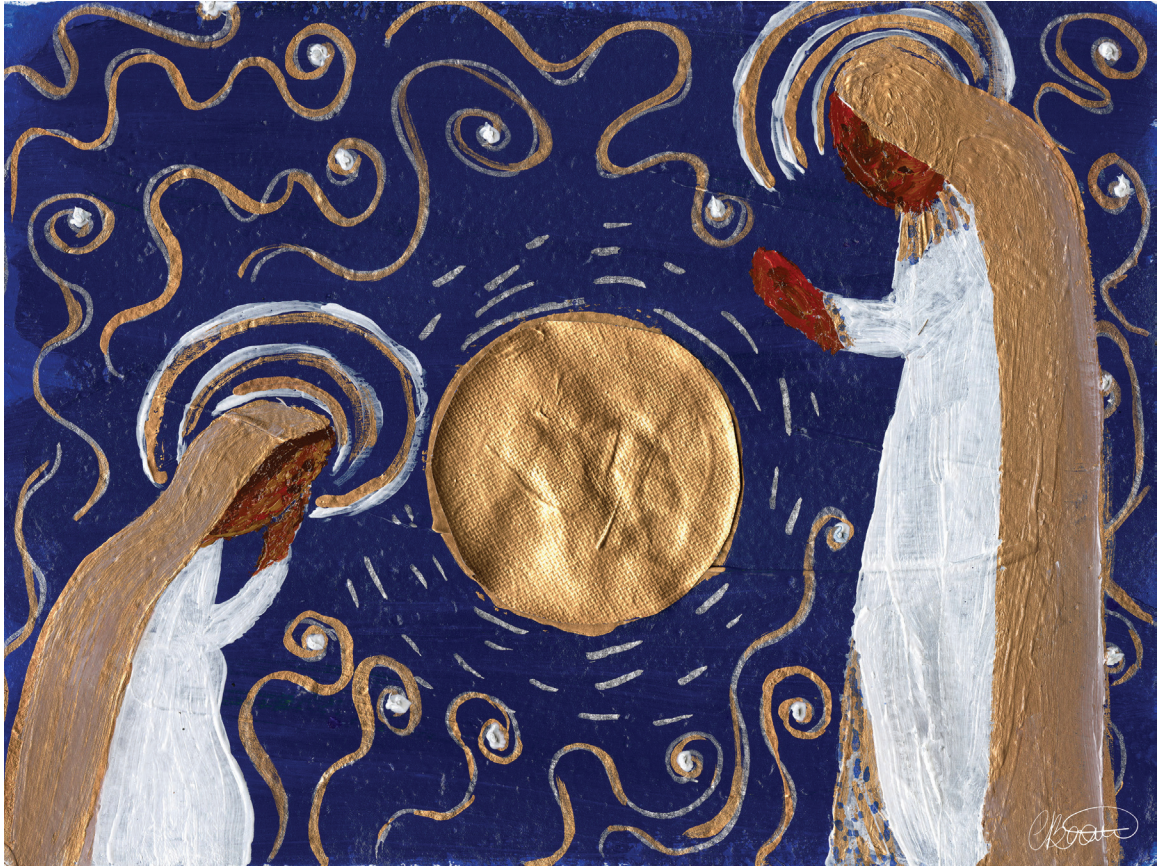




First Presbyterian Church
OF LAKE FOREST

December 4, 2022
10:30 AM
Second Sunday of Advent

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



Cover by Sanctified Art: "Mary's Golden Annunciation" by Carmelle Beaugelin, inspired by Luke 1:26–38

Preparation for Worship

Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed

Holy God, we take a deep breath and know that you are here.
You never leave our sides. Like a protective mother hen,
or the sun who circles the earth, you carry us with you.

So today, we bow our heads with tender spirits and ask that once more
you would lean in close. Hear our prayers. Buoy our hearts.
Send your Spirit rushing through us like a mighty wind.

Prelude

Noel for the Flutes

Louis Claude D'Aquin, 1694-1772

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

Gabriel's Message

Basque carol, arr. David Willcocks, 1975
S. Baring-Gould, 1834-1924

*The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!"*

*"For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honor thee,
thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!"*

*Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said.
"My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name."
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!*

Lighting the Advent Wreath Don Dempsey, Director of Plansoen Scholars Gabe Anzeze, Jovana Jovanivska, Kamdem Kuklinski and AJ Jackson

Leader: We are asked as we light the Advent Wreath,
"What are you afraid of?"

Leader: Today we light the candle of peace, because we so desperately
need God's peace in the midst of all we fear.

