



# The United Methodist Church of Libertyville

November 17, 2013  
8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

## *The Season of Pentecost*

### *Today's Scripture Passage*

**H**ere is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations. He will not quarrel or cry out; no one will hear his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he has brought justice through to victory. In his name the nations will put their hope.” Then they brought him a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute, and Jesus healed him, so that he could both talk and see. All the people were astonished and said, “Could this be the Son of David?” But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, “It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons.”

Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand. If Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then can his kingdom stand? And if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your people drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

“Or again, how can anyone enter a strong man’s house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can plunder his house.

“Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit. A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him.

—Matthew 12:18-29, 33, 35



*A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION*

PASTORS

Jamie Hanna Williams • Stephen C. Williams

## *First Light Service ~ 8:15 AM*



**Gathering Music**    "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"    P. Bettcher  
Heritage Bells

**Welcome & Greeting**    (Please pass the attendance pads at this time.)  
We welcome you to our service today and invite you to greet each other with words of grace and peace. May God's blessing be upon us all as we worship together in spirit and truth.

\* **Opening Hymn**    "Crown Him with Many Crowns"    No. 327

### \* **Call to Worship**

Leader: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

**People: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**

Leader: We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

**People: We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**People: Teach us your ways and make our paths straight in this hour of worship and always.**

\* **Musical Prayer**    "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"    No. 420, verse 1  
Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

### **Quiet Reflection and Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Scripture Reading**    Matthew 12:18-29, 33, 35

**Sermon**    "Jesus: The Stronger Man"    Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

### **Offering / Offertory**

\* Doxology    "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"    No. 94

\* Prayer of Dedication

### **Celebration of Holy Communion**

Gluten free wafers are available in the center tray.

\* **Closing Hymn**    "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"    No. 540

### \* **Pastoral Benediction**

**Postlude**



\* *Those who are able are invited to stand.*

## Traditional Service ~ 9:30 AM



### **Greetings & Announcements** (Please pass the attendance pads at this time.)

We welcome you to our service today and invite you to greet each other with words of grace and peace. May God's blessing be upon us all as we worship together in spirit and truth.

**Prelude** "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" P. Bettcher  
Heritage Bells

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### **Unison Prayer**

**Almighty God, in a world of change you placed eternity in our hearts and gave us power to discern good from evil. Grant us sincerity, that we may persistently seek the things that endure, refusing those that perish, and that, amid things vanishing and deceptive, we may see the truth steadily, follow the light faithfully, and grow ever richer in that love which is the life of all people; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**Special Music** "Thanks Be to God" M. Bedford  
Joyful Noise Choir

**Children's Message** Pastor Jamie Hanna Williams

**First Scripture Reading** Isaiah 65:17-25 Dolores Palmieri

**Anthem** "The Staff of Faith" C. Courtney  
Adult Choir

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*\* Those who are able are invited to stand.*

*\*\* Please consider completing a "Joys and Concerns" card and placing it in the box at the back of the sanctuary. The Pastors and Prayer Team will use the cards to guide weekly prayer. Thank you!*

## Sharing Our Joys and Concerns\*\*

### Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

\* Hymn "How Great Thou Art" No. 77

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 12:18-29, 33, 35

Sermon "Jesus: The Stronger Man" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Offering / Offertory "Sonate" D. Scarlatti

\* Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 94

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* Closing Hymn "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" No. 540

\* Benediction

Postlude "Trumpet Tune and March" J. Clarke



### A WARM WELCOME TO ALL!

We are delighted to have you sharing with us in worship today. If you are visiting for the first time, please stop by the Welcome Table in the foyer to pick up a Visitor Packet and meet our Welcoming Ministries Coordinator, Joyce Bedell ([joycebedell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joycebedell@sbcglobal.net)), for more information about our church family. All are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, refreshments, and community sharing from 9:00—11:00 AM. We look forward to seeing you there!

*Many thanks to the following people for helping  
with our services this morning:*

**Sound Tech:** Bert Kibbler **Acolytes:** (9:30) Ushers

**Greeter:** (9:30) Ralph and Barbara Rogus

**November Ushers:** (8:15) Judy Awe, Larry Corrigan,

Larry Neal, Chris Skinner, Clem Vath

(9:30) James Hill, Dan Joyce, Rob Kilmer, Bob Kowal,

Wes Swearingin, Karl Taylor, Jean Turner

(9:00—11:00) Please join us for coffee and refreshments  
served in Fellowship Hall and hosted by Priscilla Circle!

