



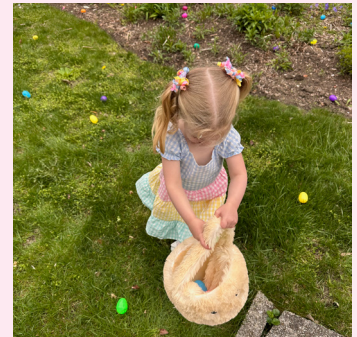
FIRST LOOK

May 2025

Newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church of Wheaton



What a blessed Easter worship experience and Holy Week it was at First Pres Wheaton! Thank you for inviting your family and friends, as we saw a 10 percent increase in attendance from last year. Thank you to our many ministry teams that helped make Easter extra special, from our Staff and Music Leaders, Visual Arts and Ushers, Kids Ministry and Blessed Aprons, to Deacons and AV Team.

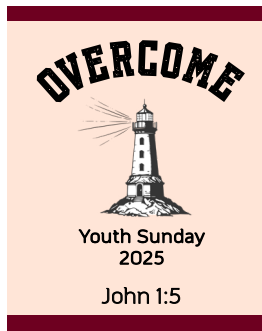


Join us on Mother's Day, May 11,
for Sunday services, along with:

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

Youth Sunday May 4

9:00 & 10:30
services



We hope you'll join us for these special annual student-led worship services. We pray that you will be encouraged and strengthened in your faith because of witnessing the faith of our students.

Summer Worship Schedule

Starting Sunday, May 25
One worship service at 10:30 a.m.

Childcare is available

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

For All Generations Campaign Gratitude



With a tremendous amount of gratitude, we have received 150 commitments, with the commitment amount to date being \$2,342,768.49. This represents just shy of 94% 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. These 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.

Commitments may be made at

firstpreswheaton.org/CampaignCommitment

Mission Fest 2025

The second annual Mission Fest was held on April 27. We welcomed six of our local mission partners, who took part in both Sunday services. Following services, the mission partners shared information with members and friends about their work and how to become involved with their agencies.

The following agencies were represented at the event:

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



Pastor Kellen offered the invocation at Cantigny for the Northern Illinois US Air Force Academy Parents Group's Salute for the Class of 2025. Pastor Kellen's sister, Ret. Maj. Laura Joyce-Hubbard ('90 Air Force Academy graduate) was the guest speaker for the event.



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!



MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER

The Maundy Thursday Dinner was the final week for The Table for this season. In the spirit of Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples, we gathered at the table to share fellowship and a catered meal together. The Maundy Thursday worship service followed the meal.



– SAVE THE DATE – 60+ Luncheon

Thursday, May 29, at 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!

Mark your calendar and watch for details to come.

Community Art Gallery

We hope you enjoy the May artwork created by the children of First Pres Preschool, currently displayed on the Link! We love exploring different mediums and techniques with our young artists. It is so wonderful to see the pride young children take in their creations! This year marks the 58th year that First Pres Preschool has been open to the community, providing early childhood education as a place for children to play, learn, and grow!



Dress-A-Girl Workshop

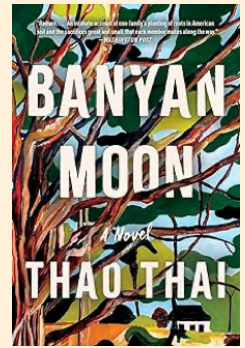
On April 22 and 23, several of the talented seamstresses and helpers from First Pres joined together to create dresses for girls in other countries who don't have access to new clothing.



May Book Club

Thursday, May 29, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
Banyan Moon by Thao Thai

Banyan Moon is a sweeping novel following three generations of Vietnamese American women reeling from the death of their matriarch, revealing the family's inherited burdens, buried secrets, and unlikely love stories. Ann Tran has a beautiful lake house, a charming professor boyfriend, and gets invited to elegant parties. In Florida, her mother, Huong, is mourning her mother, Minh's, death and resenting her for having the relationship with Ann that she never had. Ann returns home to Florida to learn that Minh has left them both the Banyan House, the crumbling old manor that was Ann's childhood home. Under the same roof for the first time in years, mother and daughter must face the simmering questions of their past and their uncertain futures. Running parallel to this is Minh's story, as she goes from a teenager in Vietnam to a determined young mother immigrating to America. 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:
High Protein

- Peanut Butter • Tuna
- Canned Chicken • Beans



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.

The office will be closed on Monday, May 26, for Memorial Day.