



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
of Wheaton

**April 28, 2024**

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



**STOCKPILE OF  
GLORY**

INVITING ALL GENERATIONS INTO A GROWING LIFE WITH JESUS CHRIST

# The Gathering

PRELUDE **“Improvisation on ST. DENIO”**

Paul Burgess, piano

WELCOME

Pastor Kellen Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP *Hebrews 1:1-3*

Pastor: In the past, God spoke through the prophets to our ancestors in many times and many ways. In these final days, though, he spoke to us through a Son. God made his Son the heir of everything and created the world through him.

**People: The Son is the light of God’s glory and the imprint of God’s being.**

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

HYMN #12 **“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”**

# The Confession

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor Kat Hatting

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you are the source of all life and we glorify your name. Forgive us when we don't seek you and walk with you. Grant us mercy when external circumstances discourage our faith and cause us to doubt. We confess that we need the life that only you offer by grace and may we respond with gratitude. Teach us to focus on your unseen, eternal glory. Help us to live in your resurrection power as we pray in the name of Jesus.

*Please continue in silent prayer for confession of personal matters.*

DECLARATION OF GOD'S PARDON

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

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL DISMISSAL (10:30)

Grades 3-5

# The Offering

MINISTRY OF MUSIC “I’ve Got Peace Like a River” Arr. and Pianist, Andrew Jamieson

I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.

I’ve got love like a river in my soul.

I’ve got joy like a river in my soul.

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 MISSION

Jon Wylie, Abraham's Children

OFFERING

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

MUSICAL OFFERING **“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”**

by Martin Luther  
Arr. Phillip K. Jones  
Westminster Choir  
Rebecca Rice Fitzpatrick, Soloist  
Andrew Jamieson, Piano

DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Donté Ford

# The Word

MESSAGE

Pastor Kellen Smith

## **“Stockpile of Glory”**

*2 Corinthians 4:7-18*

# The Sending

HYMN #463 **“How Firm a Foundation”**

BLESSING

Pastor Kellen Smith

POSTLUDE

Andrew Jamieson, Piano

# Sermon Notes

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Missed a week? Watch past services at [firstpreswheaton.org/livestream](http://firstpreswheaton.org/livestream).



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*Guests!*

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the Family!**



You're invited to be part of the First Pres family!  
Contact the church office to learn about membership.



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# CHURCH LIFE

April 28, 2024



**This morning's message:**

## **"Stockpile of Glory"**

*2 Corinthians 4:7-18*

How do we faithfully face the challenges that come our way? In writing to the Church at Corinth, the Apostle Paul writes to encourage believers that God uses the problems we encounter in this life as opportunities for future glory. Pastor Kellen will apply Paul's lessons on eternal glory to everyday living.

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

[firstpreswheaton.org/livestream](https://firstpreswheaton.org/livestream)



**This morning we welcome guest musician, Andrew Jamieson.**

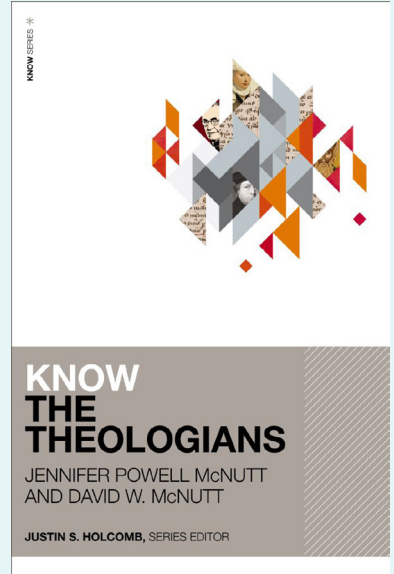


# ADULT EDUCATION



**“Know the Theologians”**  
**Today, April 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!



Interested in Membership or Learning More?

## **Connect Class for New Members**

**Today, 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? Get first-hand information from Joy Smith, Pastor at Orland Park Presbyterian Church PC(USA), who recently returned from the region.



## BLOOD DRIVE

Hope springs  
eternal



### Blood Drive

**Saturday, May 4**

**8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**

Schedule your appointment at  
[firstpreswheaton.org/BloodDrive](http://firstpreswheaton.org/BloodDrive)

*EVERY DONOR WILL SAVE UP TO 3 LIVES!*

## 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](http://firstpreswheaton.org/Strawberry)

## Prescription for Life

The Prescription for Life bottle campaign helps to finance Outreach Older Adult programs, including one-to-one counseling sessions, monthly lunch and learn, field trips, and weekly shopping trips. Empty bottles are available for pickup in the Rotunda to fill with change, cash or a check. Bottles can be returned to the church by Sunday, May 19.

Thank you to everyone who picked up a bottle at the Outreach table at last Sunday's Mission Fest!



### 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.



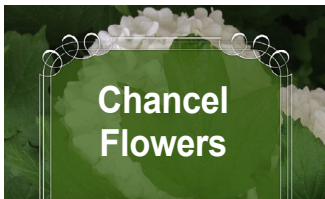
### Genesis Middle School Ministry:

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 Tracy and Mary Stollberg  
in loving memory of their mothers,  
Bernice O'Hagan and Carlene Hunter.

## First Quarter Giving Statements

The first quarter giving statements were emailed on April 19. If you did not receive your statement, please check your spam folder. The subject line was "Your giving statement from First Presbyterian Church." Statements will be mailed this week to those who do not have an email on file. Contact Beth Spiegel at [bspiegel@firstpreswheaton.org](mailto:bspiegel@firstpreswheaton.org) with any questions.

## 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](mailto:bspiegel@firstpreswheaton.org) for more information.



Welcome to this week's opportunity to pray in community

### Prayers for our Church Family

- Comfort for the family of Dan Brehany, friend of Chris & Kate Yenchek, who passed away this week
- Healing for Cindy Heisler's sister-in-law, Carol Goeman, who is in the hospital with health concerns
- Comfort for the family of Charlie Davis, Beth Trumpy's father, who passed away on Friday, April 19
- Comfort for the family of Joe Kyle's great-nephew, Aiden, who passed away this week

### 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](http://firstpreswheaton.org/calendar).



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