



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of Wheaton

September 29, 2024

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



INVITING ALL GENERATIONS INTO A GROWING LIFE WITH JESUS CHRIST

The Gathering

PRELUDE “**Nettleton**”

Setting by David Maxwell
Doug Zimmer, Organ

WELCOME

Pastor Kellen Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP *Matthew 28:18-20*

Pastor: Jesus came near and spoke to them, “I’ve received all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations.

People: Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I’ve commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age.”

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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

NETTLETON

The Confession

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor Donté Ford

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you are a good Father. You commission us to worship, serve, grow, and invite others into a relationship with you. We confess that we have neglected your call to show and share our faith. We have drawn attention to our own priorities and personalities, our cares and causes, instead of to Jesus. Help us to be better ambassadors for you. Allow our lives to reflect your grace, drawing others toward your loving kindness. Strengthen our witness, that we might proclaim your love to all generations. Through Christ 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 #418 **“Softly and Tenderly”**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Dina Hilliard
Executive Directive of Outreach Carol Stream

The Offering

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Donté Ford

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

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

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

OFFERING AND GENEROSITY STORY

MUSICAL OFFERING **“Jesus Christ is the Way”**

by Walter Hawkins
Rev. Dr. Raymond Wise
Dr. Alonza Lawrence

DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Donté Ford

The Word

MESSAGE

Pastor Kellen Smith

Community: The Power of Relationships in the Local Church

“Inviting Together”

Acts 2:47

The Sending

HYMN #295 **“Go To the World”**

BLESSING

Pastor Kellen Smith

POSTLUDE **“March Recessional”**

by Lily Strickland
Doug Zimmer, Organ

Sermon Notes

Missed a week? Watch past services at firstpreswheaton.org/livestream.

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Contact the church office to learn about membership.

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