



WORSHIP

Sanctuary

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound. ~ John Newton

PRELUDE

Down by the Riverside
Dan Brame, saxophone; Gloria Song, piano

arr. Daniel Kallman

WELCOME

Rev. Brian Paulson

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP - *Psalm 118:24; 95:1, 2*

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made;

All: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

❖ OPENING HYMN #441

Hear the Good News of Salvation

NETTLETON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.

Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of 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 – *Matthew 22:37-40*

Leader: Our Lord Jesus said,

**People: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your mind.**

Leader: This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it:

People: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Leader: On these two commandments hang all the law and prophets.

❖ PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Psalm 32:1-7

ANTHEM

Suscepit Israel
Motet Choir, David Edelfelt, director

J. S. Bach (1685 - 1750)

The Lord is merciful unto His children. His loving kindness endureth forever.

THE SECOND READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Galatians 2:15-21

❖ SONG OF BLESSING – HYMN #774 v. 3 *There is Now a New Creatio*

STUTT GART

*Wrap the prodigal in welcome; run to greet the wayward child.
All is finished and forgiven; let us now be reconciled.*

(Children are invited to the baptismal font from which they will depart for Kids' Church)

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN AND THE SENDING

SONG OF BLESSING – HYMN #774 v. 4 *There is Now a New Creation*

STUTT GART

*Come and join the celebration; come and join the happy feast;
Jesus makes an invitation to the greatest and the least.*

MEDITATION

Songs of Rescue

Dr. Paulson

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – *From the Study Catechism of the PC(USA)*

Barb Gatewood

Leader: What is God's purpose for your life?

All: God wills that I should live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, for the love of God, and in the communion of the Holy Spirit.

Leader: How do you live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ?

All: I am not my own. I have been bought with a price. The Lord Jesus Christ loved me and gave himself for me. I entrust myself completely to his care, giving thanks each day for his wonderful goodness.

Leader: How do you live for the love of God?

All: I love because God first loved me. God loves me in Christ with a love that never ends. Amazed by grace, I no longer live for myself. I live for the Lord who died and rose again, triumphant over death, for my sake. Therefore, I take those around me to heart, especially those in particular need, knowing that Christ died for them no less than for me.

TABLE TALK

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

Holy Ghost, With Light Divine
Motet Choir

Aaron David Miller

❖ 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 & 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.

❖ HYMN #446

How Blest, Those Whose Transgressions (Psalm 32)

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❖ THE CHARGE & BLESSING

❖ POSTLUDE

❖ *Please stand in body or in spirit.*

Community Notes

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



Online Giving

Stewardship: Thank you for helping First Presbyterian Church live the gospel of Jesus Christ. Scan the QR code to give online or text firstpreslib to 73256.

Flower Dedications: The flowers today are placed to the glory of God by David Ruth in loving memory of his wife, Pam on their wedding anniversary; and by Louise and Brian Tischendorf in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary. 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.

Hot dogs, ice cream, games and more!

After worship, there will be food and fun for everyone! The deacons are grilling hot dogs and serving up "walking tacos" and ice cream.

Visit our program fair in Social Hall, grab some popcorn, meet new people, learn about our upcoming events and activities and celebrate the start of our new program year!

In keeping with today's "Welcome Home!" theme and in light of the rainy forecast, we're turning today's kick off into a big house party! If you're looking for a place to sit down to eat, you can grab a seat on the elevated area of Social Hall, in the Chapel Narthex, the Dougherty Room, or Conference Room. There are even a few spots in the new Youth Education Room (the old toddler crib room at the end of the hall in the Faith Formation wing).

**We've rescheduled the bounce house due to the weather forecast, but there will be games in the Youth Lounge for all ages.

Turquoise Table from 4-6 p.m. (weather permitting)

The **Turquoise Table** has become a symbol of hospitality and connection with friends and neighbors, and we're excited to have our own First Pres table as a place to gather together, build fellowship, foster new friendships, and extend our love of Christ out into the community! You'll find the First Pres Turquoise Table in different front yards each Sunday from 4 – 6 p.m. (Sept. 11-Oct. 30) as the weather permits. **Sue Fosmoen and Jerry Brann are hosting today!** Their address is 2304 Sarazen Dr. in Vernon Hills. Come one, come all, no need to RSVP! Bring a folding lawn chair and a snack, if you'd like.

