



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of Wheaton

September 17, 2023

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



THE
HEART

OF THE
CHURCH

INVITING ALL GENERATIONS INTO A GROWING LIFE WITH JESUS CHRIST

The Gathering

PRELUDE *Three Themes of Affirmation*

“Amazing Grace”

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

“Just As I Am”

Recorder Ensemble

John Newton 1772

R. Lowry, arr. David Warin Solomons

W. B. Bradbury, arr. David Warin Solomons

WELCOME

Pastor Kellen Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP *1 Peter 4:10-11*

Pastor: Serve each other according to the gift each person has received, as good managers of God’s diverse gifts.

People: Whoever speaks should do so as those who speak God’s word. Whoever serves should do so from the strength that God furnishes.

Pastor: Do this so that in everything God may be honored through Jesus Christ.

People: To him be honor and power forever and always. Amen.

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

HYMN #4 **“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”**

The Confession

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor Kat Hatting

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, we have sinned and fallen short of your best for our lives. When we could have acted with compassion, we judged. When we could have shown mercy, we were harsh. When we could have reached out, we recoiled within. In spite of us, you do not turn away. Rather, you turn toward us with love, forgiveness, and acceptance. Help us to gratefully receive your abundant life and unending goodness into our lives again today. Strengthen us to walk humbly and faithfully with Christ, through whom 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 **“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”**

Westminster Choir

I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I’m gonna work so God can use me ...

I’m gonna pray so God can use me ...

I’m gonna sing so God can use me ...

The Offering

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Kat Hatting

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.

GOOD NEWS

Pastor Kellen Smith

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Nick Smith, Elder
Congregational Nominating Committee

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING

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

MUSICAL OFFERING **“Wondrous Love”**

Wm. Walker
arr. Norm Adams
Recorder Ensemble

DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Donté Ford

The Word

MESSAGE

Pastor Kellen Smith

The Heart of the Church

“Knowing Your Gift”

Romans 12:1-8

The Sending

HYMN #298 **“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”**

BLESSING

Pastor Kellen Smith

POSTLUDE **“Sheep May Safely Graze” from Cantata 208** by J. S. Bach
(9:00) for 5 Recorders
arr. Donald F. Williams
(10:30) Paul Burgess, Piano

A Special Thank You to the Recorder Ensemble: Kathy Pirtle – soprano,
Norm Adams – alto, Lora Ilhardt – alto, Karen Johnson – tenor, Peter Richey – tenor,
Nancy Cinatl – bass

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?

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