## Contemporary Service ~ 11:00 AM



### Countdown

#### Welcome & Announcements

We welcome you to our service today and invite you to greet each other with words of grace and peace. May God's blessing be upon us all as we worship together in spirit and truth.

\* Song "Crown Him with Many Crowns" Walker

\* Song "All of My Days"

Special Music 'Thanks Be To God' M. Bedford  
Joyful Noise Choir

Children's Message Pastor Jamie Hanna Williams

\* Song "Great I Am" Anderson

Scripture Isaiah 65:17-25

#### Prayer

Scripture Matthew 12:18-29, 33, 35

Sermon "Jesus: The Stronger Man" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

\* Closing Song "Because of Your Love" Baloché

#### \* Benediction



#### Service Notes

**Children are welcome in worship.** We enjoy having kids with us in worship but there is also a special program for them called *Kids Own Worship* that takes place following the Children's Message.

**Please fill in the registration sheet** that is passed around so you will be kept informed about what's happening at the church. Remember to include your email address.

**The Offering we give** is both an act of thanks and faith – a way to offer back to God some of the blessings we have received and a response of trust that God will take care of us as we rely upon him. The Offering is not received during the service but you are invited to place your gifts in the Offering Plate on the back table as you leave.

**Worship Team:** Julie Bakus, Woody Bedell, Jeff Brown, Jeff Davis,  
Jeanette Frisbey, Tim Tonon, Jamie Twedell

**Multimedia Coordinators:** Mark & Janet Mason

**Refreshments:** Carol and Jeff Davis

## UMCL News & Notes ~ November 17, 2013

### STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN ~ *Lifting Off Together by Faith*

*"To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul." Psalm 25:1*

**Consecration and Celebration Sunday is November 24th**, when we will offer our commitments to God and pray for the consecration of our pledges and ministry together. Please return your 2014 pledge card on or before that Sunday so that your commitment can be included in the service. Pledge cards can be returned either by mailing them to the church in the envelope provided or placing them in the offering plate on any Sunday in November. Please contact Ruth Ross in the Church Finance Office if you need a pledge packet, have any questions or need other assistance. Extra pledge cards are also available in the church office, the Sanctuary, or the East Room. Thank you!

**SPECIAL OFFERING FOR TYPHOON RELIEF**—Typhoon Haiyan brought massive devastation to the Philippines. Based on the overwhelming need there, our church will receive a special offering over the next two weeks in support of the United Methodist Committee on Relief's (UMCOR) efforts to bring aid to the area. Contributions can be made using the special envelopes provided in the pew pockets or by mailing them to the Church Finance Office. Checks should be made payable to United Methodist Church of Libertyville, with "UMCOR TYPHOON RELIEF" on the memo line. Thank you.

**LAST CALL! THE YOUTH WANT TO RAKE YOUR LEAVES** for our now yearly Winterization Tradition! On **Saturday, November 23**, we are heading out in the morning to rake leaves, wash windows, trim bushes, haul brush, and do other minor yard work. This service is free! Please complete one of the orange cards found in the foyer, email Ben Hallett (bshallet@gmail.com), or call him at the church office to put your house on the list or to refer a friend in need.

**CHRISTMAS PARTNER ANGELS** will be available **TODAY and next Sunday, November 24**, in the Heritage Area on the north side of the foyer (near the Education Wing). Please return the purchased gifts on Sunday, December 8, for the Blessing of the Gifts. For the past 25 years, we have delivered gifts to families in the Humboldt Park area as well as to friends from San Pablo in Waukegan, the Staben Centers and The Harbor. If you would like to help share the joy of Christmas, plan to choose an angel from the foyer today or next Sunday. Thank you for joining in making this a Merry Christmas for many children and adults! Questions? Contact Jeris Boyce.

### CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING!

- This year our congregation will celebrate Thanksgiving on **Sunday, November 24**, during the morning worship services. The altar will reflect the bounty of the harvest and we will receive our offerings and consecrate our commitments for 2014 to God.
- You are also invited to attend an **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service** on **Sunday, November 24** at **4:00 PM** at Advocate Condell Centre Club in Libertyville. During this celebration, prayers, sacred readings, and music from various religions will be offered. Vicki Garvey, from the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, will speak on the topic: "Gratitude." Food, fellowship and displays will follow at **5:00 PM**. Free will donations will be accepted for Feed My Starving Children, local faith-based food pantries, and PADS. In an increasingly multi-religious community like ours, it is important that we as people of faith come together as Americans to celebrate and give thanks for all God's blessings. This event is jointly organized by area faith communities and Advocate Condell Medical Center.

