



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of Wheaton

April 21, 2024

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

Mission



Fest

2024

INVITING ALL GENERATIONS INTO A GROWING LIFE WITH JESUS CHRIST

The Gathering

PRELUDE **“Come, Labor On”**

Westminster Choir

WELCOME

Pastor Kat Hatting

CALL TO WORSHIP *Revelation 15:3-4* Abigail Crowder, Exodus World Service

Leader: Great and awe-inspiring are your works, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, king of the nations. Who won't fear you, Lord, and glorify your name?

People: You alone are holy. All nations will come and fall down in worship before you, for your acts of justice have been revealed.

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

HYMN #826 **“Lift High the Cross”**

The Confession

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sarah Nelson and Kevin Thomas, Mission USA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(adapted from Walter Brueggemann's Acting in the Wake: Prayers for Justice)

Generous God, we live in an economy of coveting, filled with taxes, mortgages, advertisements, and the exploitation of the earth. We confess our anxiety about scarcity, about not yet having enough and being left behind. Forgive us for not treasuring our neighbors, the ones close at hand nor the ones far away. Help us to refocus our lives in your gracious will, that we may trade coveted things for treasured neighbors, liberated from the tyranny for more. In Jesus' name 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.

CONFESSION RESPONSE

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" HYMN #729

(9:00)

"Happy Day"

(10:30) by Hillsong
Kids Ministry

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

10:30 – Baptism of Ava Lynn TeGrootenhuis
Child of Ryan and Ashley TeGrootenhuis

SUNDAY SCHOOL DISMISSAL (10:30)

Grades 3-5

BAPTISMAL HYMN

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1980

V. Earle Copes, 1959

Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, bap - tized with the Spir - it's
5 sign, with this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.

The Offering

MISSION PARTNER BLESSING

Pastor Kat Hatting

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Steve Williams, People's Resource Center

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 Kat Hatting

OFFERING

Vanessa Roth, Outreach

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

MUSICAL OFFERING **“Christ, You Call Us All to Service”** Text by Joy F. Patterson
Arr. D.A. Ford
Harmonization Deanna Witkowski
Westminster Choir

DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Donté Ford

The Word

MESSAGE *Matthew 25:31-40*

Kent Annan
Director of Humanitarian and Disaster Leadership,
Wheaton College Graduate School

The Sending

HYMN #295 **“Go to the World”**

BLESSING

Kent Annan

POSTLUDE **“Improvisation on SINE NOMINE”**

Paul Burgess, Piano

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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Wheaton, IL 60187
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CHURCH LIFE

April 21, 2024

Mission Fest 2024

9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Livestream at 10:30 a.m.

firstpreswheaton.org/livestream

NEW: First Annual Mission Fest!

Sunday, April 21

Please join us as we celebrate God's work in our local community and across the globe. During Mission Fest 2024, we will welcome several of our local mission partners and involve them in both Sunday services. Between services, we will hold a reception for our mission partners, encouraging church members and friends to get involved in serving with them.

This Morning's Guest Preacher: Kent Annan

On Mission Fest Sunday, we will welcome Kent Annan, Director of Humanitarian & Disaster Leadership at Wheaton College Graduate School. Kent is on the board of directors of Equitas Group, a philanthropic foundation focused on ending child exploitation in Haiti and Southeast Asia. He cofounded Haiti Partners and is a senior consultant for Development Associates International which trains Christian leaders around the world.

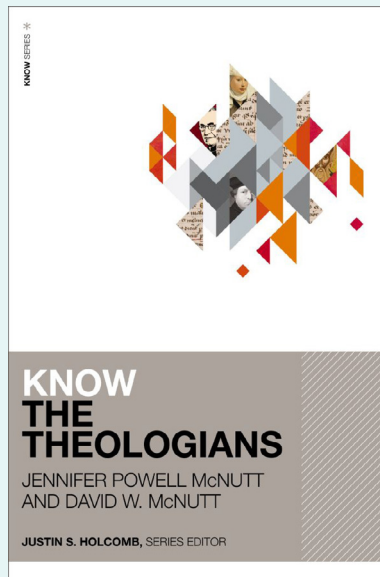


ADULT EDUCATION



“Know the Theologians”
Sundays, April 21 and 28
10:30 a.m. in Stewart Hall
Led by Dr. Jennifer and
Dr. David McNutt

Scripture describes the followers of Jesus Christ as a family of faith. But do we know our family? *Know the Theologians*, a new book by David and Jennifer McNutt, reflects upon the contributions of 16 different theologians to the Christian faith across the centuries to help readers know their family of faith better. Co-authors Jennifer Powell McNutt and David McNutt will share what we can learn from those who have walked before us as followers of Christ and what it was like to write a book together!



