



# First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

August 6, 2023  
10:00 AM  
Season of Pentecost

*Sending well-equipped disciples of Jesus into the world—compassionate, generous, resilient, and wise*

## Prayer for Worship

We will lift our hearts to you, our Maker, like spring flowers to the sun. We will drink your living water until we are filled with the Spirit. We will reach out to you and bask in your loving presence. Amen.

## Prelude

Vivace from Sonata in G major

Johann Sebastian Bach

## The Welcome

*Jesus Christ and our faith community welcome you to worship today.*

*We are a community that prays for and with one another. If you wish, we invite you to fill out a Joys & Concerns card (in the pew rack) to share your prayer request. If you are a visitor and would like us to get in touch with you, please provide your information on the back of the Joys & Concerns card. An usher will collect them later in the service.*

*During the service, you are invited to stand as you are able where an asterisk (\*) is printed, and speak or sing in unison all passages in bold.*

*Let us take a few moments of silence as we prepare our hearts to worship God.*

## \*Call to Worship

Leader: We come to this place, God, because somewhere in our lives, faintly or distinctly, we have heard you call to us.

**People: We come—some sleepily, some alert, some tired, some energized—to share in your presence.**

Leader: We come to say thanks that we are your people. We come to worship, to know better what your call upon us means.



Our Sanctuary sound system is equipped to broadcast directly to T-Coil-equipped hearing aids. If your hearing aid is so equipped, switch it into this mode. If you do not have this type of hearing aid, assistive listening devices are available from the ushers.

## \*Hymn of Praise NO. 409

God is Here

TUNE: ABBOT'S LEIGH

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Caring and compassionate Creator, we enter this place set apart for your worship, knowing that we have failed to see you in other places. We have ignored your beauty around us, in earth and sky, in plants and creatures, in the people who surround us. We have chosen to live more by our fears than by our faith, to be weighed down by what we do not have, rather than rejoicing in your gifts to us. In these moments together, draw us so close that we cannot help but know every day that you are with us, wherever we go. Enlarge our capacity to care, so we may see you in all whom we meet. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### Assurance of Forgiveness

**Leader:** Hear the good news! God has forgiven each one of us and calls us to take our parts in the drama of redeeming love.

**People:** Praise God, who accepts and uses our very human lives in the unfolding story of salvation and new life!

## \*Passing the Peace of Christ

**Leader:** The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Reading

*(Old Testament, page 616 in pew Bible)*

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

"Sitting in Traffic"

Rev. Kristie W. Finley

## \*Hymn of Response NO. 819

Be Still, My Soul

TUNE: FINLANDIA

## Presentation of Our Offering



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## Offertory

Come Light Our Hearts

Sandra McCracken

*For You, O Lord our souls in stillness wait  
Truly our hope is in You*

*O Lord of life, our only hope  
Your radiance shines*

*On all who look to You in the dark  
Emmanuel come, come light our hearts*

*Oh Joy above, all other loves  
In You we find, more than enough  
We come as we are, O heal and restore,  
Come light our hearts*

## \*Doxology (unison)

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

## \*Prayer of Dedication

## Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

## Prayers of the People and 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 of Sending

Now To Him Who is Able

Dr. Robert P. McConnell

3 E B A E C#m F#m7 A B B/A  
Now to him who is ab - le to do far more than we ask or think, ac -

5 E/G# B A E B sus B  
cord - ing to the pow - er at work with - in us, to

7 A E B/D# A/C# A E  
him be glor - y in the church, and in Christ Je - sus, through-

9 B C dim7 C#m E/G# F#m7 AM7 B  
out all gen - er - a - tions, for ev - er and ev - er. A -

11 E F#m/E A/E rit E  
men.

# \*Charge and Benediction

# \*Postlude

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter

**Please welcome Dr. Robert McConnell, Jack Reeder, and Anne Winebrenner to the First Pres staff. Read about them below!**



**Dr. Robert McConnell** joins First Pres as our new Director of Music and Arts. His first worship service with us is this Sunday, August 6. Robert brings to us twenty years of experience as a conductor, organist, and composer. From 2010-2021, Robert was the Music Director of St. John's Lutheran Church of Wilmette, and he has most recently served as the Associate Organist at Church of the Holy Spirit in Lake Forest. Please join us in welcoming Robert this Sunday, August 6, when he will lead his first worship service with us!



