

News & Upcoming Events



Fall Kick-off (aka Rally Day) on Sunday, Sept. 11 (Social Hall & Douglas Ave.)
Turquoise Table launches on Sept. 11
Lunch Bunch returns on Sept. 20
PADS moves to Wednesday nights in October
Women's Fall Retreat on Oct. 29 (Ryerson Woods in Lincolnshire)

Fall Backpack and School Supply Drive – The Deacon Board and our congregation will once again be providing backpacks and school supplies to our Mobile Food Pantry guests, students at Hope Technology and Education Center in Chicago, and students in the Waukegan to College program. We hope that you will consider donating. Please give generously so that these kids can have a great start to the school year. Scan the QR code to give online!

Flower Dedications

To make a flower dedication in the Sanctuary or Chapel, please see Parish Life, call the church office at 847-362-2174, or send an email to office@boxp.net.

Greeters

Looking for a fun and easy way to help out at church on Sunday morning? Our Greeters are returning to the narthex in August and we'd love to have you join the team. Call Lennie Blair at 847-363-2174 or email her at office@boxp.net to learn more!

Next Steps: Inquirers Class August 21 & 28

If you're interested in joining the church or want to learn more about what it means to be part of a Presbyterian denomination, join us for our August Inquirers Class. You'll meet our pastors and staff, learn the history of our denomination, and find out how to get involved here at First Pres. We will meet on Sunday Aug. 21 & 28 from 11:15 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided. Please call Michelle Groenke at 847-362-2174 if you're interested in attending.

HYMN LYRICS FOR ONLINE SERVICE

#716 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* BEACH SPRING

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom, costly cross, grave’s shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ’s ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

#377 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* HOUSTON

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.
Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

I’m looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*



WORSHIP



AUGUST 7, 2022

I believe the promises of God enough to venture an eternity on them. ~Isaac Watts

PRELUDE *Barcarolle* Jacques Offenbach
Gloria Song, organ

WELCOME Rev. Brian Paulson

❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP** – by Thom M. Shuman Elder Elizabeth Wagner

Leader: We trust in God.
All: and so we hope in God.
Leader: We hope in our God, and we offer our hearts,
All: that our God may fill them with grace.
Leader: Every time, we trust, we hope, we come to God,
All: God is waiting for us ... every time.

❖ **OPENING HYMN #716** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* BEACH SPRING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We must admit, Loving God, that if faith is a trust which cannot be confirmed, it is easier not to trust.
Or if faith is the gut feeling that hope is just around the corner, we prefer to keep our eyes closed.
And surely, if faith is to be lived out in difficult moments, we often leave it behind at home.

Call us into your backyard, God of wonder, to point up to the stars and remind us that we cannot begin to imagine, or count, how many times you will forgive us. Give us the trust to have faith in you, the faith to hope in you, and the assurance you will surround us with the grace, hope, and wonder shared with us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and 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)* Hymnal #581

❖ **PASSING THE PEACE**

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS - adapted from materials by Jessica Miller Kelley and Wendy Claire Barrie

Leader: God of love, we ask you to bless these backpacks and those who carry them as they begin another season of education.
All: God of peace, give them peace when they feel nervous, focus when they feel distracted, energy when they feel tired.
Leader: God of wisdom, open their minds to the lessons they will learn both in and outside the classroom.
All: God of compassion, help them to make friends that build one another up, and be friends to those who need them.

Leader: God of goodness, guide them in making good choices as they grow in wisdom and maturity.
All: God of courage, help them to remember that asking the right questions is often as important as giving the right answers.
Leader: God of all of our days, be ever-present with them in the classroom, on the school bus, on the playgrounds and playing fields, and at home, and may they feel your loving care in all they do.
All: God of all things new, we give you thanks for schools and classrooms and for the teachers and students who fill them each day.
Leader: We thank you for this new beginning, for new books, and new ideas. We thank you for sharpened pencils, pointy crayons, empty canvases, open computers, and crisp blank pages waiting to be filled.
We thank you for the gift of making mistakes and trying again. Today we give you thanks for these your children of all ages, and we ask you to bless them with curiosity, understanding, and respect.
All: May their backpacks be a sign to them that they have everything they need to learn and grow this year. May they be guided by your love in all they do, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE Psalm 33:12-22

ANTHEM Voluntary on Slane arr. John Horman
Kendra Gohr, euphonium

THE SECOND READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

MEDITATION Live With Conviction Dr. Paulson

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

TABLE TALK AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

OFFERTORY Alleluia W. A. Mozart
Kendra Gohr, euphonium

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & LORD’S PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.
Leader: We give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus – God is Holy (sung in unison) Hymnal #552 (verse 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)
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 us 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 AND SHARING THE CUP

❖ THE 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.

As this bread is Christ’s body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. Amen.

❖ HYMN #377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light HOUSTON

THE CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE Gloria Song

❖ Those who are able, please stand

Community Notes

Learn more in our online Parish Life newsletter at www.firstpreslibertyville.org

Wednesday, Aug. 10
SHF Mini Golfing at 2 p.m. (Par-King in Lincolnshire)

Sunday, Aug. 14
Worship at 10 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Deacons Back to School Supply Drive
Social Hour at 11 a.m. (Outside)

Saturday, Aug. 20
Mobile Food Pantry at 8 a.m. (Douglas Ave. parking lot)

Sunday, Aug. 21
Worship at 10 a.m. (Sanctuary & Chapel)
Social Hour at 11 a.m. (Outside)
Inquirers Class at 11:15 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, Aug. 28
Worship at 10 a.m. (Sanctuary & Chapel)
Social Hour at 11 a.m. (Outside)
Inquirers Class at 11:15 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)