



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
of Wheaton

**April 20, 2025**

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

**Easter Sunday**



**EASTER**

INVITING ALL GENERATIONS INTO A GROWING LIFE WITH JESUS CHRIST

# The Gathering

PRELUDE **“Prelude and Hymn: When Morning Gilds the Skies”** Arr. D.A. Ford  
Westminster Choir  
Doug Zimmer, Organ

WELCOME

Pastor Kellen Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP *1 Peter 1:3-5*

Pastor: May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be blessed! On account of his vast mercy, he has given us new birth. You have been born anew into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

**People: You have a pure and enduring inheritance that cannot perish – an inheritance that is presently kept safe in heaven for you. Through his faithfulness, you are guarded by God’s power so that you can receive the salvation he is ready to reveal in the last time.**

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

HYMN #268 **“Crown Him with Many Crowns”**

# The Confession

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor Kat Hatting

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, in our foolishness, we can think this old Easter story has nothing to do with us, so we miss the incredible good news that love has triumphed over hate, goodness has defeated evil, and life has broken the power of death. Pardon us when we miss the joy, wonder, and life which never ends, God of new beginnings. Empower us to push aside the stone of bitterness and indifference we have rolled across our hearts, so we may be reminded that this old story is real every moment and that ancient promises still hold true. In your mercy, help us see that we are the ones forgiven by the giver of grace, Jesus our Lord, who calls us by name as we pray and anoints us with resurrection love.

*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 “**Jesus Christ is Risen Today**”

Arr. M. Roger Holland  
Westminster Choir and Chamber Orchestra

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

Pastor Kellen Smith

OFFERING

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

Children in preschool through fifth grade are invited to Kids Church

9:00 service – Meet your children in Stewart Hall following the service for the  
Easter Egg Hunt.

10:30 service – Pick your child up in the Ministry Center following the service.

MUSICAL OFFERING **“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”** as recorded by The Gettys

DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Donté Ford

## **The Word**

MESSAGE

Pastor Kellen Smith

**“Where’s Jesus?”**

*John 20:1-18*

# The Sending

ANTHEM **“Hallelujah” Chorus from *Messiah***

*(members of the congregation are welcome to join the choir in the loft to sing)*

BLESSING

Pastor Kellen Smith

POSTLUDE **“Christ Arose”**

Arr. by Wilbur Held  
Doug Zimmer, Organ

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## Special Thanks For Today’s Musicians:

Doug Zimmer, Hailie Kim, Jeffery Delarosa, Eddie Camacho, Peter Richey,  
Ellie Hazard, Blake Rittgers, Emma Cho, and Westminster Choir

Missed a week? Watch past services at [firstpreswheaton.org/livestream](http://firstpreswheaton.org/livestream).

**WELCOME**  
to the Family!

**You're invited to join the First Pres family!**

Contact the church office  
to learn about membership.

**WAYS  
TO  
GIVE**



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Offering Plate  
Give during worship

# Hallelujah Chorus

CONGREGATION PART

MESSIAH

George Frideric Handel (1685–1750)

Setting by HAL H. HOPSON

Revelation 19:6; 11:15; 19:16

## Introduction

(Keyboard) *f* CONGREGATION (Unison voices)

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -

lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -

*mf* **A** *f*

le - lu - jah! for the Lord God Om - nip - o - tent reign - eth. Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -

*mf* *f*

lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! for the Lord God Om - nip - o - tent reign - eth. Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -

**B** **12** **C** **7** **D** **10**

lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! For the Lord God Omnipotent The Kingdom of this world and He shall reign for ever reigneth. Hallelujah. is become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and ever.

**E** *mf*

King of Kings, \_\_\_\_\_ and Lord of Lords, \_\_\_\_\_ King of Kings, \_\_\_\_\_

*f* **F**

and Lord of Lords, \_\_\_\_\_ King of Kings, \_\_\_\_\_ and Lord of Lords, \_\_\_\_\_

**11** **G** *f*

\_\_\_\_\_ and Lord \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Lords, and He shall reign for ever and ever, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, Hallelujah, King of Kings, and Lord of

Lords, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, and He shall reign for ev - er and ev - er. King of

*ff*

Kings, and Lord of Lords, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah!



# CHURCH LIFE

April 20, 2025

## “Where’s Jesus?”

*John 20:1-18*

On Easter, the disciples ran to see the empty tomb. They couldn’t find him and were left wondering, “Where’s Jesus?” In our lives and faith, we often search for God. It can feel as if the Lord isn’t anywhere to be found. The good news of Easter is that the Resurrected Christ finds us. In the recounting the story of the resurrection from John’s Gospel, we’ll encounter the Risen Lord again, as if for the first time.



10:30 Livestream at:

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

## Easter Egg HUNT!

**This Morning  
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.*



### 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.



## Reveal Gratitude

Four weeks ago we were asked to prayerfully make a financial commitment to the **For All Generations** campaign. Thus far, we have received a total of 144 commitments. Even as that number grows, this is evidence that God is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20-21).