**THE FOURTH ANNUAL ADVENT TEA** is planned for **Sunday, December 8 at 3:00 PM**. Theme for the Advent Tea is "Christmas Symbols." Hostesses should contact Mickey Donahue (missmickey2005@gmail.com or 847-367-4906) with their name and theme. Tickets will be on sale **TODAY and November 24th** from 10:30 to 11:15 AM. \$15 for adults, \$8 for girls ages 5-14.

**PANAMA BAKE SALE**—The annual bake sale to raise money for the Panama Mission Trip will be held in Fellowship Hall **next Sunday morning, November 24th**. If you would like to contribute baked goods, please wrap or bag individually and label. Bring items to church that morning at 8:00 AM. Any questions please call Becky Traut (847-367-0295).

**TEACHERS!** Sunday School and Kids Own Worship programs are in need of teachers for December and January! Contact Amanda Seibert to sign up!

## News & Notes Continued

**STEPHEN MINISTRY** will offer a **Blue Christmas Worship Service** on **December 10, at 7:00 PM**. This is a service of healing for those who are suffering from loss, sadness, or grief in the Advent Season. By offering this service we acknowledge the struggles we face while providing a safe place of rest, comfort, and healing. In the midst of darkness, it is a service of light. Childcare provided. If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, please contact Stephen Leaders Kevin Garren or Mary Spooner or the pastors.

**WOMEN'S ECUMENICAL CANDLELIGHT ADVENT SERVICE**—All women are invited to come together for homemade goodies and fellowship followed by a service of readings, ritual, carols, and contemplation. This service will be held at First Presbyterian Church, (219 W. Maple Avenue, Libertyville) on **Wednesday, December 4; 7:00 PM**—Reception in the Social Hall; **7:30 PM**—Worship in the Chapel.

**A MEMORIAL SERVICE** for Pastor Jamie's father, Robert W. Hanna, will be held on **Friday, November 29** at River Glen Presbyterian Church, 1140 Raymond Drive, Naperville, IL. Visitation with the family will take place from **2:00 to 3:00 PM** and the Memorial Service will begin at **3:00 PM**. All are welcome to attend.

**PRISCILLA CIRCLE**—will meet at church on Tuesday, **November 19 at 9:30 AM** to carpool to Book Bridge in Grayslake. We'll learn about their book program and then have lunch at the Triangle restaurant. That afternoon (Nov. 19), we are helping with the birthday party at Winchester House. If anyone would like to help with the birthday party, please let us know. For further information, call Shirley Mason, 847-362-0523 or Terry Johnson at 847-223-1944.

**RUTH CIRCLE** will meet on **Wednesday, November 20th, at 7:00 PM**, at the home of Beth March (15660 W. Timber Lane, Libertyville. 847-367-5175). After dessert and a short meeting, our friend, Inge Hansen, will share her experiences of living in Europe during WWII. Visitors are encouraged to join us.

**BUTTERBRAID PICK-UP!** You'll be able to pick up the butterbraids you've ordered at church next **Sunday, November 24** in fellowship hall between services from **9:00-9:30 & 10:30-11:00 AM**.

**PRIME TIME** will meet on **Monday, December 2, at 12:00 PM** for lunch (\$5). After lunch we'll enjoy entertainment from a Barbershop Quartet group with Christmas music as well as other quartet favorites. To help the hostesses plan for food, please RSVP to the church office by Friday, November 29 (847-362-2112 or libertyvilleumc@sbcglobal.net).

**YOUNG COUPLES** will meet on **Friday, December 6 at 7:00 PM**. Paul and Gayla Velez (145 Trailwood Lane, Northbrook) will host a cookie exchange. Please RSVP to 847-412-9632 or paulandgayla@att.net

**OUR SECOND ANNUAL LIVE NATIVITY** will be presented by the children and youth of UMCL in Cook Memorial Park on **Sunday, December 15, at 6:00 PM**. Save the date and invite your friends, family and neighbors!

**COFFEE HOSTING OPPORTUNITY!** We are looking for families and friends to host coffee time on December 1, 8, & 15. If hosting is a gift you would like to give the congregation during this busy and festive season, please contact Joannie Foley at foleyszoo@aol.com.

**PADS HELP NEEDED**—We are called by Jesus to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless. Please consider serving with PADS! Volunteers are desperately needed for **overnight shifts** (11 PM—3 AM or 3-6:30 AM) or **clean-up** (5:30-7:15 AM). The PADS sign-up book is in Fellowship Hall during coffee time and in the foyer for our third service. Or call Cathy O'Brien 847-367-8062 to help. Thanks!

