



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
of Wheaton

**April 13, 2025**

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

**Palm Sunday**

**LENT**

THE PRACTICE OF PREPARATION

INVITING ALL GENERATIONS INTO A GROWING LIFE WITH JESUS CHRIST

# The Gathering

PRELUDE

Hailie Kim, Piano

WELCOME

Pastor Kellen Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 118:26-29*

Pastor: The one who enters in the Lord's name is blessed;

**People: We bless all of you from the Lord's house.**

Pastor: The Lord is God! He has shined a light on us!

**People: So lead the festival offering with ropes all the way to the horns  
of the altar.**

Pastor: You are my God – I will give thanks to you! You are my God – I will lift you  
up high!

**People: Give thanks to the Lord because he is good, because his faithful  
love lasts forever.**

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

HYMN #196 **“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”**

10:30 – Kids Palm Processional

# The Confession

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor Kat Hatting

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you rode a donkey and came in peace, humbled yourself and gave yourself for us. We confess our lack of humility. As you entered Jerusalem, the crowds shouted, "Hosanna: Save us now!" On Good Friday they shouted, "Crucify!" We confess our praise is often empty. We sing hosanna but cry crucify. As the crowd laid their palms in front of you, you took the way of the cross: taking no glory for yourself. We confess that we want to be accepted and take the easy way. Forgive us when we do not stay true to your will. Hear our prayers Lord, and help us to follow in the way of Jesus, 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

MUSICAL OFFERING “**Ride On, King Jesus**”

Arr. Hall Johnson  
Luke Hochstetler, Vocalist  
Hailie Kim, Piano

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

FOR ALL GENERATIONS CAMPAIGN REVEAL

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 **“Lift Up Your Heads”**

by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor  
Westminster Choir

DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Donté Ford

## **The Word**

MESSAGE

Pastor Kellen Smith

### **LENT – The Practice of Preparation “The Stones Would Shout”**

*Luke 19:28-40*

# The Sending

## HYMN

### Praise Him! Praise Him!

Fanny Crosby

Chester G. Allen

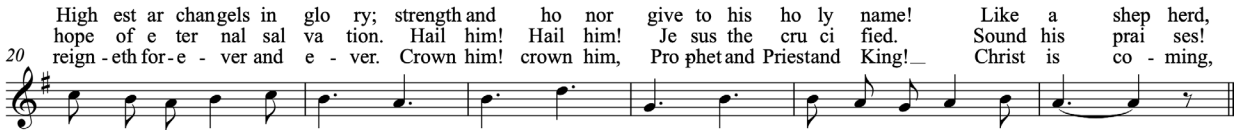


1 Praise him! Praise him! Je sus, our bless ed Re dee mer! Sing, O earth, his won der ful love pro claim! Hail him! Hail him!

2 Praise him! Praise him! Je sus, our bless ed Re dee mer! For our sins he suf fered, and bled, and died; he our rock, our



11 3 Praise him! Praise him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - dee - mer Heav en - ly por - tals loud with ho - san - nas ring! Je - sus, Sa - vior,



High est ar changels in glo ry; strength and ho nor give to his ho ly name! Like a shep herd,

hope of e ter nal sal va tion. Hail him! Hail him! Je sus the cru ci fied. Sound his prai ses!

20 reign - eth for - e - ver and e - ver. Crown him! crown him, Pro phet and Priest and King! Christ is co - ming,

guarding his fath - er's chil dren, in his arms Christ car ries them all day long:

Je sus who bore our sor rows, love un boun ded, won der ful, deep, and strong:

o - ver the world vic - to - rious, power and glo - ry un - to the Lord be - long:

26 *Refrain*



Praise him! Praise him! Tell of his ex - cel - lent great - ness. Praise him! praise him e - ver in joy - ful song!

## BLESSING

Pastor Kellen Smith

## POSTLUDE

Hailie Kim, Piano

# 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.

**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

April 20, 2025

## LENT – The Practice of Preparation “The Stones Would Shout”

*Luke 19:28-40*

It's been said that today's preparation determines tomorrow's outcome. We could say the same truth applies to how we intentionally grow in our faith. The season of Lent is a time of preparation for the significant gift of Easter. Through the lens of the Gospels, we will explore how to prepare ourselves to make the most of celebrating Christ's resurrection. Looking to Jesus' parables, teachings, and prophecy-fulfilling actions, we will be drawn into preparing our hearts, minds, and souls.



**10:30 Livestream at:**  
[firstpreswheaton.org/livestream](https://firstpreswheaton.org/livestream)



## Today is Reveal Sunday

*Today we will announce the total amount to date which our church family has committed to the For All Generations Campaign. It will be a terrific celebration as we begin Holy Week!*

If you have not yet made a commitment, commitment forms are available online at [firstpreswheaton.org/CampaignCommitment](https://firstpreswheaton.org/CampaignCommitment). You can also return your card in the offering plate or at the church office.

## Prayer After Services

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.



# Holy Week

**Maundy Thursday , April 17**

Dinner – 5:30 p.m. / Service – 6:30 p.m.

**Good Friday, April 18**

Service – 6:30 p.m.

