



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of Wheaton

October 1, 2023

9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Worship

World Communion Sunday

A Seat at the Table



1 Corinthians 11:17-34

INVITING ALL GENERATIONS INTO A GROWING LIFE WITH JESUS CHRIST

The Gathering

PRELUDE **“One Bread, One Body”**

Arr. Lloyd Larson
Doug Zimmer, Organ

WELCOME

Pastor Kat Hatting

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalms 47:1-2, 6-7*

Pastor: Clap your hands, all you people! Shout joyfully to God with a joyous shout!

People: Because the LORD Most High is awesome, he is the great king of the whole world.

Pastor: Sing praises to God! Sing praises! Sing praises to our king!

People: Sing praises because God is king of the whole world!

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

HYMN #41 **“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”**

The Confession

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor Kellen Smith

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. By your presence, transform us into your loving servants, in the powerful name of Christ we pray.

Please continue in silent prayer for confession of personal matters.

DECLARATION OF GOD'S PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DISMISSAL (10:30)

Grades 3-5

MINISTRY OF MUSIC “Christ, My Hope, My Glory”

Words and Music by Kenna Turner West and Sarah Davison

Arr. Jay Rouse

Westminster Choir

My hope is not in temporal things,
the gain from earthly treasure.
The fleeting pleasures it may bring
are one day gone forever.

It can't be found in man's applause,
though for now it's pleasing.
The hollow, empty praise it lauds
leaves the soul still needing.

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
He alone is life to me.
Christ my hope, my glory!

There is a hope that's flowing free,
rushing like a river
from the cross of Calvary
to the soul surrendered.

My hope is built on nothing
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
He alone is life to me.
Christ my hope, my glory!

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

The Offering

GOOD NEWS

Pastor Kat Hatting

OFFERING

Pastor Kellen Smith

Thank you for giving in-person, by text, online, or mailing your gifts into the church office.

MUSICAL OFFERING “It is Well With My Soul”

by Philip Bliss

Arr. David Schwoebel

Paul Burgess, Piano

Doug Zimmer, Organ

DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Donté Ford

The Word

MESSAGE

Pastor Kat Hatting

“A Seat at the Table”
1 Corinthians 11:17-34

The Sacrament

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Text by Augustus Toplady
Music by James Ward

1. Rock of Ages,
cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee; let the wa - ter and the blood,
from thy wound - ed side which flowed, be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its
guilt and power.

2. Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling.
Naked come to thee for dress, helpless look to thee for grace
Foul I to the fountain fly, wash me Savior or I die

COMMUNION

Pastor Kellen Smith and Pastor Kat Hatting

The Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

COMMUNION SONG ***The Call – “Come, My Way”*** by Ralph Vaughan Williams

The Sending

HYMN #202 **“An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare”**

BLESSING

Pastor Kat Hatting

POSTLUDE **“Festal Trumpets”**

by Noel Rawsthorne
Doug Zimmer, Organ

Sermon Notes

Missed a week? Watch past services at firstpreswheaton.org/livestream.



WELCOME
to the Family!

You're invited to join the First Pres family!

Contact the church office
to learn about membership.



BAPTISM

Interested in
baptism for you
or your child?

Contact the church office.



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TO
GIVE**

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Wheaton, IL 60187
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CHURCH LIFE

October 1, 2023

World Communion Sunday

9:00 and 10:30

TODAY'S MESSAGE

"A Seat at the Table"

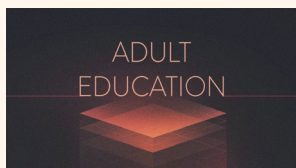
1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Livestream at 10:30 a.m.

firstpreswheaton.org/livestream



Communion This Morning – Communion elements will be provided to those worshipping in person. In preparation for receiving communion at home, we encourage you to gather your favorite bread and a small cup of juice in advance of the livestream start time. In the event that you are unable to collect your own elements, just participate as you are able.



How Digital Ministry and AI Are Changing the Church

Sundays, October 1 and 8 at 10:30 a.m.

Led by Pastor Mike Miller

We welcome back the Rev. Michael W. Miller Jr., known as "Pastor Mike," who will lead this two-part adult education series.

We are experiencing the fastest change in technology since the internet. It is impacting every area of our lives. It is inescapable that the church is being impacted by AI. The churches that do not embrace the Digital Age of the church will be left behind as technology becomes normalized for evangelism, discipleship, and worship. Learn about what is happening with technology and the church and how it can advance ministry and grow the Church.

Pastor Mike is the founder of Next Ministries, considered a PC(USA) New Worshipping Community in the Chicago Presbytery. He is also a ministry coach and faith-rooted organizer which brings training to Chicago to fight injustices in the local community.



TODAY!

Celebrating God's Love For All Creatures



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 1 – 4:00 p.m.
on the church lawn

As caretakers of God's creations, we are hosting a Blessing of the Animals service on October 1. Saint Francis first blessed animals early in his ministry sometime between 1210-1215, and First Pres Wheaton will carry on this tradition. All animals ... and humans ... are invited to attend this special service, where we will be witnesses to God's love and concern for his cherished creations. A short group service will be held, followed by a blessing line for those who would like their pet to receive a personalized blessing.

