



A monthly publication of the **First Presbyterian Church** of Lake Forest



Dear friends,

As Lent winds to a close, and Holy Week and Easter come soon on the horizon, I hope you have been blessed by our series on forgiveness. I certainly have – especially now, when God’s gracious gift of reconciliation through Christ is so deeply needed.

Whether you’re here in church or participate from a distance, I hope you will enter into these holy days wholeheartedly: praying for forgiveness for your own sins and errors ... praying for those who have hurt you and those you love ... praying for Christ to use your gifts to help others lay down their burdens of guilt or anger, shame or fear.

In the end, our trust is not in ourselves, but in God’s power to bring new life. That is my conviction – not only for each of us personally, but also for this beloved community. As I prepare to finish my ministry among you at the end of the month, I have every confidence that God will continue to work great things through you.

Every blessing,

Reverend Dr. Christine Chakoian



Join us as we celebrate the pastorate of
Rev. Dr. Christine Chakoian
with our love and thanks for twelve years
of ministry at First Presbyterian Church
Sunday, April 30,
11 AM in the Rummage Tent*
(Deerpath Road Parking Lot)

As is our custom, a parting gift will be collected;
if you wish to contribute, please note in your gift
that it is for Christine’s farewell.

*Note: April 30 is Set Up Sunday for the annual rummage sale.
There will only be one worship service at 10 AM. The receiving line
and reception for Christine Chakoian and John Shustitzky will
begin in the tent immediately following the conclusion of worship
in the sanctuary.



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 9

9 and 11 a.m. Drama-oriented worship with
Palm branches

Maundy Thursday, April 13

7 p.m. Contemplative worship with communion

Good Friday, April 14

12 p.m. Traditional worship
1-5 p.m. Prayer stations
7:00 p.m. Tenebrae service

Easter Sunday, April 15

7:30 a.m. Intimate Chapel service
9 and 11 a.m. Festive traditional worship



Chicagoland Presbyterian Pilgrimage

April 20-23, 2017

Presbyterian Pilgrimage is a spiritual renewal to strengthen the faith of individual Christians, and through them, to impact the environment in which they live, worship and work. It is based on Cursillo, a short course in living the Christian faith, developed in the Roman Catholic Church in Spain more than 50 years ago.

During the weekend (Thursday 5:00 p.m. through Sunday 3:00 p.m.) participants worship and study together to gain a personal awareness of their Christian faith, and the joys and responsibilities of that faith. No advance study or preparation is required.

The weekend is centered on talks, by lay and clergy. After each talk, participants and staff meet in small groups to discuss and interact with the ideas presented. The weekend is for those who desire to heighten their joy, deepen their faith and invigorate their life in Christ. Pilgrimage is an individual experience that occurs in community.



"Creation" mural by Molly Z

Please visit the 2nd floor Sunday School wing and see the newly completed mural. Mural artist Molly Z (mollyz.net) led a visioning workshop with our Children's Faith Formation Committee to collaborate on a design, and a few weeks later she was engaging some of our children and youth to tap into their own artistry skills and fill-in some of the spaces themselves!

Easter Flower Donations

Easter Flower Donations are used to beautify the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 16. Special envelopes are in the pew racks, on the name tag tables and in the office. If you would like to donate flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, fill out the information requested on the envelope and place it in the offering plate or give it to the hospitality minister in the office. Thank you for your tax deductible donation with Flower Ministry on the memo line. Your gift is greatly appreciated and needs to be returned by Wednesday, April 12 so the names of those you memorialize can be printed in the Easter bulletin.