**–Easter Sunday–**  
**April 20**

**Sunrise Service – 7:00 a.m.**

**Easter Worship – 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.**

**Kids Egg Hunt at 10:00 a.m.**

*Childcare available at all services  
other than Sunrise Service.*

## Maundy Thursday Family Dinner

**Thursday, April 17 – 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

*(The Maundy Thursday Dinner replaces  
The Table this week, and is the final evening of  
The Table for the season.)*

Join your church family for a special dinner to commemorate Holy Week. In the spirit of Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples, we'll gather at the table to share fellowship and a catered meal together.

RSVP by today, April 13 at  
[firstpreswheaton.org/MaundyDinner](http://firstpreswheaton.org/MaundyDinner)  
or scan the code.



## Mission Fest 2025

### Second Annual Mission Fest! Sunday, April 27

Please join us as we celebrate God's work in our local community and across the globe. During Mission Fest 2025, we will welcome several of our local mission partners and involve them in both Sunday services. Following services, the mission partners will share information with members and friends about their work and how to become involved. The following agencies will be represented at the event:

- Christmas Sharing • DuPage PADS • People's Resource Center
- Exodus (Heidi's House) • Outreach • ESSE

## Adult Education

**"A Long Obedience in the Same Direction"**

**Final Class is today, 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, and 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 are exploring how the Psalms of Ascents (Psalms 120-134) teach us to deepen and grow in hope, worship, service, joy, happiness, perseverance, humility, and faith, and equip us for the steady journey of following Jesus.



Lilies will adorn our chancel for Easter and be delivered to our home-bound parishioners and closest neighbors. To dedicate Easter lilies in honor or memory of a loved one, please complete a form and return it to the church office, along with your donation, no later than Monday, April 14. Your dedication will be printed in the Easter bulletin. You may pick up your lily following the last service on Easter, or during office hours the following week.

Order forms are available in the Rotunda, Narthex and church office. Online orders may be placed at [firstpreswheaton.org/Lilies2025](http://firstpreswheaton.org/Lilies2025).



## Men's Spring Breakfast

**Friday, April 25**  
**7:00-8:00 a.m. in Stewart Hall**

All members and friends of First Pres Wheaton are welcome to join us for the Men's Spring Breakfast. Make plans to be a part of this morning of fellowship and hear a message planned especially for the men of our church and community. The breakfast is FREE, but please RSVP at [firstpreswheaton.org/MensBreakfast](http://firstpreswheaton.org/MensBreakfast) by Tuesday, April 22, or contact the church office at [office@firstpreswheaton.org](mailto:office@firstpreswheaton.org). All are welcome! Bring a friend.



## Dress-A-Girl Workshop

**Tuesday, April 22**  
9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. and

**Wednesday, April 23**  
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Stewart Hall**

Join us in sewing dresses for girls in other countries who don't have access to new clothing. There are ways to help, even if you don't use a sewing machine. Many hands will help to complete many dresses in a number of ways. Kits will be available for those unable to attend. RSVP to Jeanne Kovanda at [jeannewkovanda@gmail.com](mailto:jeannewkovanda@gmail.com) if you plan to attend and if you will be bringing your own sewing machine.



If you would like to place an order for "I Have a Bean" coffee, as part of the WF Mission Trip Fundraiser, please contact Hannah Curry at [hcurry@firstpreswheaton.org](mailto:hcurry@firstpreswheaton.org) by April 23.

Orders may be picked up on Sunday, April 27.

## A Strawberry Brunch

**Thursday, May 8**  
**11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**  
**Stewart Hall**

All women of the church are invited to attend the annual Strawberry Brunch, sponsored by Women's Ministry of First Pres Wheaton.

### Highlights will include:

- A Quiche with Salad Brunch
- Installation of Board Members for Women's Ministry
- Presentation of the Presbyterian Women's Honorary Life Member Award
- Program: "Art Heists of the 20th Century" presented by Susan Ciezki

Kindly RSVP at [firstpreswheaton.org/Strawberry](http://firstpreswheaton.org/Strawberry) or by calling the church office at 630-668-5147 by Monday, May 5. Free will donations are appreciated.



# Easter Egg HUNT!

Easter Sunday, April 20  
Begins at 10:00 a.m.

Join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday between services, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Families are invited to meet us in Stewart Hall before we head out to the courtyard to hunt for eggs! All children through 5th grade are invited to participate. *Don't forget to bring your basket.*



## 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).



- **Genesis Middle School Ministry:** Genesis meets on Sunday from 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- **WF High School Ministry:** WF meets on Sundays from 6:30-8:30 p.m.



## Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of  
**Joe Martillaro and Marjorie Ann (Martillaro) Creed**  
by the Martillaro family.

### Donating Chancel Flowers

The dates of May 4 (Youth Sunday), May 11 (Mother's Day), November 30, and January 18, 2026 are 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.



## IN REMEMBRANCE OF

THOSE WHO'VE BRIGHTENED OUR LIVES

### Celebration of Life

All are invited to attend the Celebration of Life for Harlan Schweer on Saturday, May 3, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Arrowhead Golf Club, 26W161 Butterfield Road in Wheaton. Harlan passed away on December 23, 2024.

Welcome to this week's opportunity to pray in community

### Prayers for our Church Family

- Peace for the family of Kathy Elliott, whose private memorial service was held Saturday, April 12
- Praises to God for all pledges and gifts towards the For All Generations Campaign
- Blessings for a spiritually meaningful Holy Week

**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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