



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
of Wheaton

**May 5, 2024**

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

**Youth Sunday**

2 Corinthians 3:16-18

**FREEDOM**

Youth Sunday  
**2024**

INVITING ALL GENERATIONS INTO A GROWING LIFE WITH JESUS CHRIST

# The Gathering

PRELUDE “In Christ Alone”

by Keith Getty  
Paul Burgess, Piano

WELCOME

Maggie Lange

CALL TO WORSHIP

Max Reinhart

Leader: Our hearts are ready, O Lord, our hearts are ready!

**People: We will sing and make melody!  
We will awaken the dawn!**

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,  
we will sing praises to you among the nations.

**People: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens,  
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

Abby Vliek

CONGREGATIONAL SONG “What A Beautiful Name ”

by Hillsong

# The Confession

CALL TO CONFESSION

Ashley Zorn

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Julia Russell

Father, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. But we confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of living like you delight in us, we turn from you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your grace as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, too often we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our short-sighted agendas. Set us free from a past that we cannot change. Open us to a future in which we can be changed by the power of your love. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love. We ask this in Jesus' name.

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

DECLARATION OF GOD'S PARDON

Mason Carroll

Leader: 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

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Kevin Lange

#### 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/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cole Spiegel

### OFFERING

Sophia Bormann

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

MUSICAL OFFERING **“Freedom”**

by Urban Rescue

DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Henry Eldersveld

## **The Word**

SCRIPTURE *2 Corinthians 3:16-18*

Hannah Curry

SENIOR SERMONS

Brian Carroll, Ryan Melody, Jordan Wach,  
Max Reinhart, Maggie Lange

SENIOR BLESSING

Parents and Seniors

# The Sending

CLOSING SONG **“Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me”**

by CityAlight

BLESSING

Riley Scott

POSTLUDE **“Cornerstone”**

Jonas Myrin  
Paul Burgess, Piano

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WF BAND

Vocals: Max Reinhart, Abby Vliek, Ashley Zorn, Caroline Zorn, Mackenzie Scott  
Drums: Cole Spiegel  
Keyboard: Dan Spiegel  
Bass: Jaron Allen

USHERS

Evan Vliek, Kevin Lange, Summer Scott, Nancy Goodwin

# Notes

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



**Welcome**  
*Guests!*

Please fill out a **Connect Card** in person  
or online at [firstpreswheaton.org/Guest](http://firstpreswheaton.org/Guest)



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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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# CHURCH LIFE

May 5, 2024



## Today is Youth Sunday

This morning the WF high school youth are leading us in worship, centered around 2 Corinthians 3:17, which says “Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”

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

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



# ADULT EDUCATION



**Sunday, May 5 at 10:30 a.m.**  
**Led by Pastor Kellen**

Along our faith journey, we have pivotal moments that mark key steps on the way. When we look back at those milestones, we can see God's plan for our lives in reverse. Join Pastor Kellen for this adult education opportunity as he reflects on milestones in his own faith journey and learn how to observe them in your own life.



## *Mother's Day*

**Sunday, May 12 – 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.**

Make plans to be here for one of our two services, with or in honor of a mother in your life.

Mother's Day will include:

- *Gift for moms*
- *Photo booth station*
- *Special refreshments*

Invite family and friends to join us!



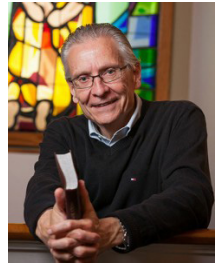
## 60+ Luncheon

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).



## 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)



## One-To-One Care/Stephen Ministry

The One-To-One Care team is ready to minister to those needing assistance with any issues in their daily life. We offer a listening ear and a non-anxious presence with a Stephen Minister. No issue is too small. *We are here for you.*

**Please contact:**

- Diane Easter at [dleaster623@gmail.com](mailto:dleaster623@gmail.com),
- Henrieta Ribeiro at [henrieta.ribeiro@gmail.com](mailto:henrieta.ribeiro@gmail.com)
- Bob Young at [gardenfishkb@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gardenfishkb@sbcglobal.net)

## 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.



### 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 does not meet May 5 or 12
- End of Year Party May 19 – 10:30-11:30 a.m.

### WF High School Ministry:

- Youth Sunday Celebration Bonfire – tonight, May 5, 5:30-7:00 p.m.



## Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers are given with great joy for Abigail Faith, the daughter of Kristen and Ryan Schumacher and granddaughter of Gary and Mary Burge.

## 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." 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

- Strength for high school seniors and all students and teachers as they finish their school year

### 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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