



First Presbyterian Church

OF LAKE FOREST

April 30, 2023
10:30 AM
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God,
you sent Jesus, our good shepherd,
to gather us together.
May we not wander from his flock,
but follow wherever he leads us,
listening for his voice and staying near him,
until we are safely in your fold,
to live with you forever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prelude

A Meditation on *The Lord's My Shepherd*

Harold Darke

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.



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.

Introit

Lead me, Lord
Psalms 5:8, 4:9

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–1876)

*Lead me, Lord, in thy righteousness,
make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, only that makest me dwell in safety.*

*Call to Worship

Psalm 23:1,6; John 10:11; Revelation 7:17

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

People: I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Leader: Jesus said: I am the good shepherd.

People: Christ lays down his life for the sheep.

Leader: The Lamb of God will be our shepherd;

People: he will guide us to the water of life.

*Hymn of Praise NO. 802 (stanzas 1-4)

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

TUNE: ST. COLUMBA

Word for Children & 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.

Following the Word for Children, Preschool through 4th graders may leave for Children's Church. Middle Schoolers are invited to help lead Children's Church or remain in worship. Please pick up your children from room 213.

Call to Confession

With all the signs of new life in Christ around us,
we still cling to our old ways.

Let us confess our sin to God and to one another.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: When we do not accept as our sisters and brothers in Christ those who are different from us,

People: forgive us, O God.

Leader: When we oppose you by opposing those who distrust our routines and challenge our assumptions,

People: forgive us, O God.

Leader: When we willfully disobey you and lose faith in your future,

People: forgive us, O God.

Leader: God, in your mercy,
restore us to newness of life.

**All: Bind together your church universal
through the coming of your Holy Spirit.
Empower us to witness with courage
to the presence of Jesus Christ among us. Amen.**

Sung Invocation NO. 802 (stanza 5)

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

TUNE: ST. COLUMBA

***Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!***

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Take heart:

God's Spirit empowers us to move from
the ways of death to the ways of new life.

Our sins are forgiven.

**People: Let us forgive one another
and give ourselves to one another
in the joyful community of the risen Christ. Amen.**

*Sung Response NO. 802 (stanza 6)

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

TUNE: ST. COLUMBA

***And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.***

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Anthem

The Lord Is My Shepherd
Psalm 23

Howard Goodall, 1994

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
for you are with me, you will comfort me.*

*Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read
and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy
what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture Lesson *(New Testament, page 103 in pew Bible)*

John 10:1-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to Christ.**

Sermon

"The Good Shepherd"

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

***Hymn of Response NO. 803**

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

TUNE: RESIGNATION

Sharing of Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Response

Threefold Amen

Traditional

Offering

Sheep May Safely Graze

Johann Sebastian Bach



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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.

*Affirmation of Faith *(unison)*

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

*Hymn of Sending NO. 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

TUNE: KINGSFOLD

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Lead me, Lord
Psalms 5:8, 4:9

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–1876)

*Lead me, Lord, in thy righteousness,
make thy way plain before my face.
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***Postlude**

Concerto in G Major, i

J. S. Bach

WORSHIP NOTES



As you attend worship, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.

Write or draw something you heard in the sermon

Favorite song today was:

What are we learning about God from this passage?

Words you heard but don't know...

Welcome to our New Members Class!



Field and Sandy Carton are excited to join First Pres and “to grow with and alongside First Pres as individuals and as a family.” Field grew up in Lake Forest, and Sandy in Chicago, and they moved to Lake Bluff in 2020. Sandy attended Fourth Presbyterian downtown, but his father had attended First Pres, so Sandy and Field decided to be married here and have their children baptized here. Sandy works in investment banking at Guggenheim Partners and outside of work enjoys family time and playing squash and tennis. He went to the University of Michigan as an undergrad and Dartmouth College for an MBA. Field grew up going to Holy Spirit Church and sang in the choir for the St. George’s Chapel in high school. She was a theology major at Boston College, and after college worked in fundraising at a Jesuit School in Chicago. Field and Sandy’s children are Grace (3 ½) and Tom (1 ½).



