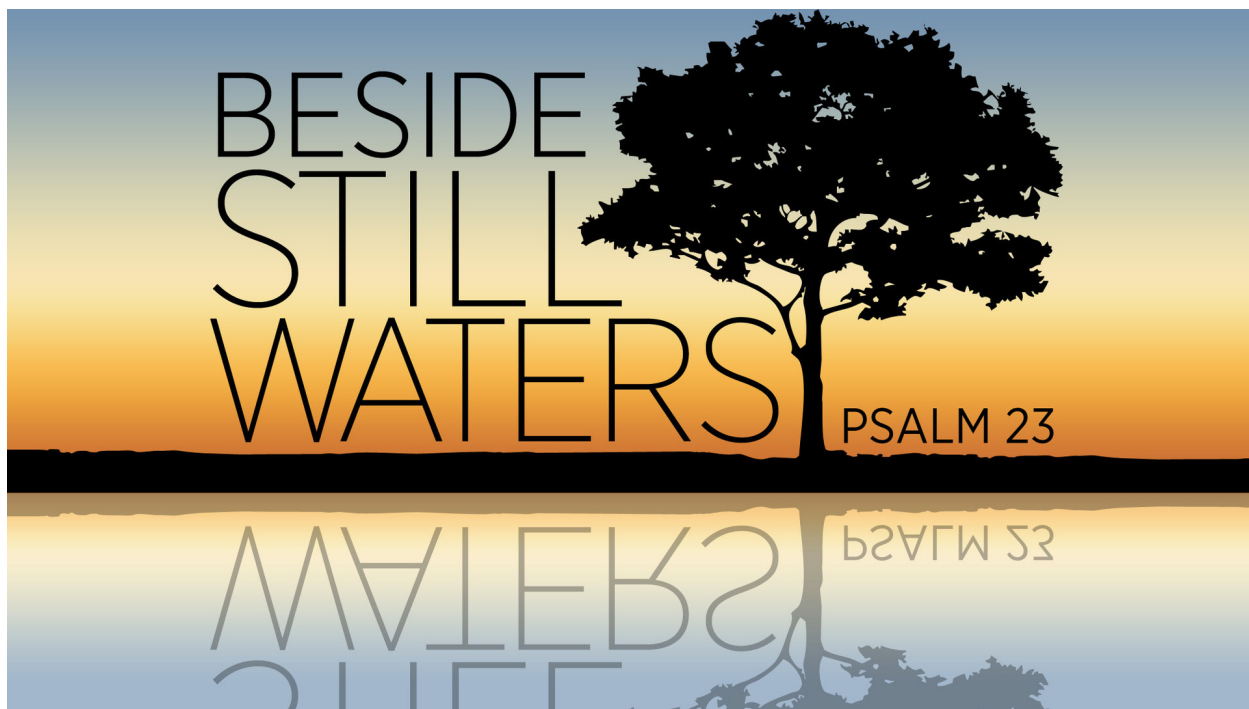




FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of Wheaton

May 11, 2025

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



INVITING ALL GENERATIONS INTO A GROWING LIFE WITH JESUS CHRIST

The Gathering

PRELUDE

Hailie Kim, Piano

WELCOME

Pastor Kellen Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP *Revelation 7:15-17*

Pastor: This is the reason they are before God's throne. They worship him day and night in his temple, and the one seated on the throne will shelter them.

People: They won't hunger or thirst anymore. No sun or scorching heat will beat down on them, because the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them. He will lead them to the springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

HYMN #263 **"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"**

The Confession

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor Kat Hatting

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, in you we lack nothing. You grant us rest and renewal throughout our days, leading us in right living. In the valleys of struggle and sin, forgive us when we allow fear or bitterness to cloud our judgment and confuse our actions. Fill us to overflowing with your mercy. Teach us your goodness each day, that we might dwell eternally with you. Through Christ 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.

CONFESSION RESPONSE #475 **“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

Stanzas 1 & 3

The Offering

GOOD NEWS

Pastor Kat Hatting

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

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

MUSICAL OFFERING **“Unsung Hero”**

as recorded by King + Country
Dan and Kyle Spiegel

DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Kat Hatting

The Word

MESSAGE

Pastor Kellen Smith

“Beside Still Waters”

Psalms 23

The Sacrament

HYMN OF PREPARATION #525 **“Let Us Break Bread Together”**

Stanzas 1 & 3

COMMUNION

Pastor Kellen Smith and Pastor Kat Hatting

The Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Meal

Communion Song **“You Make Everything Beautiful”** by Williams, Smallbone & St. James

Dan and Kyle Spiegel

Prayer After Communion

The Sending

HYMN #802 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” Stanzas 1 & 2, 4-6

BLESSING

Pastor Kellen Smith

POSTLUDE

Hailie Kim, Piano

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:

Care Cards

Make someone's day. Send a Care Card.