**People: May this light be a reminder that Christ is coming.
God was with generations before, God is with us today,
and God will be with us tomorrow.
Even now, God is on the way!**

***Hymn of Praise** *NO. 105*

People, Look East

TUNE: BESANÇON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Patient God,
you know just how often
we make decisions from a place of fear rather than love.
You know just how often
we allow fear to take the place of logic,
fanning unhealthy fires in our lives.
You know just how often
we tuck your words, "Do not be afraid"
on dusty shelves and in the back of closets,
stubbornly holding onto our own point of view.
Forgive us for giving fear the microphone.
Silence the voices of scarcity, shame, and rejection,
which spark and feed so much of our fear,
to recenter us in love.
With hope we pray, amen.

Sung Invocation NO. 82 (stanza 1)

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

TUNE: HYFRYDOL

***Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.***

***Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.***

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Family of faith,
even when we forget God's words, God does not forget us.
Even when we lose our way, God does not lose us.
Even when we fall short or make mistakes,
God forgives and holds onto us.
We are known, forgiven, and loved.

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*Sung Response NO. 82 (stanza 2)

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

TUNE: HYFRYDOL

***Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.***

***By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.***

*Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Magnificat in C
Luke 1:46–55

Charles Villiers Stanford, 1909

*My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden:
for behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.
He hath shewed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He, remembering his mercy, hath holpen his servant Israel,
as was promised to our forefathers, Abraham, and his seed forever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.
World without end, Amen.*

Sermon

"God Meets Us in Our Fear"

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

*Hymn of Response NO. 97

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

TUNE: ABERYSTWYTH

Sharing of our Joys and Concerns

Offering

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams



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— The Lord's Supper —

*Gathering Song NO. 288

Spirit of the Living God

TUNE: LIVING GOD

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

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LIVING GOD

Irregular

***The Invitation to the Table**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Petition, and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer *(unison)*

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

So that all feel welcome at the table, the bread is gluten-free, and the cups contain grape juice. Partake of the bread upon receiving it, and hold the cup to drink together.

***Closing Prayer** *(unison)*

O God,

Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.

Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.

Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.

Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn of Sending** *NO. 373*

O Day of Peace

TUNE: JERUSALEM

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Gabriel's Message

Basque carol, arr. David Willcocks, 1975
S. Baring-Gould, 1834–1924

*Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
"Most highly favored lady, Gloria!"*

***Postlude**

Magnificat: VI Gloria

Marcel Dupré, 1920

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

Coming up...



Caroling with Clint & Christmas Open House

Sunday, December 11

Caroling 3:00 - 5:00 PM, Open House 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Hop on the bus and spread Christmas cheer as we carol to some of our homebound friends. We will end the evening with fellowship and festive treats at the manse for a Christmas Open House!



Rummage Holiday Pop-up Sale

Sunday, December 11 before and after worship services

Shop Christmas decor, sweaters, tabletop, and more while supporting our Mission Partners!



Carols & Candlelight

Wednesday, December 14, 7:00 PM

Join us in the Sanctuary for an evening of Carols & Candlelight to remind us of the true meaning of the season. We will sing classic carols, hear the Christmas story, and listen to music featuring the musical ensembles of First Pres.

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
Children's Faith Building, Chapel
10:00 Fellowship, Great Room
10:30 Worship, Sanctuary
Children's Church, Chapel
11:30 Fellowship, Great Room
4:00 PM Middle School Youth Group, Away
7:00 Senior High Youth Group, Youth Lounge

MON

- 9:30 AM Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room
10:00 Pause for Prayer, Chapel
5:00 PM Engagement Committee Meeting, Zoom
5:45 Women's Christmas Tea, Great Room/Sanctuary

TUE

- 9:30 AM Women's Advent Bible Study, Parish House
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry, Away
Adult Bible Study, Zoom
4:00 Worship & Music Committee Meeting, Zoom
6:00 Lakeminster Ringers, Sanctuary
7:00 Women's Evening Bible Study, Zoom

WED

- 10:00 AM Wed. Women's Bible Study, South Parlor/Zoom
4:15 PM Children's Carol Choir, Music Room
5:00 Children's Cherub Choir, Music Room
Confirmation Class, Stuart Room
5:30 Wednesday Night Supper, Great Room
Chancel Bells, Sanctuary
6:00 Children's Faith Building, South Parlor
7:00 Taize Service, Chapel
Explorations of Faith, Great Room/Zoom
Worship Ensemble Rehearsal, Sanctuary

THU

- 6:00 AM Daybreakers Men's Ministry, South Parlor/Zoom
9:30 Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room
11:00 Strength to Strength Book Group, South Parlor/Zoom
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

FRI

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

SAT

- 8:30 AM Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Rummage Dropoff closed
12/11 - 1/4 for the holiday season



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Flowers in the niches are given in honor of our loved ones passed and present and in celebration of Christmas, from John, Frances, James, Shasta, Thomas, and Abigail Swaine.

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Pastor Clint's day off is on Friday.
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