



First Presbyterian Church
OF LAKE FOREST

December 18, 2022
10:00 AM
Christmas Pageant

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



Prelude

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

The Welcome

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Leader: As we light the Advent Wreath, we were asked what makes you feel connected; what makes you feel loved?

Leader: Today we light the candle of love as a reminder that from the very first generation, God has surrounded us with love. May this good news—these threads of love—not only weave deeper connections between neighbors, but shape our actions and allow us to see God more clearly.

People: In a lonely world, let this light shine bright. From generation to generation, we are held in God's love. Thanks be to God for that good news. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise *NO. 133 (stanzas 1, 3 & 4)*

O Come, All Ye Faithful

TUNE: ADESTE FIDELES

*Opening Prayer & the Lord's Prayer *(unison)*

Give us O God, such love and wonder,
that with shepherds, and wise men, and pilgrims unknown,
we may come to adore the holy child, the promised king;
and with our gifts worship him, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
who taught us to pray, saying,
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.

— The Sacrament of Baptism —

Receiving the sacrament of baptism today are
Bergen Christine Magnusson, child of Rachel (Shaw) and Thomas Magnusson,
Jay "Woody" Richard Seidel, child of Kinsey (Wood) and Mark Seidel and
Isabelle C. Standiford, child of Julie (Seidel) and Nicholas Standiford.

Congregational Question

Leader: Friends, do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ,
promise to guide and nurture these children by word and deed,
with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Jesus,
and to be faithful members of His church?

People: **We do.**

*The Apostles' Creed *(unison)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sin; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Baptism

The Welcome *(unison)*

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church.
We are all members of the household of God and family through Jesus Christ.

*Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Offering

Angels We Have Heard on High



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— The Pageant —

Invitation to the Manger

Susan Noble

John 1: 14

Christ's Birth is Foretold by the Prophet Isaiah

Rev. Jim Cochrane

Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

Carol NO. 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

TUNE: VENI EMMANUEL

***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.***

Words from the Scribe

Owen Scheuer

The Journey to Bethlehem

Grace Vander Velde

Luke 2: 1-5

Carol NO. 121

O Little Town of Bethlehem

TUNE: ST. LOUIS

***O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.***

*How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.
O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!*

Words from the Curly Horn Sheep

Abby Wells

The Birth of Jesus

Grace Vander Velde

Luke 2: 6-7

Carol NO. 115

Away in a Manger

TUNE: MUELLER

*Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
and stay by my side 'til morning is nigh.
Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.*

Words from the Angel

Anna Jasper

The Angel's Good News

Grace Payne

Luke 2: 8-14

Carol NO. 119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

TUNE: MENDELSSOHN

*Hark! The Herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise; join the triumph of the skies;
With th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born king!"*

*Hail the heaven- born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"*

Words from the Shepherd

Vail Bayly

The Glad Tidings of the Shepherd

Kittery Engelland

Luke 2: 15-20

Carol

Carol of the Friendly Beasts

*Jesus, our brother, strong and good,
was humbly born in a stable rude,
and the friendly beasts around him stood,
Jesus our brother, strong and good.*

*I, said the donkey, shaggy and brown,
I carried his mother uphill and down,
I carried his mother to Bethlehem town;
I, said the donkey, shaggy and brown.*

*I, said the sheep with the curly horn,
I gave him my wool for his blanket warm,
he wore my coat on Christmas morn;
I, said the sheep with the curly horn.*

*Thus all the beasts, by some good spell,
in the stable dark were glad to tell
of the gifts they gave Emmanuel,
the gifts they gave Emmanuel.*

Words from Desert Nomad

Cece Gordon

Wise Men Seek the Christ Child

Scott Weston

Matthew 2: 1-4, 7-11

Carol NO. 151

We Three Kings of Orient Are

TUNE: KINGS OF ORIENT

The Kings shall sing verses, congregation joins on the refrain.

***O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!***

The Song of Mary

Sarah Noble

Luke 1: 46-55

Carol NO. 134

Joy to the World

TUNE: ANTIOCH

***Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and heaven and nature sing.***

***Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.***

***No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.***

Prayer of Christmas *(responsively)*

Ike Vander Velde

Leader: Emmanuel: God, you are with us.

People: We have heard the promise of the prophets;

Leader: We have caught the notes of an angel's song;

People: We have seen a star in the heavens, and we have believed.

