



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
of Wheaton

**March 9, 2025**

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



**FOR ALL  
GENERATIONS**

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*A Campaign For Our Future*

INVITING ALL GENERATIONS INTO A GROWING LIFE WITH JESUS CHRIST

# The Gathering

PRELUDE “Elegy”

by George Thalben-Ball  
Doug Zimmer, Organ

WELCOME

Pastor Kellen Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP *Romans 12:1-2*

Pastor: So, brothers and sisters, because of God’s mercies, I encourage you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice that is holy and pleasing to God. This is your appropriate priestly service.

**People: Don’t be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what God’s will is – what is good and pleasing and mature.**

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

HYMN #697 “Take My Life” Stanzas 1-4, 6

## The Confession

CALL TO CONFESSION

(9:00) Pastor Greg Anderson  
(10:30) Pastor Kat Hatting

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we confess that our thoughts are not your thoughts, our ways are not your ways. In your mercy, lift our ways and thoughts heavenward. Forgive us when we do not heed Christ's call to follow and sacrifice for him. Teach us to live holy lives, pleasing to you alone. As we mature in our faith, help us discern how you can live and give through us. Lord, hear our prayers.

*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 “**Firm Foundation**”

by Carnes, Davis, and Moore  
Westminster Choir  
Dan Spiegel, Vocalist

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(9:00) Greg Anderson  
(10:30) 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

(9:00) Greg Anderson  
(10:30) Pastor Kat Hatting

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

For All Generations Campaign  
Elder Chris Yencheck

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

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

MUSICAL OFFERING **“God Whose Giving Knows No Ending”**

Words by Robert L. Edwards  
Music by Lloyd Larson  
Westminster Choir

DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Donté Ford

# The Word

MESSAGE

Pastor Kellen Smith

## For All Generations “Sacrifice for the Vision”

*1 Chronicles 28:8-10*

# The Sending

HYMN #724 “O Jesus, I Have Promised” Stanzas 1 & 4

VOCAL BENEDICTION “The Blessing”

by Cody Carnes and Kari Jobe  
Dan Spiegel, Vocalist

BLESSING

Pastor Kellen Smith

POSTLUDE “Forty Days and Forty Nights”

Arr. Robert Lau  
Doug Zimmer, Organ

# Sermon 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

- Visit the Welcome Desk
- [firstpreswheaton.org/Guest](http://firstpreswheaton.org/Guest)



A Care Card for:

Make someone's day. Send a Care Card.

*We are praying for you*

## Care Cards

Show Someone You Care

Fill out a Care Card in person or online at [firstpreswheaton.org/carecard](http://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](http://firstpreswheaton.org/giving)
-  Mail 715 N. Carlton Avenue Wheaton, IL 60187
-  Offering Plate Give during worship



# CHURCH LIFE

March 9, 2025

## For All Generations

### “Sacrifice for the Vision”

*1 Chronicles 28:8-10*

The For All Generations sermon series will take us on a spiritual journey at a key moment in the life of our church. The four-part series will focus on 1 Chronicles 28-29, when the Lord called the people to build the temple. We will explore themes including surrender, sacrifice, faith, and willingness. Through praying, attending, and committing together, we can realize our vision for the future.



**10:30 Livestream at:**

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

*This Sunday's special music features Westminster Choir and Friends, including a Vocal Benediction.*



## Visual Arts Lenten Displays

According to the Directory for Worship of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the Resurrection on Easter.

This year, you will notice the visual displays in the Sanctuary that are designed to show the spiritual journey of the Lenten season. The liturgical color purple indicates penitence and sacrifice, and will be visible until Easter.

In anticipation of Holy Week, visual elements will represent Christ's final journey to Jerusalem:

- Green palms on Palm Sunday for Jesus' triumphal arrival.
- Bread and cup signifying the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday.
- Nails representing the cross and the color black for mourning his sacrifice on Good Friday.





# FOR ALL GENERATIONS

A Campaign For Our Future

## Important Dates

- **Commitment Sunday**  
Sunday, March 23, 2025

*(Note: One service only at 10:30 so that we can all share in this special day together)*

- **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. 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.

**Make Your Commitment:** You can make your commitment by filling out a Commitment Card and mailing it to the church office or submitting it at church on Commitment Sunday, March 23. You can also make an online commitment at [firstpreswheaton.org/CampaignCommitment](http://firstpreswheaton.org/CampaignCommitment).

