



FIRST LOOK

April 2025

Newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church of Wheaton

HOLY WEEK

EASTER

Palm Sunday, April 13

Services at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 17

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

RSVP for dinner at firstpreswheaton.org/MaundyThursday

Good Friday, April 18

Service at 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 20

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service

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

(Childcare at 9:00 and 10:30 – Livestream at 10:30)

Kids Easter Egg Hunt – Starting at 10:00 a.m. in the Courtyard

All children through 5th grade are invited to participate. Don't forget to bring your basket!



FOR ALL GENERATIONS

A Campaign For Our Future

Dear First Pres Family,

With gratitude for your profound generosity and with excitement and enthusiasm for the future of First Pres Wheaton, I want you to know how thankful I am for your participation in our For All Generations campaign.

For All Generations is, at its heart, a spiritual journey. That's why we have prayed, asking God to guide us in our sacrificial, financial commitment to the campaign. The hope is that God will guide each of us to participate in the campaign in ways that will further God's kingdom both in our individual lives of faith and in First Pres' active presence in the community.

While we received many commitments this past Sunday, some have not yet indicated commitment to the For All Generations campaign. Perhaps you were not able to be with us on Commitment Sunday, March 23. We are eager for 100% engagement and for our entire church family to experience the blessing of participation. We are asking you to continue in prayer and, if so led, to make your commitment before Reveal Sunday, April 13. You can bring your commitment card to the Sunday services, mail it to the church office, or complete it online at firstpreswheaton.org/onlinegiving.

In Christ,

Richard Lauber, For All Generations, Campaign Chair

April 13

April 13 is Reveal Sunday

On April 13, we will announce the total amount which our church family has committed to the For All Generations Campaign. It will be a terrific celebration as we begin Holy Week!



Lenten Worship Night

Wednesday, April 9

Following The Table, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Living Room
Led by Wheaton College Chapel Band Leaders

Join us for a night of worshipful reflection through contemporary worship songs of prayer and praise.

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

"The Transforming Fire of Divine Love"

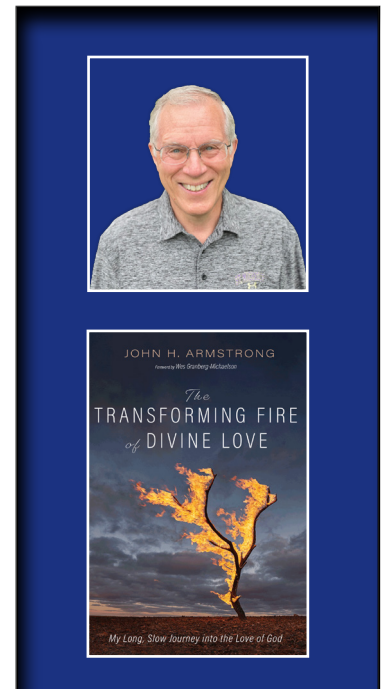
Sundays, April 27- May 18

10:30 a.m. in Stewart Hall

Led by Dr. John Armstrong

The class will do a deep dive into the biblical teaching that "God is love." How can this be true if God judges us and holds us accountable for how we live? Does God love everyone or just some of us? Why does this matter? These and many related questions will draw us into this subject.

Dr. Armstrong is the author of the book "The Transforming Fire of Divine Love." You can learn more about the book and see the video at thetransformingfire.com. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.





For All Generations – Wyndemere Visit

Pastor Kellen and Pastor Kat visited Wyndemere Retirement Community to share the information about the For All Generations Campaign.

WF Mission Trip

WF MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

*I Have a
Bean Coffee
Fundraiser*



WF Mission Trip Coffee Fundraiser

Sunday, April 6

Orders for I Have a Bean coffee can be placed before and after the 9:00 and 10:30 services in the Rotunda.

Orders may be picked up on Sunday, April 27. (Additional orders may be placed from April 6-23).

