First Presbyterian Church of Libertyville

WORSHIP

Chapel

November 8, 2026

GATHERING SONG *I Can See Clearly Now* Johnny Nash
Chapel Music Team – Adam Hendrickson, director

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley

SONG OF PRAISE *Here I Am to Worship* Tim Hughes

CONFESSION OF SIN Alex Barnes, M.Div.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF RESPONSE #611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* (v. 1) HYMN TO JOY

SUMMARY OF GOD'S COMMANDS

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SESSION REPORT Session Elder Hannah Rumple

BLESSING THE CHILDREN
The children are welcomed by our Sunday School teachers and depart for Sunday School.

ENCOUNTER WITH THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Beth Semmelman
FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20 (NRSVue)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 25:1-13 (NRSVue)*

SONG OF REFLECTION #451 *Open My Eyes That I May See* OPEN MY EYES

SERMON ***You Who Are So Wise*** Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley

THE RESPONSE

SONG OF AFFIRMATION *Ready* Avery, Carr, Powell, Lee & Anderson

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND RESOURCES

OFFERTORY SONG *Go Light Your World* Chris Rice

TABLE TALK

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY Elyse Danckers

PRAYERS OF DEDICATION AND THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

THE SENDING

SONG OF SENDING #749 *Come! Live in the Light* WE ARE CALLED

CHARGE AND BLESSING

CLOSING MUSIC *I Saw the Light* Hank Williams Sr.

Community Notes

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

The flowers in the sanctuary are placed to the glory of God by Dean Starr in remembrance of a dear friend, Tom Bartlett-Svehla.

Sunday, November 8

10:00 AM — Worship (Sanctuary & Chapel)
10:15 AM — Sunday School
11:00 AM —Special Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
4:00 PM — Youth Group

NEXT SUNDAY: Current Events, Eternal Questions (CEEQ) at 11:10 AM in the Conference Room
Alex Barnes is leading next Sunday's CEEQ discussion about El Niño. All are welcome! No registration required.

Advent Wreath Workshop & All-Church Lunch
Join us in Fellowship Hall after worship on Sunday, November 22 for lunch and a hands-on Advent wreath-making activity using fresh-cut greenery. Also, if you've been creating handmade crèche pieces each year, your next piece will be waiting for you. If you're new to the tradition, come pick up your first piece and begin building your own nativity set. All are welcome! Please RSVP online so we have enough food and wreath materials for everyone!

First Light Service: *Love Finds Us Here* - Sunday, November 22 at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary
Sometimes life takes us down roads we never expected to travel. Whether we are grieving a loved one, facing an uncertain future, or carrying losses we can't easily name, the holiday season can make the journey feel especially lonely.
At First Light, we gather to remember that we do not have to know the way forward to be accompanied by love.
Through scripture, prayer, music, and reflection, we will make space for our sorrow and find comfort in the promise that God's love meets us wherever we are.

Advent Candlelighters Needed!
We'd love to have you help light our Advent candles. Families, individuals, friends, or any combination are invited! Sign up online by Sunday, Nov. 15.

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.