



EPIPHANY: SEASON OF LIGHT



First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

February 12, 2023
10:30 AM
Scout Sunday

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

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prelude

Morning Has Broken (BUNESSAN)

A Jubilant Rondo

arr. Larry Shackley, 2013

Cynthia Dobrinski, 2012

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.

*Color Guard

*Scout Oaths

Boy Scout Oath

On my honor, I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.

Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try:
To serve God and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

Introit

Lead Me, Lord
Psalm 5:8, Psalm 4:9

Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1861

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

*Call to Worship

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: maker of heaven and earth

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come into God's presence with singing!

*Hymn of Praise NO. 330

Our Help Is in the Name of God

TUNE: OLD 124TH

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

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

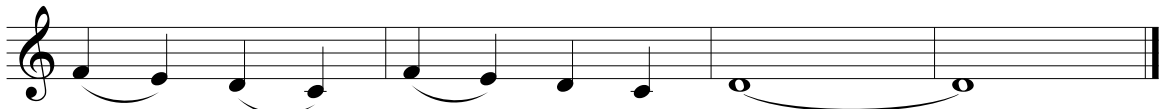
Walter Brueggemann
Acting in the Wake, 2023

We pray, as often as we can,
"Your kingdom come on earth."
But our vision of your rule is all mixed up
with our interests and passion and
cheaper commitments.

We pray, as often as we can,
"Your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven."
But our take on your will is all entwined
with our frightened ideologies and our shrill passions.



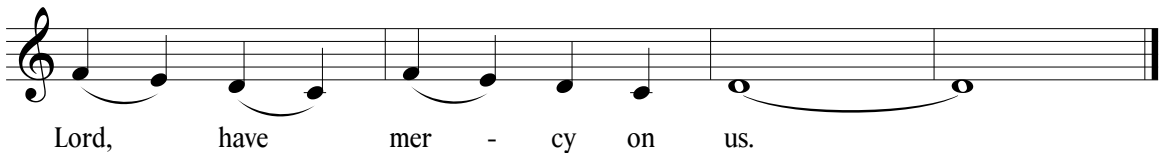
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy on us.

And when we pray for your kingdom and your will,
we ask for far more than we intended to ask...
but we do know better.

We do know that your kingdom
is one of weakness amid our many strengths,
is one of foolishness amid our deep wisdom,
is one of poverty amid our cherished wealth.



We do know better...
and so, in a moment of pause
we pray that your kingdom will overrule the rulers of this age.
We pray that your will will subvert our will.
That we will be drawn toward your kingdom and your will,
that we may depart to new justice and new peace and new joy.
We pray in the weak, poor, foolish name of Jesus. Amen.

(time for silent reflection)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Hear the good news!

People: **Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Believe the good news!

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!**

***Sung Response** NO. 630 (stanza 1)

Fairest Lord Jesus

TUNE: CRUSADERS' HYMN

***Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish,
thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.***

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Prayer for Illumination

Testify to us, O God,
by the voice of your Spirit.
Put your law in our hearts,
write your word in our minds,
and show your will in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 5:21-26

You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to Christ.

Sermon

"I Will Put My Law Within Them"

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

Anthem

If Ye Love Me
John 14:15–17

Thomas Tallis, c. 1565

*If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may 'bide with you forever;
E'en the sp'rit of truth.*

Sharing of Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayers

Choral Response

Threefold Amen

Traditional

Offering

Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service (BEACH SPRING) arr. Michael Helman, 2008



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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)*

Almighty God,
you gave the law to guide our lives.
May we never shrink from your commandments,
but, as we are taught by your Son Jesus,
fulfill the law in perfect love;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn of Sending NO. 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

TUNE: CWM RHONDDA

*Retirement of the Colors

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Lead Me, Lord
Psalm 4:9

Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1861

*For it is thou, Lord only,
that maketh me dwell in safety.*

*Postlude

Fuga BuxWV 174

Dietrich Buxtehude

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...

Coming up...