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**Praying  
in Unity**  
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*As we begin Lent, you're invited to pray for one minute at 3:20 p.m. each day, inspired by our campaign scripture from Ephesians 3:20-21. The prayer of the day will be posted on Facebook at 3:20 p.m. You can access the online devotional at [firstpreswheaton.org/PrayerGuide](http://firstpreswheaton.org/PrayerGuide) or pick up a printed copy in the Rotunda, Narthex or office.*

## Interested in Membership or Learning More?

### Connect Class for Prospective Members

**Today, March 9 at 11:30 a.m. in the Living Room**

Would you like to explore First Pres a little deeper? We would love to share our mission and tell you about our congregation. Whether you are new to our church, attending livestream worship, exploring faith, or want to become a member, our Connect Class is an ideal place of learning. Refreshments will be provided and childcare is available.

## Adult Education

**“A Long Obedience in the Same Direction”**

**Sundays, March 9 – April 13 at 10:30 a.m. in Stewart Hall**

Led by Dr. David Lauber, Dean of Humanities and Theological Studies and Professor of Theology at Wheaton College

In a world of rapid acceleration, patience is scarce. In fact, impatience is often celebrated. Constant change, the quest for immediate gratification, and persistent distraction have become the norm. The season of Lent provides us with an opportunity to slow down, reflect, take stock, and thoughtfully approach Holy Week, the Cross, and Easter Sunday. With Eugene Peterson as our guide, we will explore together how the Psalms of Ascents (Psalms 120-134) teach us to deepen and grow in worship, service, joy, happiness, perseverance, hope, humility, and faith, and equip us for the slow and steady journey of following Jesus.





## WF Annual Pancake Brunch and WF Mission Trip Fundraiser!

Sunday, March 16 – 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The brunch is served by the WF Mission Trip Team. Free-will donations are accepted.

Menu: Pancakes, gluten free waffles, sausages, fruit, coffee, orange juice, and apple juice



### The Table – March 12 at 5:30 p.m.


Join us for a catered, buffet-style meal. We will celebrate birthdays and anniversaries, be led in song, and have a brief teaching. There are also activities for children and a Toddler Corner for kids two and under.

RSVP at [firstpreswheaton.org/TableMar12](http://firstpreswheaton.org/TableMar12) or by scanning the code by Sunday, March 9.



**Menu:** Fried Chicken, Broccoli, Homestyle Mashed Potatoes with Brown Gravy, Dinner Rolls, Tossed Salad, and Dream Cookies

PRAYER  
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.

## Women's Ministry – First Day of Spring Tea

Thursday, March 20 – 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Stewart Hall

Women's ministry invites you to a special afternoon of music, fellowship, and reflection. We will be blessed by the music of the Threshold Singers, an a cappella group that brings comfort to those who are ill or nearing the end of life. Following the music, we will have presentations on legacy giving, memorial service planning, and a short meditation by Pastor Kat. Light refreshments will be provided. All women of First Pres and friends are welcome to attend.



There is no charge for this event, but kindly RSVP at [firstpreswheaton.org/SpringTea](http://firstpreswheaton.org/SpringTea) or by contacting the church office by March 17.



## 5th Sundays at First Pres Concert

Sunday, March 30 – 4:00 p.m in the First Pres Sanctuary

Free and open to all; childcare provided

"Oh, Elijah! Excerpts from Mendelssohn's Elijah" – Come enjoy this musical and narrative pastiche, as we reclaim the lenten practice of oratorio performance. This performance features Mendelssohn's "Elijah," along with music by Moses Hogan, Tony Payne, and Kenneth Louis, and a telling of the Elijah story from 1 Kings.



### Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School is for children age 3 through 5th grade. Register at [firstpreswheaton.org/SundaySchool24-25](http://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](mailto:schvatal@firstpreswheaton.org).



Mark your calendar for VBS 2025!  
– ROAD TRIP –  
June 9-13



- Genesis Middle School Ministry meets on Sundays from 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- Confirmation Class Meets on Sundays, March 9, 16, and 23 at 9:00 a.m. in Stewart Hall.
- WF High School Ministry meets on Sundays from 6:30-8:30 p.m.



## Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of  
**Patricia Lechiara and Nancy Hamilton by Anth and Alice Lechiara.**

## 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.

The greatest needs this month are:

### Dairy

- Dry Milk
- Evaporated Milk



## Welcome to this week's opportunity to pray in community

### Prayers for our Church Family

- Strength for Joe Kyle-Pietropaolo, who had heart surgery on Tuesday
- Mercies for John Herndon, who has entered hospice care
- Healing for Miriam Helmen, who fell and fractured her elbow last week
- Recovery for Angela and Steve Stephenson's daughter, Julia, who is having back surgery on Wednesday, March 12
- Comfort for the family of Margaret (Peg) Sindelar, who passed away on February 25
- Thanksgiving for the birth of Elodie Jane McConnell to parents Aileen and Randall McConnell, and grandparents Gary and Mary Burge
- Blessings upon the For All Generations campaign

**Prayer Requests** may be made by filling out the online request form at [firstpreswheaton.org/PrayerRequest](http://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](http://firstpreswheaton.org/calendar).



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