



# WORSHIP

*Sanctuary*

AUGUST 14, 2022

Gloria Song

## PRELUDE

Rev. Amy Heinrich

## WELCOME

### ❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

### ❖ OPENING HYMN

*O God Your Word a Raging Fire*

KINGSFOLD

1. O God Your word a raging fire lies deep within our bones. Your truth a fierce, consuming fire; our flesh, Your altar stones.
2. When silence burns and faith must speak to crowds who spurn to hear, Your passion's forge will steel the meek; Your love drives out our fear.
3. The anvil strength within Your arms holds steadfast firm and true. When hatreds strike to cause us harm we rest our trust in You.
4. Your prophets felt the scorching breath that spoke Your righteous will. They bore through peril, pain and death through threats that threaten still.
5. O God your fire yet keenly burns Within our kindled hearts. Our call to radiant justice years to blaze as grace imparts.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Brian Paulson

Holy God, you called all that is into being and offered humanity life in all its fullness. Yet we have allowed good relationships to be broken. We have become distant from you and our neighbor. At times we have failed to rise up, speak out and act for justice, leaving "false prophets" unchecked and the voiceless without an advocate. To all who fall short of God's glory, you offer a pardon that sets us free to be the people we are meant to be.

*(Silence for personal confession)*

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: God is just and forgiving.  
God receives us as we are, lifts us up and calls us again to be people upholding justice and shalom.  
Receive God's grace, knowing that all sins are forgiven  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

### ❖ GLORIA PATRI *(Glory to God)*

Hymnal #581

### ❖ SUMMARY OF THE LAW – *Matthew 22:37-40*

Leader: Our Lord Jesus said,  
**People: You shall love the Lord your God**  
**People: with all your heart, and with all your soul. And with all your mind.**  
Leader: This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it  
**People: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**  
Leader: On these two commandments hang all the law and prophets.

❖ **PASSING THE PEACE**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Ms. Kim Mendoza, M. Div.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Carmen Lago

**THE FIRST READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE**

*Jeremiah 23:23-29*

❖ **HYMN**

*As a Fire Is Meant for Burning*

BEACH SPRING

As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame,  
so the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name.  
Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care,  
we join hands across the nations, finding neighbours everywhere.

We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way.  
We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay.  
By our gentle, loving actions, we would show that Christ is light.  
In a humble, listening Spirit, we would live to God's delight.

As a green bud in the springtime is the sign of life renewed,  
so may we be signs of oneness 'mid earth's peoples, many hued.  
As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone,  
may our lives reflect the radiance of God's new and glorious dawn.

**THE SECOND READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE**

*Luke 12:49-56*

**MEDITATION**

*False Prophets; False Peace*

Rev. Amy Heinrich

**SONG FOR REFLECTION**

*Times Like These*

Fran McKendree

1. I look across the river here  
wide and calm and running clear before me  
And though I question everything  
I place my faithful offering in trusting
2. I take my chances with the one  
who brings to me the rising sun  
who stirs the wind and shakes the trees  
who shouts the truth in times like these  
and brings me to my knees.  
Oh, in times like these
3. I'm choking on the front page news.  
How did we come so far to lose our way.  
Cold air against that paints the face  
of those who rule here in disgrace while we pay.
4. The power that rears its ugly head  
And markets everything not dead  
The thoughtlessness that reigns supreme  
Manipulates our every dream  
And brings me to my knees  
Oh, in times like these
5. The money that now owns the room  
sensing our impending doom entranced  
on the grave of our civility  
greed shedding our humanity says dance
6. The hope is breaking through somehow  
and shattering their sacred cow  
The curtain's pulled back all the way  
Exposing little minds at play  
It brings me to my knees  
Oh, in times like these
7. In sacred moments what I hear  
The spirit will not bow to fear  
A voice that comes from  
deep within  
And whispers that love  
always wins  
Says, rise up off your knees  
Oh, rise in times like these  
(Repeat)

**TABLE TALK**

**MOMENT FOR MINISTRY**—General Assembly Report

Jodi Craiglow

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**OFFERTORY**

*A Simple Song*  
Jodi Craiglow, soloist; Betsy Rehm, flute

Leonard Bernstein

❖ **PRAISE GOD** (*The Doxology*)

Hymnal #608

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, DEDICATION & THE 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.

❖ HYMN #378

*We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom*

MERLE'S TUNE

THE CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Gloria Song

❖ *Those who are able, please stand*

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## Community Notes

Learn more in our online Parish Life newsletter at [www.firstpreslibertyville.org](http://www.firstpreslibertyville.org)

**Flower Dedications:** The flowers today are placed to the glory of God by Jack and Judy Beinlich in loving memory of Judy's mother, Dorothy Leighton. To make a flower dedication in the Sanctuary or Chapel, please see Parish Life, call the church office at 847-362-2174, or send an email to [office@boxp.net](mailto:office@boxp.net).