Note: Animals must be on leash or in appropriate carriers for the safety of all.

Joy / Full 2024 Generosity Campaign

JOY / FULL
A GENEROUS AND
CONTENT LIFE

God loves a cheerful giver. – 2 Corinthians 9:7

As we prayerfully consider our financial commitments to the church, the fall Generosity Campaign theme is: **JOY / FULL**. During the month of October, Pastor Kellen will preach an accompanying series on generosity from Paul's letter to the Corinthian Church as we discover how giving fills our lives with joy and pleases God. We will hear generosity stories from church members who have personally experienced the joy we find in giving. On **Generosity Sunday, October 29**, we will commit our pledged gifts to the Lord for 2024.



***Midweek
refreshment for
all generations on
Wednesday evenings***

**The new midweek program
The Table will be starting on
Wednesday, October 18!**

All ages are invited to join us for a meal,
music, learning and fellowship.
The Table will be held weekly on
Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m.



The Nominating Committee is now accepting submissions for consideration for the offices of Deacon, Elder and 2024 Nominating Committee.

Nominations are due today, October 1.

Do you know someone who exhibits the skills, compassion and drive to serve in one of these positions? You can submit names of members and/or your own name by filling out the online Nomination Form at firstpreswheaton.org/Nominate_2024.

Printed forms are available in the pews.



Friends, if your life or that of a loved one has been touched by cancer or chronic illness, and you are feeling the need for support and encouragement, we invite you to contact Pastor Diane Slocum at (djslocum@ameritech.net), and talk with her about becoming a part of this ministry of support.

Our mission is to provide a safe, caring, confidential environment for individuals to share their stories, stresses, worries, and celebrations. Meetings will be once a month beginning in October and will last no longer than an hour and a half at First Pres, most likely during the day. Our hope is that these meetings will be a time of encouragement, fellowship, prayer, and most importantly, a loving reminder that you are not alone. Please share this invitation with anyone you think might be needing such a resource.



Resilient Woman Retreat
Friday, October 6-Saturday, October 7

We invite you to step away from the everyday, take a break and join us at the Resilient Woman Retreat, as we explore stories of resilient women from the Bible, the legacies they left, and our own spiritual journeys.

For details and registration, visit pwevent.ie3.life

FELLOWSHIP | CONNECTION | INSPIRATION

YOU ARE INVITED!

Resilient
WOMAN
RETREAT

October 6, 2023 from 7 pm to 9 pm and
October 7, 2023 from 8:30 am to 3 pm
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WHEATON, IL



Scan to register

For more information and
to register online to go:
pwevent.ie3.life





Fall Sunday School is held during the 10:30 service and is available to children who are 3 years old through 5th grade.

Preschool: Preschool children (age 3 by 9/1) meet in LL102 at 10:30 a.m.

Kindergarten-2nd Grade: Children meet in LL105 at 10:30 a.m.

3rd-5th Grade: Children will attend the 10:30 church service with their parents and be dismissed to Sunday School before the sermon. Pick up is in LL107 following the service.

For more information, contact Stacey Chvatal at schvatal@firstpreswheaton.org.

Bibles for 3rd Graders – On Sunday, October 15, our 3rd graders will be receiving their Bibles at the 10:30 service. This is a special milestone and we look forward to seeing all of our 3rd grade families there!

Family Fall Fest

Sunday, October 15

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Join us for our Kids Ministry Family Fall Fest!

Festivities include: Bounce house, photo booth, food, music and, back by popular demand ... Mr. Scott's Giant Bubble Show at 12:30.

Bring your friends! The Fall Fest will take place on the church lawn following the 10:30 service. Please bring your blankets or chairs. Come out to support Kids Ministry and enjoy some food, fun and fellowship!



Genesis Middle School Ministry:

Meets on Sundays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Attic

Confirmation Class:

10:30 a.m. Sundays in the Sanctuary and the Apartment

WF High School Ministry:

Held on Sundays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. meeting in the Ministry Center



**The Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of
Donald M. Davis by Jan Davis and family.**



Quilting By Edie Gourd

On display in October and November on the Link

Artist Reception:

Sunday, October 8 at 10:00 (between services)

Edie Gourd has been quilting for over 35 years. All of her quilts are gifted to family and friends. You are sure to enjoy Edie's beautiful quilts!

Welcome to this week's opportunity to pray in community

Prayers for our Church Family

- Celebration for the birth of Finn Wesley Morris to parents, Audrey & Ben Morris and grandparents, Sue & Steve Yenchek
- Comfort for the family of Brian Elliott, whose memorial service was this past Friday
- Thanksgiving for the marriage of Grace Lechiara, daughter of Alice and Anth Lechiara, to Kyle Funke on September 23
- Strength for Angela Stephenson's brother, Joel, a lung transplant recipient who has now been diagnosed with ALS

Church Office Hours

Monday through Thursday – 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Friday – 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

The First Pres calendar of events is available online at: firstpreswheaton.org/calendar.



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