### HOW ARE WE DOING?

	<b>November</b>	<b>Year-To-Date</b>
	<b>Month-To-Date</b>	<b>as of 11/12/13</b>
<b>Offerings/Revenues</b>	\$47,256.20	\$690,094.14
<b>Expenses</b>	\$25,304.20	\$720,376.54
<b>Difference</b>	\$21,952.00	(\$30,282.40)

November is off to a good start. We're seeing an increase in contributions and better controlled spending. We're grateful for your generosity and continued support through this challenging time.

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, November 17, 2013

8:00 AM—Adult Sunday School Class  
8:15 AM—First Light Worship Service  
(Nursery care available for ages 0-5 years)  
9:00 AM—Coffee Time  
9:00 AM—Cherub Choir  
9:30 AM—Traditional Worship Service  
(Nursery care available for ages 0-2 years)  
9:30 AM—Sunday School for all ages  
(Children begin in service and leave  
after Children's Message)  
10:30 AM—Coffee Time  
10:40 AM—Children's Choir for grades 1-6  
11:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Service  
(Nursery care available for ages 0-2 years)  
11:00 AM—Kids' Own Worship (Children begin in  
service and leave after Children's Message)  
4:00 PM—Confirmation

### Monday, November 18, 2013

7:00 PM—Monday Night Study Group  
7:00 PM—Boy Scout Troop #72

### Tuesday, November 19, 2013

9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth  
9:30 AM—Priscilla Circle  
12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA  
1:45 PM—Disciple 4 Bible Study  
6:30 PM—Advent Tea Committee  
7:00 PM—Worship Committee  
7:00 PM—TNT (Senior High Group)  
7:00 PM—Troop #72 Committee  
7:15 PM—Pray! Study Group

### Wednesday, November 20, 2013

9:00 AM—Staff Meeting  
9:00 AM—MEMOS Assembly  
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina  
9:45 AM—Faith Study  
1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study  
7:00 PM—Ruth Circle (off site)  
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells  
7:00 PM—SYNERGY (Junior High)

### Thursday, November 21, 2013

12:00 PM—Living Free/AA  
6:00 PM—Winchester House Chaplaincy Com.  
7:00 PM—20-Somethings @ Ben's  
7:30 PM—Disciple 2 Bible Study  
7:30 PM—Adult Choir

### Friday, November 22, 2013

6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum

### Saturday, November 23, 2013

7:30 AM—Men's Saturday Study  
8:30 AM—Praise Band  
8:30 AM—Youth Winterization Project  
4:30 PM—PADS Set up & PADS

### Sunday, November 24, 2013

#### **Thanksgiving and Consecration Sunday**

8:00 AM—Adult Sunday School Class  
8:15 AM—First Light Worship Service  
(Nursery care available for ages 0-5 years)  
9:00 AM—Coffee Time  
9:00 AM—Cherub Choir  
9:30 AM—Traditional Worship Service  
(Nursery care available for ages 0-2 years)  
9:30 AM—Sunday School for all ages  
(Children begin in service and leave  
after Children's Message)  
10:30 AM—Coffee Time  
10:40 AM—Children's Choir for grades 1-6  
11:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Service  
(Nursery care available for ages 0-2 years)  
11:00 AM—Kids' Own Worship (Children begin in  
service and leave after Children's Message)  
4:00 PM—Confirmation  
4:00 PM—Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration  
(at Advocate Condell Centre Club)

### Monday, November 25, 2013

7:00 PM—Monday Night Study Group  
7:00 PM—Boy Scout Troop #72

### Tuesday, November 26, 2013

9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth  
11:00 AM—Toddler Play Group  
12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA  
1:45 PM—Disciple 4 Bible Study  
7:00 PM—TNT (Senior High Group)

### Wednesday, November 27, 2013

9:00 AM—Staff Meeting  
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina  
9:45 AM—Faith Study

### Thursday, November 28, 2013

~ Thanksgiving Day ~  
~ Office Closed ~  
12:00 PM—Living Free/AA

### Friday, November 29, 2013

9:00 AM—Christmas Tree Sale Begins

### Saturday, November 30, 2013

7:30 AM—Men's Saturday Study  
8:30 AM—Praise Band  
9:00 AM—Christmas Tree Sale  
4:30 PM—PADS Set up & PADS

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