



WORSHIP

Combined Service

November 1, 2026 – All Saints Sunday

... that best portion of a good person's life, / Their little, nameless, unremembered, acts / Of kindness and of love.
~ adapted from William Wordsworth, "Tintern Abbey" (1798)

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Like a River Glorious

arr. R. Sterling

WELCOME

First Pres Orchestra – Gloria Song, director

Rev. Nanette Sawyer

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP – Matthew 5:3; Psalm 34:18; Philippians 4:4-6

Arthur Rumble and Carol Boyce

Leader: Blessed are the poor in spirit,

People: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Leader: Do not be anxious about anything

People: The Lord is near, near to the brokenhearted.

Leader: Let your gentleness be known to everyone.

All: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

❖ HYMN #732

Rejoice in God's Saints

OLD 104TH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Alex Barnes, M.Div.

Eternal God,

in every age you have raised up people
to live and die in faith.

We confess that we are indifferent to your will.

You call us to proclaim your name,
but we are silent.

You call us to do what is just,
but we remain idle.

You call us to live faithfully,
but we are afraid.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Give us courage to follow in your way,
that joined with those from ages past,
who have served you with faith, hope, and love,
we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

(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 are welcomed by our Sunday School teachers and depart for Sunday School.

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

Deacon Mike Kollasch

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:1-12 (NRSVue)

ANTHEM

Ain't A That Good News
Chancel Choir – David H. Edelfelt, director

arr. William L. Dawson

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:2-20 (NRSVue)

SERMON

Rejoice in the Lord Always

Dr. Paulson

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

THE RESPONSE

❖ **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

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY - Stewardship

Session Elder Essie Pochron

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE AND THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Anima Christi ("Soul of Christ, sanctify me)

Kevin Allen

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within thy wounds, hide me. Permit me not to be separated from thee. From the wicked foe defend me. At the hour of my death call me. And bid me come to Thee That with Thy saints I may praise thee Forever and ever. Amen.

Men's Ensemble – Gloria Song, director: KC Kowal, Kirk Ergang, Martin Frey, Adam Hendrickson, Scott Lehmkuhl, John Sahagian, Guy Stehley; Kitty Snyder, organ

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley

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

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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, SHARING THE CUP

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

Today we will come forward to share communion as instructed by ushers.

Imagine a line of believers from every place and age joining us in the goodness of God's grace for all.

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 #527

Eat This Bread

BERTHIER

Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to Christ and never be hungry.

Eat this bread; drink this cup; trust in Christ and you will not thirst.

THE SENDING

❖ PRAYER OF REMBRANCE AND DEDICATION

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.**

Leader: On this day we dedicate our pledges and giving intentions as leaves of love grown from our lives shared in Hope with the faith of our forbears who have gone ahead of us into glory.

All: **Number us among your saints, O God, and join us with the faithful of every age, that strengthened by their witness and supported by their fellowship, we may stand with them in glory before your throne of grace.**

(Reading of the Necrology and Tolling of the Bell)

Almighty God, give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory. Amen.

❖ HYMN #326

For All the Saints (vv. 1, 2, 3, 5)

SINE NOMINE

❖ CHARGE AND BLESSING

❖ POSTLUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King
First Pres Orchestra

arr. R. STERLING

❖ *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

Interim Associate Pastor

The Rev. Nanette Sawyer

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

Community Notes

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

The flowers are placed to the glory of God by Juli & Jamie Dunsing in recognition of National Adoption Month and give thanks to God for the gift of adoption. We pray for adoptees, birth families, adoptive families, and all who work to provide children with safe, loving, and permanent homes; and by Gini & Brad Baker with joy and in celebration of their granddaughter Ellie Summers' 13th birthday on November 4th. The pink rose on the organ is in joyous celebration of the birth of Kennedy Anne Friestedt, born on October 9. Grandparents are Betsy & Brad Friestedt.

Sunday, November 1 - Dedication & All Saints Sunday

10:00 AM — Worship (Sanctuary)

10:15 AM — Sunday School

11:00 AM — Social Hour

4:00 PM — Youth Group

Friday, November 6

7:00 PM — David Edelfelt in Concert (Chapel)

Saturday, November 7

10:00 AM — First Pres Coffee Tour to Karina's Bakery in Mundelein

Sunday, November 8

10:00 AM — Worship (Sanctuary & Chapel)

10:15 AM — Sunday School

11:00 AM — Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)

4:00 PM — Youth Group

Holiday Meal Boxes for Mobile Food Pantry

This holiday season, the church will provide Thanksgiving turkeys and Christmas hams to local families in need. A gift of \$23 covers the cost of a complete turkey or ham dinner—enough to feed up to eight people.

You may donate at www.firstpreslibertyville.org or by writing a check with "Holiday Meal Box" in the memo line.

Thank you for helping share the joy of the holidays with our neighbors!