Erika and John McCoy have lived in Lincolnshire for 15 years and attended Holy Spirit Church there for many years. After attending various other churches, they have decided to join First Pres. Erika grew up in Champaign, IL and John in La Crosse, WI and both attended Indiana University. They have three adult children, Ryan, Kevin and Molly. Their boys work in Chicago, and Molly is a junior at Miami of Ohio (currently studying in Italy). John works in Finance at Abbott and likes several sports including golf, biking, skiing, tennis and pickleball. Erika works at the Book Bin in Northbrook and enjoys reading and walking, as well as recreationally playing pickleball, tennis and golf. Both John and Erika are Indiana U. basketball fans.



Carol and Ken Radtke have returned to First Pres after eight years living in Williamsburg, VA and attending Williamsburg Presbyterian Church. They see a “growth and strengthening of First Pres with the vibrancy of the youth, membership, wonderful music and dedicated and brilliant ministry.” Carol and Ken have been married for almost 57 years and are retired from corporate life, and have made volunteer and charitable work a major focus now, both in the United States and in Jamaica. They are the parents of three adult children and have seven grandchildren. Their oldest daughter, Tish, was married at First Pres in 1997.



Kaci and Chase Spirito moved to Lake Forest in 2015 after living in Chicago, London and Dallas. Chase grew up in Plano, TX attending the Reformed Church and Kaci went to the Episcopal Church in Monroe, MI. They said they felt “a joyous reunion of our two faiths in the Presbyterian Church.” After visiting a number of area churches, they settled on First Pres and decided to become members because their children looked forward to coming here on Sunday mornings. Chase went to Southern Methodist University and Kaci to Hillsdale College to play softball. Kaci and Chase have three children with many diverse interests: Ruess (9), Reid (7), and Ryleigh (4). Chase works for JPMorgan and also has a business with his father, and enjoys coaching his children’s sports teams. Kaci, a former teacher, is active in the Cherokee School APT, the Spirit of 67 Foundation and in the community.

Coming up...



We want to hear about your Sunday worship experience!

We are gathering feedback from worship attendees of all ages. A survey will be emailed to you tomorrow morning, and paper copies will be available in the church office if you would like one. The survey will remain open throughout May, and we are looking forward to hearing from you!



Spring Rummage Sale for Mission Saturday, May 6, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

The Spring Rummage Sale for Mission is on Saturday! Shop clothing, art, accessories, home decor, furniture, and more, while raising funds to support efforts locally and around the world.



Vacation Bible School: Stellar - Register today! June 14 – 16 from 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM June 18 during Sunday School

This year's Vacation Bible School is out of this world, with themes of outer space, astronauts, star activities, and more! Registration is now open. For details and to register, go to firstchurchlf.org/vbs-2023.

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

8:45 AM	Nursery open until 11:45 AM, Room 212
9:00	Worship, Sanctuary
9:15	Children's Faith Building, Rooms 215, 219 Middle School: 5-7th grade, Room 214
10:00	Fellowship, Great Room
10:30	Worship, Sanctuary
11:30	Fellowship, Great Room
12:00 PM	Rummage Sale Setup
4:00	Middle School Youth Group, TBD
6:00	Senior High Youth Group, Away

MON

9:00 AM	Rummage Sale Setup
7:00 PM	Mission Committee Meeting, Zoom

TUE

9:00 AM	Rummage Sale Setup
9:30	Tuesday Women's Bible Study, Manse
1:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor
4:00	Worship & Music Committee Meeting, Zoom
7:00	Women's Evening Bible Study, Zoom Deacon Meeting, Away

WED

7:00 PM	Worship Ensemble Rehearsal, Sanctuary Taizé, Live Stream
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THU

6:30 AM	Daybreakers Men's Ministry, Great Room/Zoom
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FRI

7:00 AM	Men of Corinth Bible Study, Great Room/Zoom
10:00	Rummage Chair Pre-Sale
1:00 PM	Rummage Volunteer Pre-Sale

SAT

8:00 AM	Spring Rummage Sale for Mission
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Rev. Jim Cochrane
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Serve, Learn & Connect

For our weekly ministries and Zoom links
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