FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of Wheaton

November 1, 2026

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

All Saints' Sunday

INVITING ALL GENERATIONS INTO A GROWING LIFE WITH JESUS CHRIST

The Gathering

PRELUDE **“Deep River”** Arr. Ropbert A Hobby
“For All the Saints” Arr. Richardc Heschke
Doug Zimmer, Organ

WELCOME Pastor Kellen Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 34:1-4*

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise will always be in my mouth.
People: I praise the Lord—let the suffering listen and rejoice!
Leader: Magnify the Lord with me! Together let us lift his name up high!
People: I sought the Lord, and he answered me. He delivered me from all my fears.

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

HYMN #667 **“When Morning Gilds the Skies”**

The Confession

CALL TO CONFESSION — Pastor Donté Ford (9:00) / Pastor Kat Hatting (10:30)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you have blessed us with life and given us the hope of eternity with Christ. Yet we confess that we often live with anxious hearts, not trusting in your abundance. We forget the faithful witness of those who have gone before us, and we lose sight of the promise that you are making all things new. Forgive us when fear keeps us from generosity and when thankfulness gives way to discontent. Shape us into a people who give freely, love faithfully, and live with open hands for your glory. In Jesus' 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.

CONFESSION RESPONSE #828 **"More Love to Thee, O Christ"** Stanza 1

The Offering

INVITATION TO KIDS CHURCH (9:00)

GOOD NEWS — Pastor Donté Ford (9:00), Pastor Kat Hatting (10:30)

OFFERING & “OPEN HANDS” DEDICATION SUNDAY

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

MUSICAL OFFERING **“Hymn of Heaven”** by Johnson, Johnson, Davenport, & Wickham
Bryce Rosenau and Katie O’Connor, Vocalists

DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION — Pastor Donté Ford

The Word

MESSAGE — Pastor Kellen Smith

“When Every Tear Is Wiped Away”

Revelation 7:9-17

The Sacrament

HYMN OF PREPARATION **“Rock of Ages”** — Music by James Ward

2. Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling.
Naked come to thee for dress, helpless look to thee for grace
Foul I to the fountain fly, wash me Savior or I die

COMMUNION Pastor Kellen Smith

The Invitation to the Table
Prayer of Thanksgiving

A Time of Remembrance

At this time, the pastor will recite the names of those in our church family who have passed away during the last year. A single bell will toll after each name.

Jaron Allen
Millie Birkemeier
Stan Boyd
Anita Brechtel
Bonnie Gauger
Jayne Gaw
William (Bill) Kienzle
Fred Krebs
James (Jim) Murray
Barbara Nelson-Triebes
Kathy Nickell
Carol Powell
Mike Rooney
Chuck Vaughn
John Vernon
Daryl Wiley
Frederick (Fred) Yndestad

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 **"How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place" from A German Requiem**
by Johannes Brahms
Westminster Choir

Prayer After Communion

The Sending

HYMN # 326 **“For All the Saints”**

BLESSING — Pastor Kellen Smith

POSTLUDE **“Fanfare on Sine Nomine”** — Arr. Jack Noble White
Doug Zimmer, Organ

Missed a week? Watch past services at firstpreswheaton.org/livestream.

CHURCH LIFE

November 1, 2026

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

"When Every Tear Is Wiped Away"

Revelation 7:9-17

Livestream at 10:30 a.m.
firstpreswheaton.org/livestream

On All Saints' Sunday, we remember those who have gone before us in faith, even as we carry the grief of their absence. In Revelation, John offers us a vision of Jesus' promised future, where the Lamb becomes our Shepherd, suffering gives way to peace, and every tear is wiped away. On a day when we also dedicate our financial pledges to the Lord, we give in the hope that our lives and our church's ministry can bear witness to this coming kingdom, where death will be no more and God's love will have the final word.

– Today is Communion Sunday –

Communion will be served at today's service.

All Saints' Sunday

Today we commemorate All Saints' Sunday. During our communion liturgy, the pastor will recite the names of those in our church family who have passed on into glory in the past year. We will also remember all those beloved to us who are no longer with us.

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.

Generosity 2027 – “Open Hands”

Over the past year, we have experienced something beautiful together. Through **For All Generations**, you have responded with extraordinary generosity and faith. We have committed more than we ever imagined, and we are seeing the vision God has placed before us take shape. As we look toward 2027, we are invited to take the next step. Imagine if generosity is not simply giving, but considering the kind of people God is calling us to become.

Our 2027 Generosity Campaign is called Open Hands.