**Saturday, Aug. 20**

Mobile Food Pantry at 8 a.m. (Douglas Ave. parking lot)

**Sunday, Aug. 21**

Worship at 10 a.m. (Sanctuary & Chapel)

Social Hour at 11 a.m. (Outside)

Inquirers Class at 11:15 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

**Sunday, Aug. 28**

Worship at 10 a.m. (Sanctuary & Chapel)

Social Hour at 11 a.m. (Outside)

Inquirers Class at 11:15 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

**News & Upcoming Events**

*Tough Talk for Tender Hearts* - Wednesday, August 31

**Fall Kick-off (aka Rally Day) on Sunday, Sept. 11 (Social Hall & Douglas Ave.)**

*Turquoise Table* launches on Sept. 11

Lunch Bunch returns on Sept. 20

Women's Fall Retreat on Oct. 29 (Ryerson Woods in Lincolnshire)

**Next Steps: Inquirers Class August 21 & 28:** If you're interested in joining the church or want to learn more about what it means to be part of a Presbyterian denomination, join us for our August Inquirers Class. You'll meet our pastors and staff, learn the history of our denomination, and find out how to get involved here at First Pres. We will meet on Sunday Aug. 21 & 28 from 11:15 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided. Please call Michelle Groenke at 847-362-2174 if you're interested in attending.

**Fall Kick-Off (Rally Day) on September 11:** Make sure to come to church on Sunday, Sept. 11 for our Rally Day Fall Kick-Off! The Chancel Choir returns from their summer break and we will be launching our fall programs, including our *Follow Me* all ages Faith Formation (Sunday school) programs, Youth Group, Confirmation, and much more! **There will be food and fun for everyone!**

If you and your small group, circle, committee or team would like to reserve a spot in Social Hall for our traditional program fair, please email Michelle Groenke at [mgroenke@box.net](mailto:mgroenke@box.net) no later than Aug. 31!



**Fall Backpack and School Supply Drive:** The Deacon Board and our congregation will once again be providing backpacks and school supplies to our Mobile Food Pantry guests, students at Hope Technology and Education Center in Chicago, and students in the Waukegan to College program. We hope that you will consider donating. Scan the QR code to give online!

**Stewardship:** "I thank my God for you every time I think of you; and every time I pray for you all, I pray with joy because of the way in which you have helped me in the work of the gospel...." Philippians 1:3-5.

As we approach the beginning of the fall season, and the return to our regular routines, your Stewardship committee thanks you for the way in which you have helped First Presbyterian Church live the gospel of Jesus Christ. We hope to continue to engage and energize you into living out our shared faith in all that God is calling us to do. Scan the QR code to give online or text firstpreslib to 73256.



**PASTORAL STAFF:** Rev. Dr. Brian Paulson (Pastor/Head of Staff), Rev. Amy Heinrich (Associate Pastor for Congregational Care), Rev. Nicole Farley (Interim Associate Pastor), Kimberly Mendoza (Pastoral Resident)

**ELDERS ON SESSION:** Debra Alexander, Jerry Brann, Kirk Ergang, Vanessa Griffin, Anna Groebe, Sally Kowal, Jon McGormley, Rich Monahan, Becky Nelson, Esther Pochron, Dave Potts, Carol Turnbull, Fred Ulanday, Elizabeth Wagner, Liz White, Gail Starr (Clerk of Session)

**PRAYER BOX – Sunday – August 14, 2022**

Maria Schroeder and family on the loss of her husband, Richard (Dick) Schroeder

**For those in need of prayer:**

Karen Eggert, daughter-in-law of Phyllis Eggert  
 Tony Kollasch and daughters, Anna and Sophie  
 Mike and Stephanie Kollasch and family  
 Julia Wilson, daughter of Susan Henning  
 Kristin Sapiega, daughter of Marlene Hodek  
 Jim King  
 David Ray  
 Paul and Louise Quillman  
 Chris Dowell, son of Lynn Dowell  
 Christine, niece of Myrna Ulanday  
 Emily Nelson, sister of Becky Nelson  
 John Thompson, brother of Kathy Holland  
 Wendy and John, sister and brother-in-law of Marilyn Roland  
 Trish B., long-time friend of Liz Tanner and Carolyn Albertson

**Other:**

Pray for world peace.  
 Pray for the war in Ukraine to end.  
 Pray for our government and government officials.  
 Pray for healing in the land.  
 Pray for those suffering from mental, emotional and psychological illnesses.  
 Pray for the marginalized, the brokenhearted, the homeless, the hungry.  
 Pray for all victims of social injustice.  
 Pray for our sister churches in Chicago, Cuba and Italy.