WE WORSHIP

SUNDAY, APRIL 2
9 & 11 a.m. Worship
Rev. Dr. Christine Chakoian Leading

SUNDAY, APRIL 9
Palm Sunday
9 & 11 a.m. Worship
Rev. Dr. Christine Chakoian Leading

SUNDAY, APRIL 16
Easter Sunday
7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service
Rev. Dr. Dave Bianchin Leading
9 & 11 a.m. Worship
Rev. Dr. Christine Chakoian Leading

SUNDAY, APRIL 23
Confirmation 9 a.m. Worship
Rev. Nick Redmond
Ordination 11 a.m. Worship
Rev. Dr. Dave Bianchin Leading

SUNDAY, APRIL 30
10 a.m. Worship
Rev. Dr. Christine Chakoian Leading



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BRIDGEBUILDER

Who: Session has engaged the services of the Rev. Dr. Peter L. Steinke, a pastor and national consultant from Austin Texas, to engage us in his program called “Bridgebuilder”

What: The Bridgebuilder program is designed to help congregations make necessary decisions for healthy functioning. The aim of the consultant is to empower the congregation to direct its future under God’s guidance and mercy. “Bridgebuilder” examines the ways a congregation carries out its life, focusing on its processes rather than specific areas of ministry such as worship, education etc.

Where: Dr. Steinke will be with us four times over the next couple of months at various locations on our church campus.

When: Friday, April 7 Dr. Steinke will conduct face to face interviews with 20-25 randomly chosen congregants. He will also interview Pastor Chris and the full staff.

Note: From April 8 to April 30, there will also be an opportunity for anyone to email or call Dr. Steinke to be sure everyone has a chance to be heard.

Saturday, April 8

Dr. Steinke will conduct a 3 part “learning event” with us in Fellowship Hall from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. with refreshments available. Program will start promptly at 9:00 a.m. Child care will be available all morning.

1. Dr. Steinke presents: **The Congregation as an emotional system**
(60 minutes)
2. Each attendee completes a “personal response form.” These forms are not signed (20 minutes)
3. Finally, the floor will be opened up for **“Tell it to Peter.”**
Attendees may speak at a microphone (limited to two minutes each)
(estimated 60 minutes)

Sunday, May 7 Dr. Steinke will deliver his written “Bridgebuilder Action Report” to the congregation identifying significant growth opportunities he has identified for us. He will review it first and then open up for comments and questions. This is planned for between services.

Dr. Steinke will also meet with an Action Planning Team (more details to come in May Newsletter). This group will be made up of First Presbyterian Church congregants. They will engage the congregation to develop an Action Plan.

Saturday, June 4 Dr. Steinke and the Action Planning Team present the Final Action Plan to Session for approval and implementation decision.

How: A First Presbyterian Church coordinating team led by Anne Warnke will support Dr Steinke’s program events. Elders Mike Adams and Nancy Thomson will coordinate communication and Session support.



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Rummage Sale

Saturday, May 6 • 7AM - 3PM

700 N Sheridan Road, Lake Forest



FURNITURE • TOYS • CLOTHES • SHOES • ELECTRONICS
HOUSEWARES • JEWELRY • ART • BOOKS • MUCH MORE!

FREE SHUTTLE to/from the sale and city lots

Cash, Check, Credit Cards (Visa, Mastercard) Accepted



Annual All Church Auction

Please join us in an evening of fellowship and support for our mission partners

Saturday, April 22, 2017

Onwentsia Country Club 300 N. Green Bay Road, Lake Forest, IL

6 PM Fellowship & Silent Auction

8 PM Dinner & Live Auction

To Sign Up & Pay: firstchurchlf.org/auction-registration

or complete this form

Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Number of Tickets	Item	Cost
	Auction Fellowship Only (hors d'oeuvres) \$30/person	\$_____
	Fellowship and Dinner \$100/person	\$_____
	Drink Tickets*(must buy in multiples of \$3) Pop \$3; Beer \$6; Wine \$9; Mixed Drinks \$9	\$_____
	Cannot attend but would like to donate	\$_____
	TOTAL	\$_____
	*Pick up prepurchased drink tickets at check—in	

All Church Auction Reservation Form continued



Please make check(s) payable to : First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest

Or you can pay via credit card at www.firstchurchlf.org/auction-registration

Or complete credit card information below: ___ Visa ___ MC ___ AMEX:

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____/_____

Seating will be pre-assigned. Please select one of the following options:

___ Seat me with anyone

___ Reserve a table for 10 (Payment for all guest at the table must be received together.)

Please provide guest names.

