



WORSHIP

Chapel

September 20, 2026

It may be that when we no longer know which way to go / we have come to our real journey. ~ Wendell Berry

GATHERING SONG

Great Is the Lord

Smith & Smith

Chapel Music Team – Adam Hendrickson, director

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME

Rev. Brian Paulson

SONGS OF PRAISE

Great Are You Lord

Leonard, Ingram & Jordan

In Christ Alone (vv. 1 & 4)

Getty & Townend

CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF RESPONSE #741

Guide My Feet (vv. 1 & 5)

GUIDE MY FEET

SUMMARY OF GOD'S COMMANDS

Deacon Jennifer Yonan

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

MOMENT FOR MISSION – Youth Conservation Corps

ENCOUNTER WITH THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Deacon Tucker Olson

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 145:1-8 (NRSVue)

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 1:12-26 (NRSVue)

Rev. Nanette Sawyer

SERMON

To Live Is Christ

Dr. Paulson

THE RESPONSE

SONG OF AFFIRMATION

There's a Walk by Faith

Richard Baker

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND RESOURCES

OFFERTORY SONG

Now to Live the Life

Matt Redman

DEDICATION PRAYER

TABLE TALK

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

THE SENDING

SONG OF SENDING

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Tomlin, Newton & Giglio

CHARGE AND BLESSING

CLOSING MUSIC #649

Amazing Grace (vv. 4 & 5)

AMEN

Community Notes

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

The flowers in the sanctuary are placed to the glory of God by Bob and Helen Jackson in memory of his parents, Nettie Mae and J.C. Jackson; and by Phil and Lesley Judson in celebration of their 70th wedding anniversary!

Sunday, September 20

- 10:00 AM — Worship (Sanctuary & Chapel)
- 11:10 AM — Current Events, Eternal Question (CEEQ) “Let’s Talk AI” (Conference Room)
- 2:00 PM — Inquirers Class for Prospective New Members (Dougherty Room)
- 2:00 PM — Confirmation
- 4:00 PM — Youth Group

Looking Ahead

- October 3 — Women's Fall Retreat: "Hidden Gems & Poison Pills"
- October 4 — Vision Plan Celebration
- October 12 — All Committee Night

Let’s Talk AI

Join us today after worship in the Conference Room for the start of our monthly “Current Events, Eternal Questions” (CEEQ) series as we “seek” to connect our faith with what’s happening in the world around us. Our first conversation will explore Artificial Intelligence on Sunday, September 20. No homework, no expertise, and no right answers required—just come ready for a flexible, discussion-based conversation. **Look for a new topic on the third Sunday of each month!**

New Members Inquirers Class

Considering First Presbyterian as your spiritual home? Join us for our Inquirers Class today at 2 PM in the Dougherty Room. Questions? Contact Michelle at 847-362-2174 or office@boxp.net.

Vision Plan Celebration on Sunday, October 4 from 11:00-11:45 AM in Fellowship Hall

Thank you for your input in the three listening sessions this spring. We collected so much valuable feedback from all of you, and your commitment to the process and to the future of this church was overwhelming. Since then, the Vision Team has been hard at work. We reviewed everything you told us, studied data on our surrounding community, and shaped what we learned into a final Vision Plan. Session reviewed and approved the plan at their August retreat. On October 4, we will share the report with you. You will hear what we found, where First Pres is headed, and how each of you can be part of the next steps.