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

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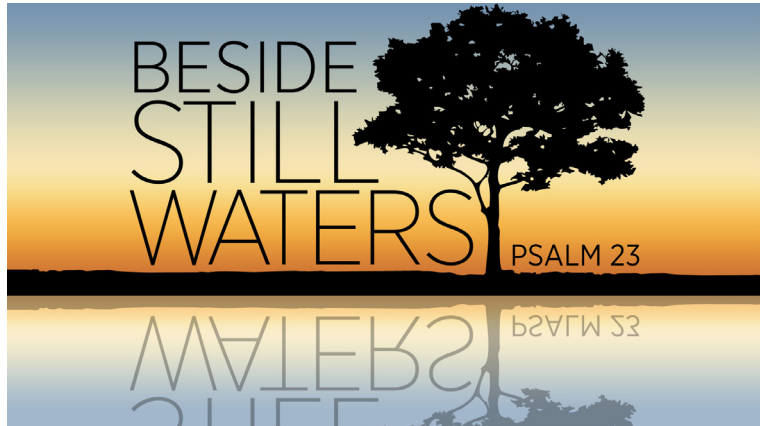
CHURCH LIFE

May 11, 2025

Today's Message

"Beside Still Waters"

Psalm 23



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

10:30 Livestream at: firstpreswheaton.org/livestream



– Today is Communion Sunday –
Communion will be served at today's services.



**Join us in the Rotunda after both services
to celebrate Mother's Day with:**

- Professional photos
- Mother's Day flowers
- Special refreshments!

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.

Summer Worship Schedule Starts May 25

Beginning Sunday, May 25, there will be one worship service only at 10:30 a.m.
Childcare is available.

Kids Church will be held at 10:30 a.m. for grades K-5.

Adult Education resumes in the fall.

Growing and Serving Survey

At First Pres, growing in a group and serving others are important aspects of our faith. Will you share your experience with us? By taking a few minutes to complete this survey, you will help us to continue building a community where everyone has an opportunity to belong.



Take the survey online at firstpreswheaton.org/Survey or by scanning the QR code. Printed copies are also available. Thanks for your input!



May 18 – Celebrating Confirmands and Sunday School



Confirmation Sunday will be held on May 18 during both services.
Join us for a reception between services to celebrate this year's Confirmation Class.

May 18 is also Sunday School Celebration Sunday and 5th grade Promotion Sunday! May 18 will be our last week of Sunday School before Kids Church begins for the summer. Join us at the 10:30 service, where we will bless our 5th graders as they transition into Genesis and Student Ministry. All Sunday School kids will get to enjoy a bounce house, snacks and a fun craft during our Sunday School hour.



Adult Education

“The Transforming Fire of Divine Love”

Sundays through May 18 at 10:30 a.m. in Stewart Hall

Led by Dr. John Armstrong



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. 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.

Books are available at church for a discounted price of \$17. www.thetransformingfire.com



**LOST AND
FOUND**

Lost and Found Table

Today, May 11, is the last day that the Lost and Found table will be set up. The table is located on the ramp leading to Stewart Hall and still has some items that have been left at the church over the past months. There are water bottles, coats, umbrellas, and many more items that we hope will be reunited with their owners! Unclaimed items will be donated.



60+ Luncheon

Thursday, May 29

11:30 a.m. in Stewart Hall

Cost: \$15

All members and friends age 60+ are invited to join together for an uplifting time of fellowship and inspiration. We will have a delicious catered lunch and speaker. Invite a friend to join us for this delightful occasion!

RSVP by Friday, May 23 at
firstpreswheaton.org/60+Luncheon
or by calling the church office.

First Pres Food Pantry – May

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:

High Protein

peanut butter, tuna, beans, canned chicken, chili, stew, canned pinto, red, white and black beans (low salt and canned in water)



Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School is for children age 3 through 5th grade.

- **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.



Kids Church will be held during the summer, starting May 25.

All children will begin in the 10:30 church service with their families and be dismissed to Kids Church after Prayers of the People. Children can be picked up in LL105 following the service. Kids Church is for children age 4 through entering 5th grade. Childcare is available during the service in LL103 for children ages 3 years old and younger.



Genesis Middle School Ministry and WF High School Ministry are on break for Mother's Day. Enjoy spending time with your moms!



Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers are given by
Jeanne & Gary Kovanda in honor of
the mothers, past and present, in our family.



A Campaign For Our Future

Thank you to our congregation for your participation in the For All Generations campaign.

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.

Commitments may be made at
firstpreswheaton.org/CampaignCommitment

Welcome to this week's opportunity to pray in community

Prayers for our Church Family

- Comfort for the family of Kathy Nickell's cousin, Jim Beier, who passed away last Sunday
- Blessings upon all the mother figures in our lives this Mother's Day

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



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