



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of Wheaton

February 16, 2025

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



INVITING ALL GENERATIONS INTO A GROWING LIFE WITH JESUS CHRIST

The Gathering

PRELUDE “**Deep River**”
“**South African Trilogy**”

by Sam Batt Owens
Setting by Darly Hollinger
Doug Zimmer, Organ

WELCOME

Pastor Kellen Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP *Jeremiah 17:5-8*

Pastor: The Lord proclaims: Cursed are those who trust in mere humans, who depend on human strength and turn their hearts from the Lord. They will be like a desert shrub that doesn't know when relief comes. They will live in the parched places of the wilderness, in a barren land where no one survives.

People: Happy are those who trust in the Lord, who rely on the Lord. They will be like trees planted by the streams, whose roots reach down to the water. They won't fear drought when it comes; their leaves will remain green. They won't be stressed in the time of drought or fail to bear fruit.

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

HYMN #353 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

The Confession

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor Kat Hatting

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you are a healer, full of grace and justice. We confess that we forget to be people of your Kingdom, neglecting the poor and hungry, passively participating in our own spiritual growth. Have mercy on us, Lord. Teach us to find lasting purpose in dwelling in your Word and helping to mend the brokenness we see around us. Continue the good work you started in us, 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.

The Offering

MINISTRY OF MUSIC “In Thee, O Lord”

by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor
Westminster Choir

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

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

For All Generations Campaign
Richard Lauber, Campaign Chair

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

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

MUSICAL OFFERING **“Simple Kingdom”**

by Torwalt and Carnes
Lillian Koppin, Vocalist

DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Kat Hatting

The Word

MESSAGE

Pastor Kellen Smith

THE WAY: Becoming on a Journey
“The Kingdom of God”

Luke 6:17-26

The Sending

HYMN #450 “Be Thou My Vision”

BLESSING

Pastor Kellen Smith

POSTLUDE “Postlude in B Flat”

by Nicolas Le Begue
Arr by Hal Hopson
Doug Zimmer, Organ

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



Welcome
Guests!

Please fill out a Connect Card

- Visit the Welcome Desk
- firstpreswheaton.org/Guest



A Care Card for:

Make someone's day. Send a Care Card.

Care Cards

Show Someone You Care

Fill out a Care Card in person or online at firstpreswheaton.org/carecard



Join the Family!



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



WAYS TO GIVE

-  Text
GIVEFIRSTPRES to 73256
-  Online
firstpreswheaton.org/giving
-  Mail
715 N. Carlton Avenue
Wheaton, IL 60187
-  Offering Plate
Give during worship



CHURCH LIFE

February 16, 2025

The Way Becoming on a Journey “The Kingdom of God”

Luke 6:17-26

9:00 and 10:30 a.m.



In the Gospels, Jesus says, “follow me” some 21 times. How exactly do we follow him? Living as a disciple of Jesus can be a difficult endeavor. Pitfalls and problems abound. Rather than a list of tasks to complete or actions to take, discipleship involves becoming who God is calling us to be. “The Way” sermon series will explore moments from Jesus’ ministry that express how we can more faithfully follow him to live lives overflowing with grace, humility, and love.

10:30 Livestream at: firstpreswheaton.org/livestream

Adult Education

“Mere Christianity”

Sundays through February 23

10:30 a.m. in Stewart Hall

Led by Pastor Greg Anderson and Guest Scholars

“Mere Christianity” by C.S. Lewis is a Christian classic that is often quoted, but rarely read cover to cover. Pastor Greg Anderson, with help from several C. S. Lewis scholars, will lead a four-week lecture/discussion course during February. They will help us take a fresh look at our Christian faith through the eyes of Lewis.





FOR ALL GENERATIONS

A Campaign For Our Future

Important Dates:

- For All Generations Kick-Off:
Sunday, March 2, 2025
- Commitment Sunday:
Sunday, March 23, 2025
- Reveal Sunday:
Sunday, April 13, 2025

“Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us; glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus for all generations, forever and always. Amen.”