Men's Spring Breakfast

Thursday, April 25

7:00-8:00 a.m. in Stewart Hall

“Worthy and Worthwhile Lives”



All members and friends of First Pres Wheaton are welcome to join us for the Men's Spring Breakfast. Hear a message planned especially for the men of our church and community. Our speaker is Parish Associate, Pastor Greg Anderson, with the message “Worthy and Worthwhile Lives.” The breakfast is FREE, but please RSVP by Tuesday, April 23 at firstpreswheaton.org/MensBreakfast or contact the church office by email or phone.



Interested in Membership or Learning More?

Connect Class for New Members

Sunday, April 28

11:30 a.m. in the Living Room

Would you like to explore First Pres a little deeper? We would love to share our mission and tell you about our congregation. Whether you are new to our church, attending livestream worship, exploring faith, or want to become a member, our Connect Class is an ideal place of learning. Refreshments will be provided and childcare is available.

Abraham's Children Event

Crisis in the Holy Land

Saturday, May 4 at First Pres

Breakfast – 8:30 a.m. / Program – 9:15 a.m.

Tickets \$20

Call 630-668-5147 for Reserved Tickets

How should the church understand and respond to the Israel-Palestine events through the eyes of faith? What is the role of the church in the quest for peace? The speaker for this event is Amgad Beblawi, Ruling Elder PC(USA), who just returned from eight days in the region.



Women's Ministry

A Strawberry Dessert



Thursday, May 9
6:30-8:30 pm in Stewart Hall

"A Living History Portrayal"
by Leslie Goddard as Julia Child

Highlights of the evening:

- Homemade Pie
- Installation of Board Members for Women's Ministry
- Presentation of the Presbyterian Women's Honorary Life Member award

RSVP by Monday, May 6 at
firstpreswheaton.org/Strawberry

BLOOD DRIVE

Hope springs
eternal

DONATE
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Blood Drive

Saturday, May 4
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Schedule your appointment at
firstpreswheaton.org/BloodDrive

EVERY DONOR WILL SAVE UP TO 3 LIVES!



Sunday School – Join us for Sunday School during the 10:30 a.m. service.

Preschool: Preschool children (age 3 by Sept. 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 a.m. church service with their parents and be dismissed to Sunday School before the sermon. Pick up is in LL107 following the service.

**The kids will be singing at the 10:30 service this morning.
Drop-off procedures will remain the same.**

Here's how you can help with VBS!

Our VBS relies on amazing volunteers who serve our program in a variety of ways. No matter what your schedule, we can find a place for you. Currently, our immediate need is for 5-day volunteers to serve as lead counselors and co-counselors. If you are unable to make a 5-day commitment, we are also in need of station leaders, floaters, decorating/set-up team, and clean-up team. If you are interested in learning more about these roles, or would like to volunteer, please contact Stacey Chvatal at schvatal@firstpreswheaton.org.



Serving at VBS is a fun way to make a big impact on the lives of children in our church and community, and helping them to form and strengthen a relationship with God that will last a lifetime.



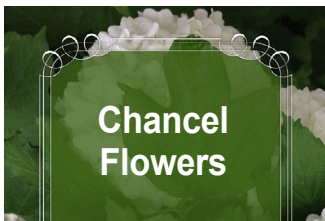
Genesis Middle School Ministry:

Genesis meets on Sunday mornings from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Attic.

WF High School Ministry:

WF meets on Sundays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Attic.

Youth Sunday – Seniors: If you have a student who is a Senior and would like to participate in this year's Youth Sunday, May 5, please contact Hannah Curry.



The Chancel flowers are given by Bob and Pam Cherry in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary, and by Mark and Diane TeGrootenhuis, in celebration of the baptism of Ava TeGrootenhuis and in memory of her grandmother, Laura Saul.



We are pleased to announce the baptism of Ava Lynn TeGrootenhuis, child of Ryan and Ashley TeGrootenhuis, at the 10:30 service this morning. Congratulations to the TeGrootenhuis family! On this happy day, the family lovingly remembers Ava's grandmother and Ashley's mother, Laura Saul, who passed away recently.

Legacy Partner

What will your legacy be? Please remember the church in your will and beneficiary designations, and become a legacy partner. Contact Beth Spiegel at bspiegel@firstpreswheaton.org for more information.



Welcome to this week's opportunity to pray in community

Prayers for our Church Family

- Mercies for Beth Trumpy's father, Charlie Davis, who is in hospice care
- Healing for Hayden Smith, Pastor Kellen and Sarah Smith's daughter, who fractured her arm this week
- Celebration for the baptism of Ava Lynn, daughter of Ryan and Ashley TeGrootenhuis

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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