Blessing Our Church Family

In support of the WF Summer Mission Trip to Memphis, Tennessee, we invite you to participate in our ongoing fundraiser for the people who call this church home. Services that students will be offering include, but are not limited to: outdoor services, yardwork, house cleaning, picking up and dropping off groceries, weekly baked goods deliveries, babysitting, and more. If you have any needs that you would like the WF students to meet for you, please contact Hannah at hcurry@firstpreswheaton.org. Hannah will coordinate with the students to assign someone to your task. Donations are anticipated, with no minimum requirement. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support of our WF Mission Trip.

Patrick's & Pancakes WF Mission Trip Fundraiser

The Student Ministry is very grateful for all who attended our Pancake Fundraiser. We loved hearing all of the laughter and feeling all of the vibrancy in the room. A special thank you to all who made donations to help make this mission trip happen. Moving forward, we trust that you all will be keeping us in your prayers as the students, leaders, and families prepare for this mission trip experience.





Easter Lilies

Lilies will adorn our chancel for Easter and be delivered to our homebound 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.



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/Mens-Breakfast by Tuesday, April 22, or contact the church office at office@firstpreswheaton.org. All are welcome! Bring a friend.



Dress-A-Girl Workshop

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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. Please RSVP to Jeanne Kovanda at jeannekovanda@gmail.com if you plan to attend and if you will be bringing your own sewing machine.

Community Art Gallery

Peek into Miniature Rooms

By Stan and Donna Boyd

This photo display will be on display on The Link through the end of April.

Enter into the wonderful world of Miniature Rooms created by Stan and Donna Boyd, First Presbyterian Church members since 1992.

This is a hobby of theirs that started well before they moved to Wheaton.

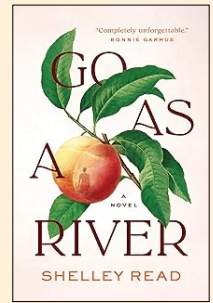
These miniature rooms will take you to another world complete with all the furnishings:

- home libraries stocked with shelves of books
- living rooms complete with a grand piano
- jewelry store where you looked for an engagement ring for your loved one
- Parisian bakery where you bought pastries and cakes for special celebrations
- China Store where you looked for your special dishes and cups
- candy store for chocolates, etc.
- greenhouse for gardening
- men's clothing store
- old time barbershop
- one room school house
- Quaker workshop



April Book Club

Thursday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
Go As A River by Shelley Read



Inspired by true events surrounding the destruction of the town of Iola in the 1960s, *Go as a River* is a story of deeply held love in the face of hardship and loss, and also of finding courage, resilience, friendship, and, finally, home. Seventeen-year-old Victoria Nash runs the household on her family's peach farm in the small ranch town of Iola, Colorado, the sole surviving female in a family of troubled men. Wilson Moon is a young drifter with a mysterious past, displaced from his tribal land and determined to live as he chooses. After a chance meeting on a street corner, and a tragic event, Victoria leaves the only life she has ever known and flees into the surrounding mountains where she struggles to survive in the wilderness with no clear notion of what her future will bring. As the seasons change, she also charts the changes in herself, finding meaning and strength to move forward and rebuild all that she has lost. Join your FPC book club for a great discussion with good friends. Contact Mary Kinsey at marykinsey79@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

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. The Mission Committee is featuring a monthly focus for most-needed donations. Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need.

The greatest needs
this month are:
Household Items

- Bar Soap • Toothpaste • Shampoo



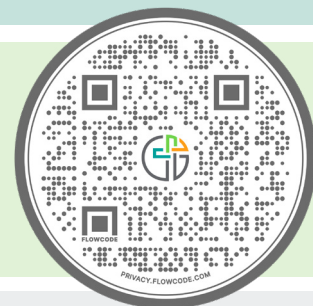
See the online calendar
for up-to-date listings of church events and meetings.

firstpreswheaton.org/calendar

Church Office Hours

Monday through Thursday – 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday – 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

You can give to the ministry of First Pres
quickly and easily by scanning this QR code
with your smartphone camera app.



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