With a tremendous amount of gratitude, we have received \$2,317,668.49 in commitments to date. This represents 92% of the campaign's target of 2.5 million dollars.

The 49 cents included are indicative of the church-wide participation in this endeavor thus far. Those cents were part of what our children gathered and contributed. From the youngest to the oldest generation, you have enthusiastically committed to give towards an effort that will further our church's mission of inviting all generations into a growing life with Jesus Christ.

Thank you to our congregation for your participation. We encourage you to continue in prayer as we proceed in finalizing and implementing the plans for refreshing and renovating our church campus and expanding our mission into the greater community.



## 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

*Adult Education will not be held today, but resumes next Sunday.*

### "The Transforming Fire of Divine Love"

Sundays, April 27-May 18 at 10:30 a.m. in Stewart Hall

Led by Dr. John Armstrong



Most Bible readers know "God is love" and most have heard the words "God so loved the world." But few readers realize that these are perhaps the most daring verses in all the Scripture. Why? They tell us who God is and why we can trust him. Yet very few Christians realize how much of what they believe about the nature of God is rooted in ideas foreign to divine love. Based on his recently published book, Dr. John Armstrong will share a deeply personal story of his long, slow journey to know and experience God as a compassionate and loving Father. This class will help you develop a doctrine that can free you from guilt, fear, and many misconceptions we have about God. You will see that what you believe about God will truly affect everything else you believe.

Books are available at church for a discounted price of \$17. [www.thetransformingfire.com](http://www.thetransformingfire.com)



## *Easter Lily Dedications*

Jeff Alvis in loving honor of my wife, Andie

Andie & Jeff Alvis in honor of our daughters –  
Lindsay, Lauren, and Katie

Mary and Gary Burge in memory of our parents

Ron Brushwyler and family in memory of  
Carol Brushwyler

Pat Davidson and family in memory of  
James Davidson

Donna Francis in memory of my parents –  
Rachel and Ray Francis

Bev Gleich in memory of my parents, Glen and  
Mozelle Wilken & in-laws, Millie and Arky

Sue Hartman and family in loving memory of  
Bob Hartman

Cindy and John Heisler in honor of Asa,  
Brenna, Eli and Owen Fischer, John Braydan  
& Alison Heisler

Emily Herndon in loving memory of John Herndon

The Hinson family in memory of Barbara Jean  
Hinson & in memory of Brennan Michael Kornak

Susan and Norm Hull in honor of our daughters,  
son-in-laws, and grandchildren

Deborah and Dean Incopero in memory of  
our parents

Mary, Dan, Bryan, Jonathan, and David Kinsey  
in memory of James Kinsey, Robert Helmen, &  
Patricia Kinsey

Mary, Dan, Bryan, Jonathan, and David Kinsey  
in honor of the marriage of Natalie and Sam  
Rosenszweig

Donna and Todd Laidlaw in celebration of our  
grandchildren – Madeleine, Michael, and Owen  
Laidlaw & Julian and Wesley Krogmann

Jessica and Justin Mead in honor of Nancy and  
Earl McGill & Marjorie and Michael Mead

Kaitlyn, Chris, Silas, Theo and Kathy Nickell in  
memory of loved ones of the Talbot & Nickell  
families

Erin Schneider and family in loving memory of  
Sharon Craig and in loving memory of Kathleen  
Sorensen

Beth and Dave Trumpy in memory of Charlie  
Davis, Marion and Bob Trumpy & Patrick O'Dell

Linda Wischnowski in memory of Harv  
Wischnowski & Dolly and Bill Miller

Geoff and Gary Wright in loving memory of  
Cindy Wright

Bob and Kathy Young in memory of our parents,  
Harriet and Neal Johnson & Jean and Gordon  
Young



## 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 by scanning the code or 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.



## 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 by scanning the code, 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.

## Kids Church Today at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Children ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to sit in the Sanctuary with their families, and will be dismissed during the offering at the 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. services for Kids Church. After the 9:00 service, parents can meet their children in Stewart Hall to get ready for our Egg Hunt. After the 10:30 service, parents can pick their children up in the Ministry Center on the lower level.



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 and WF High School Ministry are on break today. Happy Easter!**

## WF Mission Trip Coffee Fundraiser



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.

## 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 [jeannekovanda@gmail.com](mailto:jeannekovanda@gmail.com) if you plan to attend and if you will be bringing your own sewing machine.

**First Quarter Giving Statements** – First Quarter Giving Statements were sent on April 10. 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](mailto:bspiegel@firstpreswheaton.org) with any questions.

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

### Prayers for our Church Family

- Longtime members, Kathy and Roger Benson, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, April 19
- Recovery for Mary Stollberg, who had shoulder surgery on Thursday
- Healing for Kathy Herzberg, daughter of Agnes Kenton, who has been hospitalized
- Blessings for a spiritually uplifting Easter Sunday

**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 office will be closed  
on Monday, April 21  
for the Easter holiday.*

The First Pres calendar of events is available online at: [firstpreswheaton.org/calendar](http://firstpreswheaton.org/calendar).



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