



WORSHIP

Sanctuary

NOVEMBER 20, 2022
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

"I eat dessert first because life is too short." -Pastor Rick Lemberg

PRELUDE

Allegro and Allegro from Sonata No. 3
Kaethe Durham, oboe; Gloria Song, piano

G.F. Handel

WELCOME

Rev. Brian Paulson

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP - *Adapted from UMC Discipleship Ministries*

Leader: Come to worship Jesus, Alpha and Omega, the one who is, who was, and is to come.

All: **We come to worship the one who rules justly.**

Leader: Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, the ruler of the kings of the earth.

All: **Bread of Heaven, God with us!**

Leader: Good Shepherd, True Vine!

All: **Eternal Word, Great I AM.**

Leader: Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace!

All: **We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords! To him be the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.**

❖ HYMN #264

At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service.

(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

Brian Tischendorf

THE FIRST READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE *Deuteronomy 6:4-7*

ANTHEM

Praise We Sing to Thee
Chancel Choir—David Edelfelt, director

Joseph Haydn

THE SECOND READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE *Acts 18:1-4; 24-28*

❖ SONG OF BLESSING – HYMN #774 v. 1 *There is Now a New Creation*

STUTTGART

*There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ,
peace and reconciliation with the God of endless life.*

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

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

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

STUTTGART

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

MEDITATION

On the Way to Wisdom (video)

Ms. Kim Mendoza, M. Div.

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - *Confession of Belhar, 10.1-10.3a-b,d*

We believe:

• that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;

• that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;

• that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope; together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and buildup one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity.

TABLE TALK

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

ANTHEM

Glory to God
Chancel Choir

J.S. Bach

❖ 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.

❖ HYMN #260

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

HYFRYDOL

❖ 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

The flowers today are placed to the glory of God by the Starr Family in loving memory of Gene Craig.

Sunday, Nov. 20

9 AM Confirmation (Youth Education Room)
9 AM Follow Me Faith Formation (Fellowship Hall)
10 AM Worship (Sanctuary & Chapel)
10:20 AM Kids' Church (Rooms 204/205)
11 AM Advent Wreath Workshop & Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
4 PM Junior High Fellowship (Youth Lounge)
7 PM Senior High Fellowship (Youth Lounge)

Friday, Nov. 25

Church building will be closed

Sunday, Nov. 27

9 AM Follow Me Faith Formation (Fellowship Hall)
10 AM Worship (Sanctuary & Chapel)
11 AM Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
6 PM First Light: A Service Hope & Healing (Chapel)

Tuesday, Nov. 29

6:30 PM Advent Faith Formation
7 PM Feed My Starving Children Packing Event

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Dec. 4

6:30 PM Advent Vespers featuring the Vespers Choir and Instrumentalists (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, Dec. 7

7 PM Ecumenical Advent Reception & Worship (Chapel)

Sunday, Dec. 11

10 AM Chancel Choir Major Work (Sanctuary)

Sunday, Dec. 18

10 AM Christmas Pageant

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 Wreath Workshop & Lunch

We will not be having a Social Hour today due to the Advent Wreath workshop and lunch. If you did not RSVP but wish to participate, please stop by Social Hall. We should have some extra wreath supplies and we hope to be able to accommodate some walk-ins for lunch.

Congregational Meeting

The Session has called for a congregational meeting on Sunday, Nov. 27, immediately following worship to elect a nominee to fill a vacancy on the Board of Deacons.

First Light: A Service of Hope & Healing

If you are entering the holiday season with a heavy heart, having suffered a loss or are carrying a burden or grief, then our **First Light: A Service of Hope & Healing on Sunday, Nov. 27 at 6 p.m. is for you.** The service is led by Stephen Ministers, Rev. Brian Paulson and Rev. Amy Heinrich. Music is provided by Charles Murphy and the Chapel Music Team.

Deacons Fund Collection

We are not having a Thanksgiving Day Worship Service this year, which means we will not be passing the plate on that day for our Deacons Fund. The Stewardship Committee asks that you consider giving to the Deacons using our pew envelopes and designating the gift is for the Deacons fund or by using the drop-down tab on our Giving page at www.firstpreslibertyville.org.

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 three in the Sanctuary Narthex or select one online at www.firstpreslibertyville.org. Please keep gifts in the \$25-\$30 price range maximum. Please return gifts to the church narthex with the gift code/description attached by noon on Sunday, Dec. 11.

Feed My Starving Children

Everyone is invited to our all church Feed My Starving Children food packing event on Tuesday, Nov. 29 from 7-8:45 p.m. We have 40 spots reserved! [Sign up at www.firstpreslibertyville.org](http://www.firstpreslibertyville.org).

Stewardship Message

Each year we are asked to partner in God's mission and ministry at First Presbyterian Church through generous financial Stewardship. This is part of our life-long journey in giving back to God a portion of what he has generously given to us as stewards. Thank you for your heartfelt gifts that enable First Presbyterian Church of Libertyville to spread Gods love. Read our full Stewardship message in Parish Life and learn more about this year's Stewardship campaign at www.firstpreslibertyville.org.

See our Parish Life newsletter online at www.firstpreslibertyville.org for a full update on upcoming events, as well as registration links!

Sermon Notes