



WORSHIP

Combined Service

September 6, 2026

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Maestoso on Holy, Holy, Holy
Gloria Song, organ

arr. John S. Dickson

WELCOME

Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP – *Psalm 116:12-13*

Session Elder Gary Holland

Leader: What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?

People: **We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

❖ HYMN #36

For the Fruit of All Creation

AR HYD Y NOS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God,
you call us to work for a world
where all will be fed and have dignity,
but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.
You call us to seek justice and peace,
but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.
You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,
but we do not insist on freedom for all.

Forgive us, O Lord.
Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,
so that all may know your justice and peace;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our 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*)

Hymn #581

❖ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Children remain in worship today.

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

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

Ecclesiastes 2:18-26 (NRSV)

ANTHEM

Alleluia
Chancel Choir – Adam Hendrickson, director

Will James

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:12-17 (NRSV)

Rev. Phil Butin

SERMON

Everything in the Name

Dr. Butin

THE RESPONSE

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

❖ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** – *1 Corinthians 15:1–8; Mark 16:1–9; Matthew 16:16; Revelation 22:13; John 20:28*

**This is the good news
which we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved,
if we hold it fast
that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures,
that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve
and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,
the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

TABLE TALK

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE AND THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Beautiful Savior
Chancel Choir, Gloria Song, organ

arr. Chester L. Alwes

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus (*sung in unison*)

Hymnal #552 (v. 1)

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest

Words of Institution

The Great Mystery of Faith (*sung in unison*)

Hymnal #553

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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 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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

(Please note that communion is gluten free bread and grape juice so that there may be no barriers to the table.)

*Hold the bread so we may share it together as a sign of our unity in Christ.
Drink the cup as it arrives as a sign of your individual communion with your Savior.*

Communion Hymn #525

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)

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*Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)*

v. 2: **Let us drink wine together...**

v. 3: **Let us praise God together...**

THE SENDING

❖ PRAYER OF RESPONSE

Leader: You have given yourself to us, Lord;

People: Now we give ourselves for others,

Leader: Your love has made us a new people;

People: As a people of love we will serve you with joy.

Leader: Your glory has filled our hearts;

People: Help us to glorify you in all things.

Holy Spirit, you have filled us with your life.

Christ our Savior, you have embraced us in your love.

God our Mother, you have fed us with your grace.

Now send us out into your beloved world to share your life, your love, your grace with all.

Blessing and honor and glory to you, holy, holy, holy Lord. Amen.

❖ HYMN #432

How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord

REPTON

❖ 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

Rev. Brian Paulson is on vacation today

Community Notes

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

The blue rose on organ is in joyous celebration of the birth of Callum Paul Mead born August 15. Parents are Erika Danckers and Bryce Mead. Grandparents are Elyse and Andy Danckers.

Sunday, September 6

10:00 AM — Worship (Sanctuary)

11:00 AM — Social Hour (Social Hall & Courtyard)

Monday, September 7 - Labor Day (Church Office Closed)

Wednesday, September 9

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

Friday, September 11

7:00 PM — "Eleven" A Concert of Remembrance and Reflection (Sanctuary)

Sunday, September 13

10:00 AM — Worship (Sanctuary & Chapel)

10:15 AM — Sunday School

11:00 AM — Program Fair & Walking Taco Lunch (Social Hall)

2:00 PM — Confirmation

4:00 PM — Youth Group

"Eleven" A Concert of Remembrance and Reflection – Friday, September 11

Join David Edelfelt and his talented friends in the sanctuary on Friday, September 11 at 7:00 PM for an evening of music, remembrance and reflection on the events of September 11, 2001. Open to all; Free will offering

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 kickoff of Sunday School, the Rally Day Program Fair to explore our ministries and groups, and lunch featuring walking tacos and other treats.

New Members Inquirers Class – Sunday, September 20

Considering First Presbyterian as your spiritual home? Join us for our Inquirers Class. Sign up by September 14 at www.firstpreslibertyville.org. Questions? Contact Michelle at 847-362-2174 or office@boxp.net.

Current Events, Eternal Questions (CEEQ) – Sunday, September 20 at 11:10 AM

Join **CARE and Christian Education** as we “seek” to connect our faith with what’s happening in the world around us. Our first conversation will explore **Artificial Intelligence**. No homework, no expertise, and no right answers required—just come to the Library ready for a flexible, discussion-based conversation. Look for a new topic on the third Sunday of each month!

Help us pack meal boxes at FMSC – Saturday, September 26

We have a packing date coming up at our local **Feed My Starving Children** packing site on Saturday, September 26 from 5:00-6:30 PM. Sign up at www.firstpreslibertyville.org.

Women's Fall Retreat - Saturday, October 3 from 8:45 AM - Noon

Join Rev. Nanette Sawyer for a thoughtful exploration of women’s stories in the Bible.

Early Bird Registration is now open! Sign up at www.firstpreslibertyville.org.