**Jack Reeder** is thrilled to join the music staff at First Presbyterian Church as Director of the Sanctuary Choir. Jack's rich background in liturgical music has led him to conduct and sing with numerous ensembles in the Chicagoland area, including as the Choral Conductor in Residence at Makom Solel Lakeside. Jack has prepared choruses and conducted in collaborations with Northwestern Opera Theater, Northwestern University Symphony Orchestra, and the Bienen Contemporary/Early Vocal Ensemble. His most recent positions include Director of Music and Worship at Gloria Dei in Northbrook and Section Leader/Substitute Organist at Glencoe Union Church. He cannot wait to begin making a joyful noise with the Sanctuary Choir and community at First Presbyterian Church. Jack joins us on Tuesday, August 15.



Youth and Young Adult Faith Formation Committee and church member **Anne Winebrenner** joins the First Pres staff as Interim Director, starting Tuesday, August 15! We are excited to welcome a familiar face to the staff to support the church's youth program in the coming months.

From Anne:

*"I look forward to serving as Interim Director for Youth and Young Adult Faith Formation. I have been so grateful to our church for helping us to raise our 5 children. When our kids were young, I enjoyed teaching Sunday School. As they grew, I had the pleasure of serving alongside them on 8 Work Trips. As a member of the YYAFF committee, I helped Pastor Jim to plan the program year for Confirmation, Middle School and Senior High Youth."*

Coming up...



### **Celebrate Mission: An Evening in the Garden**

Join us in celebrating Mission and raising funds for our neighbors, near and far, on Saturday, September 16. An evening of fellowship, live music, appetizers, and drinks, featuring an auction for unique experiences and a tour of Westmoreland Farm. Tickets are available online at [fpclfmision23.givesmart.com](http://fpclfmision23.givesmart.com). If you would like donate items for the auction, please contact Stewart Kerr at [skerr@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:skerr@firstchurchlf.org).



### **Blessing of the Backpacks**

Bring your backpacks to worship on Sunday, August 20, when we will be blessing backpacks in preparation for back-to-school!



### **First Pres Open House**

Join us in discovering opportunities to worship, connect, invite, and serve at First Pres! On Sunday, August 27, worship with us at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary, and explore each of our ministries in the Great Room to learn more about them!

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**View our Weekly Schedule of ministries, and find details and Zoom links on our church website: [www.firstchurchlf.org/ministries](http://www.firstchurchlf.org/ministries)**

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## This Week's Calendar

### TODAY

- 9:45 AM** Nursery open until 11:15 AM, Room 212  
**10:00** Worship, Sanctuary  
Playground Church, Playground  
**11:00** Fellowship, Great Room

### MON

- 9:30 AM** Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room  
**7:00 PM** Session Meeting, South Parlor  
Mom's Bible Study, Bride's Room

### TUE

- 1:00 PM** Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor  
Adult Bible Study, Zoom  
**5:00** Staff Support Team Mtg., Parish House/Zoom  
**7:00** Deacon Meeting, Great Room/Zoom

### WED

- 10:00 AM** Wednesday Women's Bible Study, S. Parlor/Zoom  
**11:00** Resource Grp: Caregivers of Terminally Ill, Bride's Rm  
**5:30 PM** Wednesday Night Supper, Outdoors  
**6:30** Summer Series: Liturgy of the Ordinary, Patio

### THU

- 6:30 AM** Daybreakers Men's Bible Study, Great Room/Zoom  
**9:30** Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room

### FRI

- 7:00 AM** Men of Corinth Bible Study, South Parlor/Zoom



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**Pastor on call:** Kristie Finley 847.942.4057

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Dr. Robert McConnell  
Christina Maldonado  
Owen Scheuer, Liturgist  
Rick Day, AV Support Lead  
Henry Thomas, AV Support  
Georgia Sottosanto-Sorenson, AV Support  
Ryder Gamrath, AV Support

## Serve, Learn & Connect

For our weekly ministries and Zoom links  
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### Share Joys & Concerns

Kristie Finley 224.544.1967

### Home Communion

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### Arrange a Wedding or Baptism

Sarah Seccombe 224.544.1958

### Engagement & Membership

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### Mission

Stewart Kerr 224.544.1968

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Donna Coffin  
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John Gescheidle  
Lynnette Hinch  
Elinor Hite  
John Johnson

Laura Johnson  
Sally McDonald  
Mary Gould Moorhead  
Diane Quinn  
Paul Roeck  
David Strong  
Peter Vander Velde  
Anne Warnke *Clerk*  
Anne Winebrenner

## Deacons

Bill Allen  
Nancy Anderson  
Carol Bagan  
Carolyn Bennett  
Dorothy Chantler  
Mallory Ciarrocchi  
Emily Gilley  
Peg Gronau  
Nancy Hamming  
Jeff Hinch  
Cindy Johnson  
Dick Johnson  
Susan McDowell  
John McNicholas

Susan Milanak  
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Tiffany Notz  
Martha Richter  
Gale Strenger Wayne  
*Co-moderator*  
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