



WORSHIP

Sanctuary

March 9, 2025—First Sunday in Lent

*The mind that comes to rest is tended / In ways that it cannot intend: / Is borne, preserved, and comprehended /
By what it cannot intend. ~ Wendell Berry*

THE GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

Ancient Words (see insert)
As Dew Falls Gently at Dawn (Hymn # 461)
Chapel Music Team

Lynn DeShazo
AS DEW FALLS

WELCOME

Alex Barnes, M.Div.

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 146:6-7; Genesis 9:12*

Leader: We believe in God: the maker of heaven and earth,

People: the sea, and all that is in them,

Leader: We believe in God: who is faithful forever,

People: who gives justice to people who are oppressed, who gives bread to people who are starving!

Leader: We believe God's promise is for all generations;

All: God's covenant is with every living thing.

❖ HYMN #1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Amy Heinrich

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.

We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way.

**We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,
and great when we are small.**

We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.

Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our 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

❖ SUMMARY OF THE LAW

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 & BLESSING THE CHILDREN

As the congregation greets one another, children are welcomed by our Sunday School teachers and depart for Sunday School.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Deacon Mary Russert

FIRST READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE
ANTHEM

Psalm 146
The Nicene Creed

A. Getchaninoff

Chancel choir—David H. Edelfelt, director; Gloria Song, organ

SECOND READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE *Matthew 4:1-10*

Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley

❖ **HYMN** *Ancient Words* (see insert)

Lynn DeShazo

SERMON *We Believe in God*

Dr. Paulson

THE RESPONSE

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

❖ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**—*The Nicene Creed*

(Sung) ***We believe in one God,***

(Spoken) ***We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.***

(Sung) ***We believe in one God,***

(Choir) *We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,*

(Sung) ***We believe in one God,***

(Choir) *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*

(Sung) ***We believe in one God,***

(Choir) *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.*

(Sung) ***We believe in one God,***

(Choir) *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.*

(Sung) ***We believe in one God,***

(Choir) *We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.*

(Sung) ***Amen.***



We believe in one God

TABLE TALK
SESSION REPORT

Elder Liz White

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: We give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

OFFERING

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Chancel Choir and hand bells; Gloria Song, organ

Hal Hopson

❖ 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 LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE SENDING

❖ HYMN #166

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

❖ THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

❖ POSTLUDE

Chapel Music Team

❖ *Please rise in body or spirit.*

Community Notes

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

The flowers are placed to the glory of God by Sally and Connie Kowal In memory of their daughter, Lauren, on her birthday.

Sunday, March 9

10:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
10:15 AM Sunday School Pre-K - 8th grade
11:00 AM Social Hour & 4Ocean Fundraiser (Social Hall)
11:15 AM Alpha Chimers & Trinity Choir
11:45 AM Confirmation (Youth Education Room)
1:30 PM Green Oaks Senior Living Worship (Offsite)
4:00 PM Junior High Fellowship (Youth Lounge)
5:30 PM Youth Bells
6:30 PM Youth Leadership Team Meeting
7:00 PM Senior High Fellowship (Youth Lounge)

Monday, March 10

9:00 AM Habitat Quilting (Social Hall)
2:00 PM "Hard & Holy Work" Lent Book Study (Dougherty Rm)
6:00 PM "Hard & Holy work" Lent Book Study (Zoom)
6:30 PM Vesper Bells
7:00 PM Scout Troop 71 (Social Hall)
7:00 PM Caregiver Support Group (Zoom)
7:00 PM Deacon Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, March 11

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Zoom)

Wednesday, March 12

7:30 AM Morning Bible Study (Zoom)
12:00 PM "Lent of Liberation" Discussion (Zoom)
4:00 PM PADS Donation Drop Off
6:00 PM "Lent of Liberation" Discussion (Zoom)

The first Nicene Creed. Completed, June 18, 325 CE.

We believe in one God the Father Almighty,
Maker of all things visible and invisible;
and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God,
begotten of the Father, only-begotten, that is,
from the substance of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
True God from True God,
Begotten, not made,
of one substance with the Father,
through Whom all things were made.

Who for us men and for our salvation came
down and became incarnate,
and was made man,
suffered and rose on the third day,
And ascended into heaven,
And is coming with glory to judge living and
dead, And in the Holy Spirit.

But those who say,
There was when the Son of God was not ...

UPCOMING EVENTS

Youth Sunday & PI Day Sale (March 16)
"Time for Lament & Hope" (March 20)
Coffee & Conversation for Older Adults (March 23)

Sunday School & Child Care: Kids and youth in PreK-Grade 8 will be excused for Sunday School today at 10:15 AM. Caregiving is provided for kids ages birth through age 2 in the nursery and for ages 3-4 in the PreK-K caregiving room (105/106) for those kids who don't feel quite ready to participate in a Sunday School setting or sit through worship.

4Ocean Bracelet Sales: Confirmation youth will be selling bracelets today in Social Hall after worship. Bracelets that were pre-ordered will also be available for pick-up.

Daily Devotions: Daily Lenten devotions written by members of our First Pres family are being emailed to everyone on our Devotions List. If you'd like to be added (or if you'd like to be removed), please email Megan at mhuber@boxp.net.

Book Discussion: *Lent of Liberation*

Join Pastoral Resident Alex Barnes for a Lent lunchtime/early evening offering on Wednesdays from March 5 to April 16. We will meet on Zoom from 12:00 to 12:30 PM or 6:00 to 6:30 PM to explore questions from the devotional "Lent of Liberation: Confronting the Legacy of American Slavery." Email Megan at mhuber@boxp.net or call the church at 847-362-2174 to sign up.

Book Study: *Hard and Holy Work*

Join Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley on Mondays during Lent for a discussion of "Hard and Holy Work: A Lenten Journey through the Book of Exodus." We'll gather from March 10 to April 14. In-person sessions are from 2:00 to 3:00 PM, and Zoom sessions are from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. Email Megan at mhuber@boxp.net or call the church at 847-362-2174 to sign up.

Walk an Indoor Labyrinth

Mondays from 1:00 to 7:00 PM a canvas labyrinth will be laid out on the raised platform area of the Social Hall. All are invited to spend some contemplative time walking the labyrinth. The door on Maple Ave. closest to Social Hall will be unlocked for easy access during that time.

We Need Pie Donations: Can you donate a pie for the Youth Sunday Pi Day Fundraiser? Pies can be homemade or store bought. Sign up online or fill out the forms in the narthex to let our youth know how many pies to expect!

Caregiver Support Group: The Caregiver Support Group is back! Their next meeting is on Monday, March 10 at 7:00 PM via Zoom. This group is a sanctuary for those caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's, dementia, or other chronic illnesses such as COPD, stroke, cancer, and more. Learn more and sign up at www.firstpreslibertyville.org/prayers-and-support/ or call the church at 847-362-2174.

PADS Food Collection: Drop off on Wednesdays between 4-5:30 PM in the Sanctuary Narthex. Please visit www.firstpreslibertyville.org for the items that are needed.

Stephen Ministry Training: We're training a new team of Stephen Ministers beginning in April and continuing until mid-July. Stephen Ministers are trained Christian caregivers who walk with people who have gone through a significant loss. If you might be interested or would like more information, contact Brian Tischendorf at betischen-dorf@gmail.com or 847-732-4159.

Flower Calendar: Honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion by dedicating a Sunday morning floral arrangement. Sign up at www.firstpreslibertyville.org or call the church at 847-362-2174. Cost: \$45 per arrangement.