Open hands are a picture of the Christian life. With open hands, we receive the gifts God has given us. With open hands, we give freely what the Lord has entrusted to us. And with open hands, we become a blessing to others. “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” — Acts 20:35

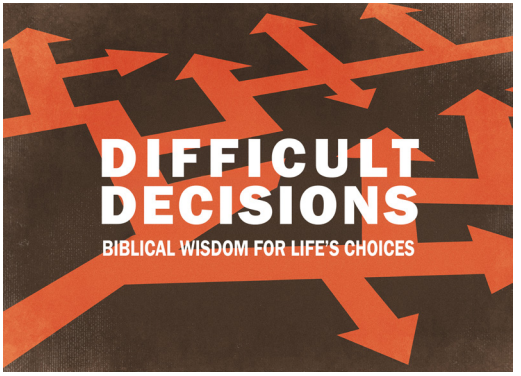
During our three-week sermon series, we are exploring three movements of a generous life: RECEIVE. GIVE. BLESS.

Dedication Sunday is today, when we will spiritually dedicate our gifts to God. To make a pledge, please fill out a pledge card at firstpreswheaton.org/Generosity2027.

Thank you for the generosity you have already shown and for the faithfulness with which you continue to invest in the ministry of this church.

Adult Education: “Difficult Decisions”

Final Class is today, November 1
10:30 a.m. – Stewart Hall



Join us for this Adult Education class, as a group of Wheaton College professors will lead us to examine how our faith helps in the choices we make.

Today, Dr. Timothy Larsen, McManis Professor of Christian Thought at Wheaton College, will continue our Decisions series. Drawing from his latest book, he will deal with the theme of God over War.

Thanksgiving Feast

Wednesday, November 18
5:30-6:30 p.m. in Stewart Hall

Join your church family for a celebratory Thanksgiving Feast. The week before the holiday, all generations are invited to enjoy this time of giving thanks while sharing a delicious meal.

Menu: Sliced Turkey and Gravy, California Blend Vegetables, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Tossed Salad, Dinner Rolls, Apple Pie, and Pumpkin Pie

Catered by Lee n' Eddies

Register by Monday, November 16 (9:00 a.m.)

Note: Rooted Kids participants eat free! (Registration required)

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The Table

Join us at The Table!

Wednesdays through November 18
5:30-6:30 p.m. in Stewart Hall

You're invited to The Table, as we share a catered, buffet-style meal each week. You'll enjoy seeing old friends and making new ones around the table. We'll celebrate birthdays and anniversaries, be led in song, and have a brief teaching. There will be activities for children and a Toddler Corner for kids two and under.

Wednesday, November 4: TACO NIGHT!

Menu: Ground Beef Tacos with Flour Tortillas, Taco Fixin's (Shredded Lettuce, Cheese, Diced Onion, Tomato, Sour Cream and Salsa), Mexican Rice, Refried Beans, Tossed Salad, and Strawberry Cream Jello

Catered by Lee n' Eddies

Register by Monday, November 2 (9:00 a.m.)

Note: Rooted Kids participants eat free! (Registration required)

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Wheaton College Christmas Concert "Star of Hope"

Saturday, December 5 – 4:00-5:30 p.m.

First Pres Wheaton has purchased a limited number of seats together for the *Wheaton College Christmas Festival Concert 2026: Star of Hope.* The seats are on the Main Floor and the ticket price is $23.60 each ($20 for the ticket plus a $3.60 Wheaton College handling fee). If you would like to purchase a ticket (or tickets) to sit with other First Pres Wheaton members, please register online at firstpreswheaton.org/WCConcert. Tickets will be distributed the week before the concert. There is a 5-ticket limit, but contact the church office if you need additional tickets. We hope to see you at the concert!

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: baking supplies

First Pres Kids Ministry

Kids Church and Sunday School!

Kids Church at 9:00 – We are offering Kids Church during the 9:00 service for children 4 years old through 5th grade! Children will start in the Sanctuary with their families and then be invited down to LL105 during the service for a Bible lesson and activity.

Sunday School at 10:30 – Sunday School is for ages 3 years old (by Sept. 1) through 5th grade. Please be sure to check in at our kiosks in the Kids Ministry hallway on the lower level before dropping your child off in their classroom.

Childcare: Children 3 years old and younger are welcome in the Childcare Room in LL103.

Questions? Contact Stacey Chvatal at schvatal@firstpreswheaton.org

Student Ministry

WHEATON FP Genesis

WF High School Ministry

Confirmation Class meets today at 9:00 a.m.

Genesis Middle School Ministry meets on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

WF High School Ministry meets this Sunday at 7:00 p.m. for WF First

Contact Hannah Curry at hcurry@firstpreswheaton.org with any questions.

Today's sanctuary flowers are given by the Hamilton family in celebration of the life of Bill Hamilton, and given in loving memory of Ken Kupcho by Georgia Hamilton.

Welcome to this week's opportunity to pray in community

Prayers for our Church Family

- Strength for Dave Geddes, who was hospitalized this week with ongoing health struggles
- Comfort for Laura Seymour, whose father passed away last week
- Mercies for Andrew and Heather Bormann's family, upon the passing of Andrew's father, Randy Bormann
- Blessings upon Jonah Lockard and Erin Sheets, who were married on October 17
- Gratitude for God's provision on this Generosity Sunday
- Thanksgiving for the saints who have passed on before us

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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