



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
of Wheaton

**May 19, 2024**

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



# Pentecost Prequel

INVITING ALL GENERATIONS INTO A GROWING LIFE WITH JESUS CHRIST

# The Gathering

PRELUDE **“Improvisation on RATISBON”**

Paul Burgess, Piano

WELCOME

Pastor Kellen Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP *Isaiah 11:1-2*

Pastor: A shoot will grow up from the stump of Jesse; a branch will sprout from his roots.

**People: The Lord’s spirit will rest upon him, a spirit of wisdom and understanding, a spirit of planning and strength, a spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord.**

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

HYMN **“Come, Thou Holy Spirit, Come!”**

**RATISBON**

5TH GRADE PROMOTION AND BLESSING (10:30)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC “**Jesus Loves the Little Children**” (10:30) Kids Ministry

SUNDAY SCHOOL DISMISSAL (10:30)  
Grades 3-5

## **The Confession**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor Kat Hatting

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, your presence is constant and your power is unmatched. You are so good, we doubt it; so real, we don't perceive it; so merciful, we can't comprehend it. Forgive us our sin, both realized and unrealized. Like a fire, purify our hearts. Set our lives aglow with your light, burning bright for all to see. In Jesus' name we pray.

*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.**

## CONFESSION RESPONSE – HYMN 288 “Spirit of the Living God”

# 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

## OFFERING

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

## MUSICAL OFFERING **“As the Wind Song”**

Words by Shirley Erena Murray  
Music by Swee Hong Lim  
Joanna Percy, Vocalist  
Paul Burgess, Piano

## DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Kat Hatting

# The Word

MESSAGE

Pastor Kellen Smith

## **“Pentecost Prequel: The Promise of Power”**

*Acts 1:1-11*

# The Sending

HYMN #258 **“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!”**

BLESSING

Pastor Kellen Smith

POSTLUDE **“Improvisation on LASST UNS ERFRUEN”** Paul Burgess, 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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You're invited to be part of the First Pres family!  
Contact the church office to learn about membership.



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## "Pentecost Prequel: The Promise of Power"

*Acts 1:1-11*

In the opening of the Acts of the Apostles, we encounter the prequel to Pentecost. The events preceding Pentecost included a tremendous promise by Jesus himself. Pastor Kellen will unpack Jesus' promise and its impact for your life. Discover the power that the Holy Spirit continues to provide to Christ-followers.

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

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

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### **Symbols of the Liturgical Season**

The sanctuary is decorated in red, symbolizing the tongues of flame (and by extension, the Holy Spirit) that appeared above those who were assembled on the original Pentecost (Acts 2:3). The doves on the church doors and in the sanctuary symbolize the Holy Spirit, whose presence was made available to all believers through Jesus Christ at Pentecost.



# Summer 2024 Worship Schedule

**Starting Sunday, May 26**

**One worship service at 10:30 a.m.**

*Childcare is available*

**Kids Church at 10:30 a.m. for grades K-5**

***Adult Education resumes in the fall***

**10:30 Service – 5th Grade Promotion Sunday and Sunday School Celebration!**

This morning, our 5th graders will be receiving a special blessing as they finish their time in Kids Ministry and look ahead to Genesis! Sunday Schoolers will also be singing in church today. Afterwards, they will be dismissed to the Ministry Center, where we will have a bounce house, snacks and a special gift for each child to take home! All children can be picked up in the Ministry Center following the service.

## ADULT EDUCATION



**Singing with the Saints**  
Sunday, May 19 at 10:30 a.m.

***Fanny Crosby, Gospel Hymnody, and Black Gospel Music***

Fanny Crosby is arguably the most famous American hymn-writer, known for classic hymns like "Blessed Assurance" and "To God Be The Glory." Join Donté Ford and Katherine Graber for this week's exploration of Crosby's unpublished hymn manuscripts from the Wheaton College Special Collections.



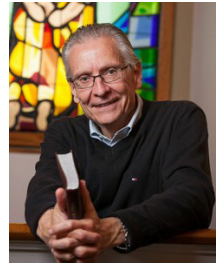
## 60+ Luncheon

Thursday, May 30 at 11:30 a.m. in Stewart Hall

Cost: \$15

All 60+ members and friends are invited to join together for an uplifting time of fellowship and inspiration. We will have a delicious catered lunch and enjoy musical entertainment. Our speaker will be former Parish Associate and Wheaton College Chaplain, Pastor Steve Kellough. Invite a friend to join us for this delightful occasion!

RSVP by Friday, May 24 at [firstpreswheaton.org/60+Luncheon](http://firstpreswheaton.org/60+Luncheon).



Save the Date!

## Neighborhood Cookout

Sunday, June 23

12:00-2:00 p.m.

## 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 learns, 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 today, May 19.





**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 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 start the morning by attending the 10:30 church service with their parents

**Today – Sunday School Celebration!** Following this morning's 5th Grade Promotion and Sunday Schoolers singing, the kids will be dismissed to the Ministry Center for the Sunday School Celebration. All children can be picked up in the Ministry Center following the service.



### **Last Call for VBS Volunteers!**

We have about 20 children currently on the waitlist for VBS. In order to get all children off of the list and into VBS, we are in need of four 5-day volunteers. We provide childcare for children of volunteers who are too young to participate. Training sessions will be available in the upcoming weeks to go over your role in detail and answer any questions that you may have. Not only will volunteering allow 20 kids to have the best week ever at church, but you will also get the opportunity to grow in your faith and have the best week ever at church! Email Stacey Chvatal at [schvatal@firstpreswheaton.org](mailto:schvatal@firstpreswheaton.org) if you are interested. Thank you for your consideration.



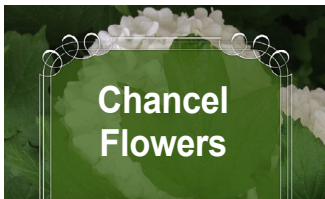
### **Genesis**

End of Year Party Today, May 19 – 10:30-11:30 a.m.



### **WF**

Today, May 19 – 7:00-8:00 p.m. – Worship Night



The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of  
Nancy Rutledge and Marty Joseph,  
given by John Rutledge and Betty Joseph.

## 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.

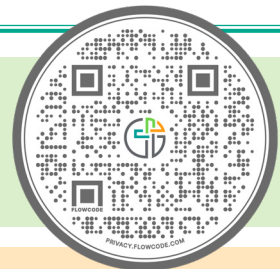


Welcome to this week's opportunity to pray in community

### Prayers for our Church Family

- Strength for Erin Hilton's mother, who is recovering from a stroke
- Celebration of Pentecost this Sunday
- Thanksgiving for teachers and the end of the school year

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with your smartphone camera app.



### 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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