



WORSHIP

Sanctuary

October 11, 2026 – Indigenous Peoples Sunday

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Adoration

Florence Price

WELCOME

Larry Baade, organ

Alex Barnes, M.Div.

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Nolan Villarreal

Leader: God has given us many good gifts.

People: We come to give thanks!

Leader: Jesus shows us how to love, serve and share.

People: We come to follow his way!

Leader: God calls us to care for one another and for all creation.

All: With our time, our talents, and all that God has given us, let us worship God together!

❖ HYMN #385

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Nanette Sawyer

Creator God, you made the earth and called it good. You teach us that the land is not ours to possess, but a gift to receive with gratitude and care. Yet, we have not lived this way. We confess the sins of colonialism: land taken from Indigenous peoples, cultures and languages suppressed, sacred traditions dismissed, countless communities harmed in the name of “progress,” and, too often, in the name of Christ. Forgive us when we repeat these patterns—when we take more than we need, when we value profit over people and creation, when we fail to listen to Indigenous voices, and when we ignore ways of knowing that teach respect for the land and our relationships with one another. Turn us again toward the way of Jesus. Teach us to walk with humility, honor the wisdom of our neighbors, care for the earth, and share what we have with generous hearts.

(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

SESSION REPORT

Session Elder Hannah Rumple

THE WORD

An NRSV pew Bible is available for your convenience.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Deacon Anne Gohmann Villarreal

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 15 (First Nations Version)

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM

There Is a Time

Craig Courtney

Trinity Choir – Kitty Snyder, director; Lori Sundberg, piano

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:19-30 (NRSVue)

SERMON

Worthy of Imitation

Alex Barnes, M.Div.

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

THE RESPONSE

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – Adapted from the *Confession of 1967*

We believe that in Jesus Christ, God reconciles us to God and to one another.

We believe that poverty in a world of abundance violates God's vision for creation, and that Christ is present with those who are poor, exploited, and oppressed. Therefore, we cannot be indifferent to suffering or injustice. We are called to seek a world where all people may live with dignity, where the gifts of creation are shared justly, and where the needs of our neighbors matter as much as our own.

We believe that our abilities, our possessions, our time, talents, and treasure are gifts entrusted to us by God. We are called to use what we have been given not only for ourselves, but for the good of our neighbors, our communities, and all creation.

We believe that worship cannot end when we leave this place. Reconciled to God in Christ, we are sent to practice reconciliation: to share generously, to seek justice, to care for creation, and to work for the flourishing of all.

This is the life to which Christ calls us. With God's help, this is the life we seek to live.

TABLE TALK

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY – Stewardship

Session Elder Esther Pochron

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

Offertory

John Ness Beck

Motet Choir – David H. Edelfelt, director; LeAnn Malecha, piano

❖ 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 #644

Give Thanks, O Christian People

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❖ CHARGE AND BLESSING

❖ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #295

Go to the World! (v. 3)

SINE NOMINE

**Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.**

As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia. Alleluia.

❖ *Please rise in body or spirit.*

IN MINISTRY TOGETHER

Ministers

Officers

Pastor

Associate Pastor

Interim Associate Pastor

Transitional Minister for Pastoral Care

Music, Dept. Head

The Congregation

The Session and the Board of Deacons

The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Paulson (*In Chapel today*)

The Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley (*In Chapel today*)

The Rev. Nanette Sawyer

Alex Barnes, M.Div.

Gloria Song

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

Community Notes

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

Sunday, October 11

10:00 AM — Worship (Sanctuary & Chapel)

12:15 PM — First through Third Friends

2:00 PM — College Care Packages

Tuesday, October 13

7:00 PM — “Following Christ While Confronting Injustice: Christianity and Resistance” (Conference Room)

Wednesday, October 14

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

Saturday, October 17

7:30 AM — Mobile Food Pantry Volunteering

Sunday, October 18

10:00 AM — Worship (Sanctuary & Chapel)

10:15 AM — Sunday School

11:10 AM — CEEQ Discussion: Voter Rights

4:00 PM — Youth Group

Looking Ahead

October 25 — Commitment Sunday & Fall Fest Social Hour

October 25 — Love Every Neighbor: Disability Perspectives

November 1 — All Saints Sunday

November 7 — First Pres Coffee Tour

November 8 — Congregational Meeting to elect APNC

November 21 — Mobile Food Pantry Volunteering

November 22 — Advent Wreath Lunch & First Light Service

November 29 — First Sunday in Advent

Tuesday: “Following Christ While Confronting Injustice: Christianity and Resistance”

October 6, 13, 20, 27 at 7 PM in the Conference Room

This four-part class led by Brian Smith will explore ways followers of Christ have resisted and addressed injustice for centuries. Through Scripture, political theory, and theology, we will consider the options available to us as we seek faithful answers to the question: “What can I do?” Sign up at www.firstpreslibertyville.org.

Love Every Neighbor on Sunday, October 25 at 6 PM

Join us to learn and consider the lived experiences of our neighbors with disabilities through a faith lens. Homemade Mexican food will be served from 6:00-6:30 PM, and the program will run from 6:30-7:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. This program is designed for ages 10-110. Kids’ program for ages K-5th and childcare provided. Make plans to join us and [register online today](#)! This program is presented by the First Pres Committee on Anti-Racism & Equity’s Education Working Group.

CEEQ: Voting Rights on Sunday, October 18

11:10 AM - 12:00 PM in the Conference Room

Join CARE and Christian Education as we “seek” to connect our faith with what’s happening in the world around us. Our October conversation will explore **Voting Rights**. No homework, no expertise, and no right answers required—just come ready for a flexible, discussion-based conversation.

Coffee at Karina's Bakery on Saturday, Nov. 7 at 10 AM

First Pres folks will be hanging out at Karina's Bakery in Mundelein on Saturday, Nov. 7 from 10:00-11:00 AM. It's part of our monthly First Pres Coffee Tour to support local Black- and Brown-owned businesses. No program, no agenda, just a chance to grab a drink and hang out with First Pres folks for as much or as little of the hour as you’d like. We hope you'll join us. Bring a friend!

Sunday School | ages 3–7th grade

Come learn, play, create, and discover! Kids explore Bible stories through games, crafts, activities, and conversation. Families begin together in worship, then children head to their classrooms at 10:15 AM.

Childcare | Birth–4

Free childcare is available in our Nursery (birth–2) and Pre-K room (ages 3–4).

Wiggly Worship Tables

Little hands are welcome here! Kids in 3rd grade and younger can join us at our Wiggly Worship tables, where hands-on activities help them participate, explore, and engage with worship. Sit nearby and worship together!