Book Study starts Tuesday, Sept 13

Join members of the Faith Formation Adult Strategy team as they lead a discussion around the book *Evicted*, by Matthew Desmond, about eight families experiencing eviction in Milwaukee, as we learn more about the Matthew 25 initiative of Eradicating Systemic Poverty. A simple Panera soup supper will be served, so registration is needed to help us plan accordingly. See *Parish Life* at www.firstpreslibertyville.org to register. And be sure to pick up a copy of the book!

Lunch Bunch kicks off on Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 12 p.m. in Social Hall

Join Rosemary Monahan - a very active and still working "senior" - for a light-hearted but serious look at all that is available for us to do and experience as we enter our "golden years" and beyond. Her lunch and learn conversation, titled "**Don't Put Me Out To Pasture—I'm Not Done Yet!**" is one you won't want to miss. See our website or *Parish Life* for more information and a link to register. You can also call the church office at 847-362-2174 to RSVP. The cost is \$10 and includes a catered lunch.

Sunday, Sept. 11 (Rally Day *Fall Kick-Off*).

9 a.m. Confirmation (1st Floor Youth Education Room)

9 a.m. Follow Me Faith Formation (Fellowship Hall)

10 a.m. Worship at 10 a.m. (Sanctuary & Chapel).

11:15 a.m. Rally Day *Fall Kick-Off* (Social Hall, Courtyard & Douglas Avenue)

4-6 p.m. *Turquoise Table* gathering at Sue Fosmoen and Jerry Brann's home (weather permitting)

6-8 p.m. JHF & SHF at the Mehta's house in Vernon Hills

Tuesday, Sept. 13

6:30-7:30 p.m. Book study on "Evicted" by Matthew Desmond in Social Hall

Saturday, Sept. 17

8 a.m. Mobile Food Pantry in Douglas Ave. Parking Lot

Sunday, Sept. 18

9 a.m. Confirmation (1st Floor Youth Education Room)
 9 a.m. Follow Me Faith Formation (Fellowship Hall)
 10 a.m. Worship at 10 a.m. (Sanctuary & Chapel). Rev. Dr. Brian R. Paulson is preaching.
 11:15 a.m. Social Hour (Outdoors)
 4-6 p.m. *Turquoise Table* gathering at the Frey's home in Libertyville
 4-5:30 p.m. Junior High Fellowship (Youth Lounge)
 7-9 p.m. Senior High Fellowship (Youth Lounge)

Tuesday, Sept. 20

12-1 p.m. Lunch Bunch (Social Hall). Rosemary Monahan presents *Don't Put Me Out To Pasture— I'm Not Done Yet!*

Sunday, Sept. 25

9 a.m. Confirmation (1st Floor Youth Education Room)
 9 a.m. Follow Me Faith Formation (Fellowship Hall)
 10 a.m. Worship at 10 a.m. (Sanctuary & Chapel). Kim Mendoza is preaching
 11:15 a.m. Social Hour (Outdoors)
 4-6 p.m. *Turquoise Table* gathering
 4-5:30 p.m. Junior High Fellowship (Youth Lounge)
 7-9 p.m. Senior High Fellowship (Youth Lounge)

Coming in October

New Member Recognition on Oct. 2
 PADS starts on Oct. 5
 Tackle Hunger Tailgate on Oct. 16
 Women's Fall Retreat on Oct. 29 (Ryerson Woods in Lincolnshire)
 Volunteer Development Summit on Oct. 23
 Evening Sabbath on Oct. 30 (Chapel)

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)

PRAYER BOX – Sunday – September 18, 2022**For those in need of prayer:**

Patricia Erickson, friend of Lennie Blair
 Chelsea, daughter of Karen and Steve Rainish
 Elaine Overholser
 Betsy Blackmar, sister of Kathy Heusinkfeld
 Becky, mother-in-law of Kim Heusinkfeld
 Jeff and Susie Covert
 Sy and Mary Siemen, friends of Brent and Marilyn Roland
 Jim King
 Paul and Louise Quillman
 Chris Dowell, son of Lynn Dowell
 Christine, niece of Myrna Ulanday
 Emily Nelson, sister of Becky Nelson
 John Thompson, brother of Kathy Holland
 Wendy and John, sister and brother-in-law of Marilyn Roland
 Trish B., long-time friend of Liz Tanner and Carolyn Albertson

Other:

Pray for England, mourning the loss of Queen Elizabeth II
 Pray for world peace.
 Pray for healing in the land.
 Pray for all victims of social injustice and abuse of all kinds.
 Pray for all our children at home, in school, in the workplace.
 Pray for those who are suffering and need spiritual nourishment.
 Pray for our sister churches in Chicago, Cuba and Italy.