Backpack & School Supplies Fund Drive

Today begins the Deacon Board's Backpack and School Supplies Fund Drive to help kids in need. Your support provides needed supplies to help students start the school year strong. The drive runs through Sunday, August 23. You may give online or by check. We are so grateful for your support.

Rally Day Fall Kick-Off – Sunday, September 13

Celebrate the start of fall at First Pres! Join us for worship in the sanctuary and chapel, the kick-off 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](#) by Monday, August 31 to reserve your spot.

Help Support Our Kids & Youth Programs

We hope you'll join 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.

"Eleven" A Concert of Remembrance and Reflection — Friday, September 11 | 7:00 PM

Join us in the sanctuary on September 11 for an evening of music, remembrance and reflection, featuring some of Chicagoland's finest concert artists — David Edelfelt, Cathy Glickman, Carla Gordon, Beckie Menzie, David Meulemans and Tom Michael. Open to all; \$20 donation suggested.

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.

Inquirers Class – Sunday, September 20

Considering First Presbyterian as your spiritual home? Join us for our Inquirers Class. Sign up at www.firstpreslibertyville.org. Questions? Contact Michelle at 847-362-2174 or office@boxp.net.

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.