___ Seat me with: _____

We will do our best to accommodate all requests but seating limitations may require some flexibility.

We thank you for your understanding.

Please return this form along with payment to:

**First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest: Attn: Cymbre Westburg
700 N. Sheridan Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045**

If you would like to volunteer, donate auction items or have questions please contact:

Marcy Kerr at m.kerr4@comcast.net or Lisa Murray at lisa_murray_lf@yahoo.com

Please mark the date and join us for fellowship with your faith community while supporting our mission partners who are depending on us.

Historic Steinway Piano to be Dedicated on April 3

In early 1883, approximately twenty years after building their home at 570 Sheridan Road, Devillo and Ellen Holt, two of the founding members of our congregation, purchased a beautiful art-case Steinway Model B in rosewood finish. This piano remained in the living room of this home until the home was sold by their descendants, at which time the piano was removed to the Williamstown, Massachusetts home of Rev. Rick Spalding, the Holts' great-great grandson.

We are very excited to announce this majestic instrument's return home to Lake Forest! The piano had greatly deteriorated through years of non-use and was no longer in playing condition. Last year, Rev. Spalding approached the church in the hope of donating it to us, but our budget situation at the time would not allow us to fund the restoration. Bert and Judy Krueger, members of our congregation and the current residents of the Holt house, purchased the piano and sent it back to the Steinway factory in New York for a complete rebuild. The restoration is now complete, and the Kruegers have decided to place the piano on loan to our congregation. It has been installed in the sanctuary, where we hope it will inspire worship participation for many years to come.

With the addition of this piano, several of our other instruments have been moved around the church, and we reached the decision that our Petrof piano, generously given to this congregation through a 1989 fund drive led by Charles Kraemer, would need to find a new home. After research and discernment by the Worship & Music Committee, the Petrof has now been given to Waukegan High School, where it has taken up residence in the choir room at the Washington campus and is used in support of nearly 200 choral music students every day.

The Holt Piano will be dedicated in a service on Monday evening, April 3, at 7:30, with several descendants of the Holt family joining us from California, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Chicago. The service will include a recital by renowned concert pianist Thomas W. Jefferson and will also feature our Sanctuary Choir, led by Tom Tropp and Barry Wenger.



PADS (Providing Advocacy, Dignity, and Shelter) needs volunteers to donate food, serve dinner and breakfast, and prepare bag lunches on Tuesday, April 11 and Wednesday morning, April 12 at the overnight shelter in Waukegan that serves approximately 50 homeless men. Learn more and sign up at firstchurchlf.org/serve-at-pads or contact deacon Martha Zeeman.



On the third Friday of the month, our Soup Kitchen mission serves up to 200 people at the Holy Family Church in Waukegan. The food or time donated to this ministry is greatly appreciated. Leftover food is not wasted; it is delivered to other locations in need. The next service date is April 21. Get more information and sign up at firstchurchlf.org/soupkitchen or contact deacon Shawn Ward.

Meal-a-Month

Meal-a-Month for April will focus on the Moraine Township Food Pantry "Most Needed Items". Moraine Township government administers public funds to provide responsive, efficient and compassionate services and support for residents in need. Boundaries include all of Highwood, most of Highland Park, and small portions of Deerfield and Lake Forest. Lists will be available on April 2. Thank you for supporting this vital ministry of the Board of Deacons.

Support Cancer Research

The Hickey Family was active at First Church and suffered the tragic loss of their mom when Katie, Kristin and Jeff were all teenagers. Kristin Hickey Grilli is about to embark on one of the biggest physical challenges of her life: training for and running the 2017 Boston Marathon. She is doing this in memory of her mom, Patty Hickey, who passed away from cancer in 2005. Kristin recalls, “If you knew my mom, you witnessed her stubbornness and also desire to help others. No gift is too small! Your kind support along with my mom’s spirit will be my validation for running 26.2 miles on April 17th.”

Joe Hickey was a leader in Stewardship for many years at our church. The Finance Committee urges you to consider a donation to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in support of Kristin as she runs a race honoring her mom. Link to fundraising page: <http://www.runDFMC.org/2017/kristingrilli>.

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