



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of Wheaton

October 27, 2024

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



INVITING ALL GENERATIONS INTO A GROWING LIFE WITH JESUS CHRIST

The Gathering

PRELUDE “A Mighty Fortress”

Arr. Raney
Beth Bauer, Piano

WELCOME

Pastor Greg Anderson

CALL TO WORSHIP *Romans 5:1-2*

Pastor: Therefore, since we have been made righteous through his faithfulness,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: We have access by faith into this grace in which we stand through
him, and we boast in the hope of God’s glory.**

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

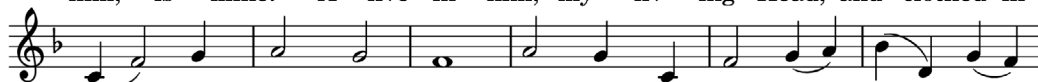
HYMN “And Can It Be That I Should Gain”



1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest in the
 2. 'Tis mys-t'ry all! Th'Im-mor - tal dies: who can ex - plore his
 3. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so in - fi -
 4. Long my im-pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in sin and
 5. No con-dem-na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and all in



Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who
 strange de - sign? In vain the first-born ser - aph tries to sound the
 nite his grace!), hum-bled him - self (so great his love!) and bled for
 na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused a quick-'ning ray; I woke, the
 him, is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing Head, and clothed in

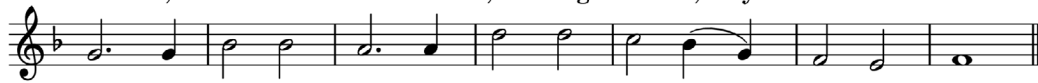


him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love! How can it
 depths of love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy all! Let earth a -
 all his cho - sen race! 'Tis mer - cy all, im - mense and
 dun - geon flamed with light; my chains fell off, my heart was
 righ - teous - ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach th'e - ter - nal

REFRAIN



be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
 dore, let an - gel minds in - quire no more.
 free, for, O my God, it found out me! A - maz - ing
 free; I rose, went forth, and fol - lowed thee.
 throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.



love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Trinity Hymnal 455

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1738; Alt. 1990

TUNE (SAGINA L.M.D.): Thomas Campbell, 1825

The Confession

THE SCOT'S CONFESSION

The Scots' Confession of 1560 is the creedal confession of the Scottish Reformation led by John Knox, which is an important document in the Reformed tradition.

Pastor Greg Anderson

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you came to seek and save the lost. We have been made holy by your faithfulness and received the peace with Christ. When we have taken your grace for granted, forgive us. When we haven't shared our faith, have mercy on us. When we have lost hope in your glory, redeem us. Encourage us to renew our faith by your word. Strengthen us to grow in discipleship in the church. Help us to join Jesus on mission, in whose 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.

The Offering

MINISTRY OF MUSIC **“Hallelujah, He’s Worthy to be Praised”**

by Raymond Wise
Westminster Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Greg Anderson

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

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

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

MUSICAL OFFERING **“O God Beyond All Praising”**

Arr. Raymond Wise
Joanna Percy, Vocalist
Beth Bauer, Piano

DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Donté Ford

The Word

MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Luke Powery

“Leftovers”

John 6:1-15

The Sending

HYMN #260 **“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”**

BLESSING

Rev. Dr. Luke Powery

POSTLUDE **“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

Arr. Raney
Beth Bauer, Piano



CHURCH LIFE

October 27, 2024

Distinguished Preacher Sunday Rev. Dr. Luke Powery, Dean of the Duke University Chapel

“Leftovers”

John 6:1-15

Our 2024 Distinguished Preacher is the Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery, Dean of Duke University Chapel and Professor of Homiletics and African American Studies. A national leader in the theological study of the art of preaching (homiletics), Dr. Powery regularly delivers sermons at Duke Chapel as well as churches throughout the United States and abroad. He is often a keynote speaker and lecturer at educational institutions, conferences, symposia, and retreats.

About Distinguished Preacher Sunday:

Around the anniversary of Pastor Kellen’s installation each year, we welcome a nationally-known speaker to share a special Sunday with us.



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

Livestream at: firstpreswheaton.org/livestream



2025 Generosity Campaign Thank You

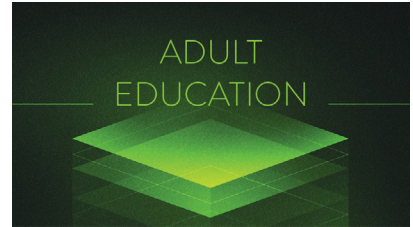
Thank you to everyone who dedicated their pledge cards in person, by mail, or online for Commitment Sunday. Your gifts will be evident in God’s work through this church and his vision for your life. For those who haven’t yet made a pledge, there is still time for you to discern how God is calling you to give and make a 2025 commitment.

Please prayerfully consider a generous gift that will help us continue the impactful ministries of this church. You may complete a commitment card by hand and include it in the weekly offering, return it to the church office, or complete the online form. Thank you for your support of God’s mission through our congregation.

Spiritual Health and Wellness

Central DuPage Pastoral Counseling Center
Sundays through October 27 at 10:30 a.m.

