



# WORSHIP

*Sanctuary*



DECEMBER 4, 2022

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*I have always thought the actions of people are the best interpreters of their thoughts.* ~ John Locke

### PRELUDE

*Preludio from Concerto for Oboe on the Themes of Arcangelo Corelli*  
Andrew Leitza, oboe; Gloria Song, piano

John Barbirolli

### WELCOME

Rev. Brian Paulson

### ❖ CANDLE LIGHTING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Kowal Family

Leader: Our shoulders sag and our bodies drag

**All: as we struggle under the weight of injustice and inequality,**

Leader: feeling that the needs of the world are insurmountable.

**All: We are burdened with hopelessness,**

Leader: feeling inadequate in power and intellect, endurance and creativity.

**All: Yet Jesus is coming to teach us**

Leader: that only he is the Savior, freeing us to center ourselves

**All: on daily lives marked by persistence in each little good thing we can do.**

Leader: As people of faith, we dare to

**All: welcome the light**

Leader: for we trust serving God's world with a lifelong practice of sustained small efforts is pleasing in God's sight.

### ❖ HYMN #98

*To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary*

ANNUNCIATION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley

**God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule.**

**We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.**

*(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

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Carol Turnbull

### THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

*Psalm 19*

**ANTHEM**

*Canticle of Mary*  
Motet Choir - David Edelfelt, director

Ames & Leaman

**THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

*Luke 4:14-21*

❖ **SONG OF BLESSING – HYMN #136**      *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

GO TELL IT

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere,  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

*(Children are invited forward to the font before they depart for Kids' Church.)*

**WORD FOR THE CHILDREN**

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**MEDITATION**

*The Work Begins*

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**

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**OFFERTORY**

*Gloria in Excelsis Deo (Glory to God in the Highest)*  
Motet Choir

Jackson Berkey

**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: Let us 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 POURING THE CUP

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

### PRAYER OF RESPONSE

Leader: You have given yourself to us, Lord;

**All: now we give ourselves for others,**

Leader: your love has made us a new people;

**All: as a people of love we will serve you with joy.**

Leader: Your glory has filled our hearts;

**All: help us to glorify you in all things. We thank you for feeding us with the bread of life and quenching our thirst with the cup of salvation. Make us gentle, joyful, thankful people, serving our neighbors, worshipping you alone. Keep us in the peace of Christ until you gather us at your table in glory. Now send us out into the world by the power of your Holy Spirit to share your life and salvation with all whom we meet. Amen.**

❖ HYMN	<i>Today We Are All Called to be Disciples</i>	KINGSFOLD
❖ THE CHARGE & BLESSING		
❖ POSTLUDE	<i>Giga from Concerto for Oboe on the Themes of Arcangelo Corelli</i>	John Barbirolli

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❖ *Please stand in body or in spirit.*

## Community Notes

Learn more in our online Parish Life newsletter at [www.firstpreslibertyville.org](http://www.firstpreslibertyville.org)

The flowers today are placed to the glory of God by Brent and Marilyn Roland in celebration of Marty Powell's 96<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### **Sunday, Dec. 4**

9 AM Confirmation (Youth Education Room)  
9 AM Follow Me Faith Formation (Social Hall)  
10 AM Worship (Sanctuary & Chapel)  
10:20 AM Kids' Church (Rooms 204/205)  
11 AM Social Hour (Social Hall)  
11 AM Fourth & Fifth Grade Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)  
4 PM Junior High Fellowship (Youth Lounge)  
6:30 PM Advent Vespers (Sanctuary)  
7 PM Senior High Fellowship (Youth Lounge)

### **Tuesday, Dec. 6**

6:30 PM Advent Faith Formation (Social Hall)

### **Wednesday, Dec. 7**

7 PM Ecumenical Advent Reception & Worship (Social Hall & Chapel)

### **Sunday, Dec. 11**

9 AM Follow Me Faith Formation (Social Hall)  
10 AM Worship (Sanctuary)  
11 AM Social Hour (Social Hall)  
4 PM Junior High Fellowship (Youth Lounge)  
7 PM Senior High Fellowship (Youth Lounge)

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Sunday, Dec. 18**

10 AM Christmas Pageant (Sanctuary)

#### **Tuesday, Dec. 20**

12 PM Bel Canto Ringers (Fellowship Hall)

#### **Saturday, Dec. 24**

4 PM Family Christmas Eve Worship

7 PM & 10 PM Traditional Christmas Eve Worship

#### **Sunday, Dec. 25**

10 AM Christmas Morning Worship

### **Advent Vespers: The Story and the Songs**

Join us this evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary for our Advent Vespers. This beautiful service of music, scriptures, and

poetry, produced by Jane Orth, features our Vespers Choir and instrumentalists (piano, cello and flute). Our guest director is

Paul McKenzie. Free and open to the public. Bring your friends!

### **Ecumenical Advent Worship on Wednesday, Dec. 7**

Join us on Wednesday night for our Ecumenical Advent Worship Service in the Chapel. This lovely contemplative service will be led by women in ministry from First Presbyterian Church of Libertyville, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, North Shore Mennonite Church, First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest, St. Lawrence Episcopal Church, Kenilworth Union Church and Church of the Holy Spirit! Come at 7 p.m. for a twinkly-lighted reception in the Social Hall and then join us for worship at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel. **All are welcome!**

### **Advent Giving Tree 2022**

Our Advent Giving Tree is back! Gifts given through the Giving Tree program provide hope and love to those in need through

several partner organizations. You may select a paper ornament from the tree in the Sanctuary Narthex. The QR code on the tag will take you directly to our Giving Tree gift list. Please keep gifts in the \$25-\$30 price range maximum. If you need assistance in using the QR code, please ask one of our ushers for help or call the church office during the week at 847-362-2174.

### **Advent Faith Formation for Adults**

This Advent, as we prepare for Christmas, join the First Pres Adult Faith Formation Committee from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Social Hall as we dig deeper into our Advent scriptures that are the focus of our upcoming Sunday's sermons. A simple Panera soup supper will be served, so **registration is needed** for each session to help us plan accordingly. Childcare will also be provided.

Sign up at [www.firstpreslibertyville.com](http://www.firstpreslibertyville.com).

### **Poinsettia Dedications**

Dedicate a poinsettia "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone special. The dedications will be included in our

**PASTORAL STAFF:** Rev. Dr. Brian Paulson (Pastor/Head of Staff), Rev. Amy Heinrich (Associate Pastor for Congregational Care), Rev. Nicole Farley (Interim Associate Pastor), Kimberly Mendoza (Pastoral Resident)

**ELDERS ON SESSION:** Debra Alexander, Jerry Brann, Kirk Ergang, Vanessa Griffin, Anna Groebe, Sally Kowal, Jon McGormley, Rich Monahan, Becky Nelson, Esther Pochron, Dave Potts, Carol Turnbull, Fred Ulanday, Elizabeth Wagner, Liz White, Gail Starr (Clerk of Session)