



First Presbyterian Church

OF LAKE FOREST

July 9, 2023
10:00 AM
Season of Pentecost

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

Prayer of Preparation From Presbyterian *Book of Common Worship* (1946)

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place.
Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened.
Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged.
Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful comfort.
Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed.
Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prelude

Sinfonia from Cantata 29, *We Thank You, God*

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.

Introit

This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made

Johann Crüger

This is the day the Lord has made the hours are all God's own.

Let heaven rejoice, let earth be glad, and praise surround the throne.



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.

*Call to Worship

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, maker of heaven and earth.

People: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever.

Leader: As the mountains surround Jerusalem,

People: so the Lord surrounds God's people both now and forevermore.

Leader: Let us worship God!

*Hymn of Praise NO. 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Act

TUNE: TOULON

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Adapted from Liturgies for Hope

God who sees in the dark, we are lonely. We seek gratification in the things of this world, when we actually need you. When we are broken, you make us whole. When we are consumed with desire, you fill the gap. When we stumble again and again, you forgive. God, we want to choose you forever. Lead us to your heart of grace and compassion. Lead us out of darkness and into the blinding freedom of your light. Lead us out of hiding and into beautiful communities of your love. Fill our hearts with your grace that we might have the strength to offer that same grace to ourselves and others. In Christ we pray, amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Mark 1:11

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation; the old life is gone and a new life has begun. Hear and believe this good news.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

*Sung Response NO. 583 *(repeat)*

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1979

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GLORIA (Taizé)

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

— The Sacrament of Baptism —

Receiving the sacrament of baptism today is
Sophie Madison Laesch,
child of Wendy (Wlodychak) and Todd Laesch.

Congregational Question

Leader: Friends, do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture this child by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Jesus, and to be faithful member 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.

Sung Response NO. 188 (stanza 1)

Jesus Loves Me!

TUNE: JESUS LOVES ME

**Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong.
They are weak, but He is strong.**

**Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.**

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 49:5-10

(Old Testament, page 679 in pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Amazing Grace

Stephen Hatfield

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I wonce was lost, but now I'm found; was blind, but now I see.*

*T'was grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace, my fear relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun
we've no less days to sing God's praise, then when we first begun.*

New Testament Reading

Luke 15:1-10

(New Testament, page 78 in pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Losing Our Keys: Forgiving Ourselves and Others"

Rev. Jim Cochrane

*Hymn of Response NO. 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

TUNE: IN BABILONE

Sharing of Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer 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.

Offering

Ornament of Grace

Bernard Wayne Sanders



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*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.*

*Closing Prayer *(unison)*

Loving God, strengthen us in our weakness so we might see your goodness from day to day. Empower us to confess to our shortcomings so we might see your great love. We ask that you bless us when we lose our keys so that we would feel the same joy you feel upon finding them again. In Christ we pray, amen.

*Hymn of Sending NO. 546

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

TUNE: SICILIAN MARINERS

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response

Go Rejoicing

Hal Hopson

*Postlude

Fugue in C Major

by Dietrich Buxtehude

Coming up...



Celebrate Mission: An Evening in the Garden

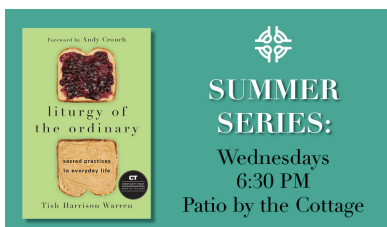
Join us on Saturday, September 16, to celebrate Mission and raise funds for our neighbors, near and far. It will be an evening of fellowship, apps, and drinks, featuring an auction for unique experiences and a tour of Westmoreland Farms. Details and registration opens on Monday, July 24!



Playground Church

On Sundays during worship, children ages 3 and up will gather on the playground for some free play, followed by Bible stories, activities, games, and crafts! Please drop off and pick up your children on the playground.

Playground Church teachers are needed! Sign up on firstchurchlf.org/sunday-school-teacher-sign-up



Summer Series: Liturgy of the Ordinary

We are exploring Tish Harrison Warren's book *Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life*. It will be the theme of our Sunday worship, and there will be drop-in conversations every week! Join the 30-minute pastor-led discussions on the patio beside the cottage on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. Books are available for \$12.

View our Weekly Schedule of ministries, and find details and Zoom links on our church website: 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
6:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting, Parish House/Zoom
7:00 Mom's Bible Study, Bride's Room

TUE

- 1:00 PM** Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor
5:00 Staff Support Team Cmte. Mtg., Parish House/Zoom
5:30 Adult Faith Formation Cmte. Mtg., South Parlor

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
7:00 Worship Ensemble Rehearsal, Sanctuary

THU

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

FRI

- 7:00 AM** Men of Corinth Bible Study, South Parlor/Zoom
11:00 Florence Wheeler Memorial, Sanctuary



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Serve, Learn & Connect

For our weekly ministries and Zoom links
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