In partnership with CDPCC, you're invited to a series of classes on cultivating spiritual health and wellness. As a key discipleship step in the Christian life, pursuing spiritual wellness inspires hope and promotes healing. From a faith-based approach, classes will cover subjects including dealing with anxiety, navigating relationships, and extending forgiveness. Skilled presenters will integrate perspectives of psychology, physiology, and culture, to apply them to everyday life.



Today: Ashley McGohan, MA presenting on Gratitude and Forgiveness:

Gratitude and forgiveness are both aspects of humanity that are highlighted throughout the Bible. By cultivating gratitude and forgiveness, individuals can enhance their well-being, foster positive relationships, and promote prosocial behavior. This presentation will focus on developing understanding and providing ways in which we can practice gratitude and forgiveness in our everyday lives.



Veteran's Day 60+ Luncheon

Monday, November 11

11:30 am-1:30 p.m. in Stewart Hall

Cost: \$15

Guest Speaker: Capt. David Iglesias

"My faith journey from Missionary Kid to Navy JAG Captain to Wheaton Professor"

Inviting all 60+ members and friends to join together on Veteran's Day for an uplifting time of fellowship and inspiration. We will enjoy a delicious catered lunch with entertainment.

Our speaker for the event is David Iglesias, J.D., Director of the Wheaton Center for Faith, Politics and Economics. He is also an Associate Professor of Politics and Law at Wheaton College, and previously served as a state, federal and military prosecutor with a focus on national security and terrorism cases.

Don't miss this fascinating presentation, and invite a friend to join us!

RSVP at firstpreswheaton.org/60+Luncheon or by contacting
the church office by Friday, November 8.

The Table This Wednesday

We look forward to seeing you for a catered, buffet-style meal starting at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. You'll enjoy seeing old friends and making new ones around the table. We celebrate birthdays and anniversaries, are led in song, and have a brief teaching. There are also activities for children and a Toddler Corner for kids two and under.

NEW THIS YEAR:

- The Kids Table! During the adult devotional time after dinner, kids will be invited to experience an age-appropriate lesson each week.
- You can now pay online when you register.

RSVP at firstpreswheaton.org/TableOct30 or scan the QR code. *RSVPs are requested by the Sunday prior to each Wednesday gathering.*

October 30 menu: Homemade Chili w/Chili toppings, Hot Dogs & Buns, Fruit Salad, Tossed Green Salad, and Cupcakes



Save the Date

Thanksgiving Feast

**Wednesday, November 20
5:30-6:30 p.m.
in Stewart Hall**



Scout Troop 23 wreath sales end tomorrow, October 28

If you are so called, church members are welcome to support our home troop by purchasing Christmas greenery, a fundraiser the church troop has been offering since 1966. We will also be taking orders for our "Fallen Heroes Wreaths."

Please contact Carrie Olson, carrieolson1@gmail.com or Rick Busse, bussephoto95@icloud.com with any questions or to express your interest in purchasing greenery. We will connect you to a scout who will be happy to help. We appreciate your prayers and support of our church's largest youth outreach.



Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School is for children age 3 (by Sept. 1) through 5th grade.
Register at firstpreswheaton.org/SundaySchool24-25.

- Preschool 3's & 4's meet in LL102 • Kindergarten & 1st grade meet in LL105
- 2nd & 3rd grade meet in LL106 • 4th & 5th grade meet in LL107

Childcare is available during both services in LL103 for children ages 3 years and younger.
For more information, contact Stacey Chvatal at schvatal@firstpreswheaton.org.

3rd Grade Bible Presentation – All 3rd grade families are invited to join us on Sunday, November 3 at the 10:30 service for our 3rd grade Bible presentation. This is a special milestone in our children's faith journey, where our 3rd graders will be presented with their own personalized Bibles from our church to have with them always. We hope you are able to join us! Note: If you have a 4th or 5th grader who has not received a Bible, please reach out to Stacey Chvatal to be included in this year's Bible presentation.



- **Genesis Middle School Ministry** meets on Sunday mornings at 10:30 in The Attic.
- **Confirmation Class** meets today in The Apartment at 10:30 a.m.
- **WF High School Ministry** meets on Sundays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in The Attic.



The chancel flowers are given today in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness month. Hope for the fighters. Peace for the survivors. Honor the taken. Prayers for a cure.

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.



Third Quarter Giving Statements – Third Quarter Giving Statements were sent on October 18. If you have an email on file, your statement has been emailed to you. Otherwise, you will receive your statement in the mail. Please call the church office or contact Beth Spiegel at bspiegel@firstpreswheaton.org with any questions.

Welcome to this week's opportunity to pray in community

Prayers for our Church Family

- Comfort for Cindy Martillaro, whose sister, Pam Plancon, passed away on Sunday, October 20
- Recovery for Gwen Henry and Linda Stephenson, who both had knee surgery
- Grace for Jane Stevens's brother-in-law, Bob Wing, who is in hospice care

Prayer Requests may be made by filling out the online request form at firstpreswheaton.org/PrayerRequest, or by emailing or calling the church office at 630-668-5147.

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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