Leader: Today we have come to be with you because you have come to be with us.

People: We seek an innocent, helpless baby in a crude manger;

Leader: We seek a Messiah who will reign with justice;

**People: And you, who are the weakest and the strongest,
the most humble and the most mighty, have found us.**

Leader: Now we may find ourselves. Now we may love each other;
now we may truly worship you,

**All: Crying aloud with the heavenly host: "Glory to God in the highest!
Peace on earth and goodwill among all people." Amen.**

Carol NO. 122

Silent Night, Holy Night!

TUNE: STILLE NACHT

***Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
'round yon virgin mother and child; holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.***

***Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born."***

***Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.***

***Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King:
Christ the Savior is born. Christ the Savior is born.***

Pastoral Prayer and Benediction

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

Response NO. 134 *(unison)*

Joy to the World

TUNE: ANTIOCH

***He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.***

***Postlude**

Christmas Diversions on "Joy to the World"

Gilbert Martin, 1992

Parts of today's worship liturgy are created by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

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	Scott Weston

Coming up...



Longest Night

Wednesday, December 21, 7:00 PM

We hope you join us for the Longest Night service in the Sanctuary, a tradition of gathering on the longest night, when there are more hours of darkness than light. It's a time to come together for prayers and laments, to mourn the losses and griefs of the year, to let the tears flow for the hurting places in our lives, as well as for our country and our world.



Christmas Services

Christmas Eve, December 24

3:00 PM Candlelight Service with 9AM Worship Team

5:00 PM Candlelight Service with Children's Choirs

9:00 PM Candlelight Service with Sanctuary Choir (*communion*)

Christmas Day, December 25

10:00 AM Sunday Worship with carol sing



Welcoming new Sunday School volunteers!

The Children's Faith Formation Committee is welcoming new volunteers to help teach and assist during Sunday school during both services. No previous experience required, and training is provided. For more information, please contact Susan Noble, snoble@firstchurchlf.org, or Kendall Severson, kendallseverson@gmail.com.

Church Office Holiday Schedule

Monday, December 26: closed in observance of Christmas Day

New Year's Eve: closed

New Year's Day: Epiphany Star Sunday Worship with Communion, 10:00 AM

Monday, January 2: closed in observance of New Year's Day

This Week's Calendar

TODAY

- 9:30 AM Nursery Open until 11:30 AM, Room 212
10:00 Worship, Sanctuary
11:00 Fellowship, Great Room
5:00 PM Middle School Youth Group, Youth Lounge
6:00 Co-Pastor Nominating Committee, Deerpath Room
7:00 Senior High Youth Group, Youth Lounge

MON

- 11:00 AM Rummage Christmas Luncheon, South Parlor
7:00 PM Session Meeting, Manse

TUE

- 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor
Adult Bible Study, Zoom
7:00 Women's Evening Bible Study, Zoom

WED

- 10:00 AM Wed. Women's Bible Study, South Parlor/Zoom
4:30 PM Children's Carol & Cherub Choirs, Music Room
5:30 Wednesday Night Supper, Great Room
7:00 Longest Night Service, Sanctuary
Worship Ensemble Rehearsal, Music Room

THU

- 6:00 AM Daybreakers Men's Ministry, South Parlor/Zoom
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir, Music Room

FRI

- 7:00 AM Men of Corinth Bible Study, Great Room

Rummage Dropoff closed until January 4 for the holidays.

An Update on the the Bride's Room

Starting January 7, the remodeling work will begin revamping the Bride's Room. Church member and architect Diana Melichar will supervise the construction renovation. New furniture, carpet, and paint have been ordered by our decorator, Tina Dann-Fenwick, who also led us on decorating the Great Room.

The work is expected to take 12 weeks with the new space reopening on April 1, 2023. During construction access to the Chapel will require exiting the North Narthex door and entering the Chapel through the outside doors. Although this is an inconvenience, we are excited about this makeover for our Bride's Room.



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The flowers in the niches are given in loving memory of our parents, Shirley and Tom Taubensee, from the Havey and Taubensee families.

The Advent Wreath is given by the Grost and Barabas families to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Ward McMasters and the Rev. Miss Lynn Holmes, a graduate of Lake Forest College and St. Andrews University, Edinburgh, who was the first American woman to be ordained in the Church of Scotland.

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