~ Ephesians 3:20-21

The For All Generations initiative marks a significant opportunity in the history of First Pres Wheaton. The vision is to see more families and individuals experience a life-giving relationship with God in Christian community by refreshing and renovating our church campus. Faced with the challenges of meeting modern ministry needs and supporting an aging facility, the lasting impact of the capital project will usher in new life into the church, enhance the use of our facility for all generations, and expand mission in the community. As a vital neighborhood church, investing in the For All Generations initiative will spark momentum now and sustain First Pres Wheaton for years to come.

P R A Y E R

AFTER SERVICES
TODAY



You are invited to pray with a member of our Prayer Team after each service at the front of the church (Chancel).

We would be honored to lift up a concern or celebration in prayer with you.

Valentine's
Dinner



Valentine's Dinner
Rescheduled to
this Wednesday, February 19

Due to the weather last week, the Valentine's Dinner has been rescheduled for this Wednesday, February 19, from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Menu: Chicken Breast in Pesto Sauce, Chicken Tenders w/ BBQ Sauce, Roasted Italian Vegetables, Caesar Salad, Rolls, Strawberry Jello Dessert

RSVP by today, February 16 at firstpreswheaton.org/ValDinner or by scanning the QR code.



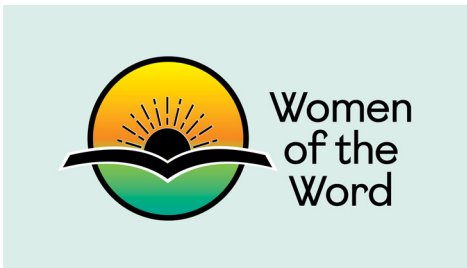
Serving Opportunity at The Bridge

On Tuesday, February 18, we will be the host team at The Bridge, a 20-year mission project in Chicago now supported by First Pres.



- Travel to 1443 Roosevelt at Ashland in Chicago, carpooling from First Pres around 5:30 p.m. to arrive at 6:30 (or you can drive on your own)
- Short training/update session, and welcome of our guests (some of whom will be new to The Bridge that night)
- Participate in their worship service, then serve guests a wholesome meal that may be their best (or only) one of the day
- Clean-up and return home around 9:30 p.m. This will be an unforgettable experience!

For details on this service opportunity or to let us know you'll be attending, contact the church office at office@firstpreswheaton.org.



Wednesday night WOW Bible study

This women's Bible study is held on Wednesdays, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Living room. Join us for weekly fellowship, prayer, and Bible discovery! Childcare is available if requested, [contact Pastor Kat](#) with questions.

First Pres Food Pantry

Join us in showing support for the People's Resource Center and the Interfaith Food Pantry. A collection basket is located in the Rotunda, along with a sign listing suggested items. Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need.





Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

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

- Preschool 3's and 4's meet in LL102
- Kindergarten and 1st grade meet in LL105
- 2nd and 3rd grade meet in LL106
- 4th and 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.

Mark your calendar
for VBS 2025!
June 9-13



Genesis Middle School Ministry meets on Sundays from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Confirmation Class will meet this Sunday from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

WF meets on Sundays from 6:30-8:30 p.m.



Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers are given by Bev Gleich
in memory of her husband, George Gleich.

Donating Chancel Flowers – The date of March 2 is currently open for flower sponsors. If you are interested in donating flowers for the Sanctuary, please contact the [church office](#) at 630-668-5147. Flowers may be given in memory of a loved one or for any special occasion. The cost is \$50.



There will be a memorial service for Jean Williams today, February 16 at 2:00 p.m. at Belmont Village, 545 Belmont Lane, Carol Stream, in the Town Hall on the 2nd Floor. All are invited to attend.

Jean passed away on January 21.

Read Jean's obituary at firstpreswheaton.org/JeanWilliams.

Welcome to this week's opportunity to pray in community


Prayers for our Church Family

- Healing for all who are battling an illness

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 office will be closed
on Monday, February 17
for Presidents' Day.*

The First Pres calendar of events is available online at: firstpreswheaton.org/calendar.



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