Ash Wednesday: February 22

Distribution of Ashes

7:30 – 8:30 AM and 12:00 – 12:30 PM Drive-by ashing in the Deerpath and Sheridan parking lots

7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Evening Worship in the Sanctuary

Ash Wednesday Evening Worship & Supper

Join us for a simple supper in the Great Room at 5:30 PM, followed by an Ash Wednesday service in the Sanctuary at 7:00 PM. No registration required.

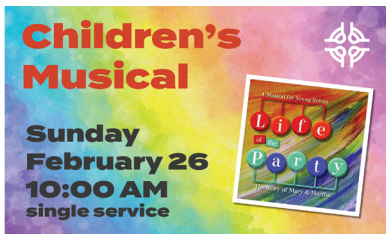


Women's Retreat: Registration is open!

February 24-25

We will gather for dinner on Friday evening, and come together on Saturday morning for art and contemplation.

Registration: firstchurchlf.org/womens-retreat-2023



Children's Musical

February 26

Join us in worship when the Children's Choirs present Life of the Party: The Story of Mary and Martha, Music by Allen Pote and Words by Tom S. Long. The musical is about hectic family lives, making time for Jesus, and trusting God when things get tough. There will be a single service at 10:00 AM.



Annual Meeting of the Congregation

February 26, following worship

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be in the Sanctuary on Sunday, February 26, with the purpose of receiving the budget and electing church officers. There will also be a Zoom option if you are not able to attend in person. The link will be emailed to all active members on Sunday morning.

Coming up...



Praise & Prayer: An Evening of Music Friday, March 10

You are invited to an evening of music featuring our Worship Ensemble on Friday, March 10, 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Come casual! Childcare available.



Bride's Room Sample Fabrics, Colors, and Layout Now on Display

Our Bride's Room is under construction now and is expected to be completed by April 1. Tina Dann-Fenwick, our interior designer who also led our Great Room furniture and fabric design, has set up a display for the month of February in South Parlor's History and Archives cabinet. Please stop by and view the samples of the carpet and furniture fabrics, photos of the new furnishings and lighting fixtures, and wallpaper sample and paint colors. You will see the room layouts as well!

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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, Stuart Room 214
10:00 Fellowship, Great Room
10:30 Worship, Sanctuary
10:45 Children's Church, Tower Room 213
11:30 Fellowship, Great Room

MON

- 9:30 AM** Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room

TUE

- 9:30 AM** Tuesday's Women Bible Study, Parish House Library
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor
Adult Bible Study, Zoom
6:00 Lakeminster Ringers, Sanctuary
6:30 Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall/Room 012
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
5:30 Wednesday Night Supper, Great Room
Chancel Bells, Sanctuary
6:00 Children's Faith Building, South Parlor
7:00 Worship Ensemble Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Taizé, Live Stream
Explorations of Faith, South Parlor/Zoom

THU

- 6:30 AM** Daybreakers Men's Ministry, South Parlor/Zoom
9:30 Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room
6:00 PM Adult Faith Formation Meeting, South Parlor/Zoom
7:00 Sanctuary Choir, Music Room
7:30 Boy Scout Committee, Parish House

FRI

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



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The flowers in the niches are given in memory of our parents, Gus & Margaret Hart, grandparents R. Douglas Stuart & Harriet McClure Stuart and great grandparents Rev. James G. K. McClure & Phoebe Anne Dixon McClure from the Lansing and Hart families.

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Rev. Kristie Finley
Dr. Tom Tropp
Susan Noble
Zen Kuriyama
Dr. Susan Klotzbach
Lakeminster Ringers
Sanctuary Choir
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
[firstchurchlf.org/ministries](https://www.firstchurchlf.org/ministries)

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John Johnson
Laura Johnson

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Mary Gould Moorhead
Diane Quinn
Kendall Severson
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Sadie Strong
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Anne Winebrenner

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Bill Allen
Nancy Anderson
Carol Bagan
Dorothy Chantler
Mallory Ciarrocchi
Susan Daly
Wendy Darling
Peg Gronau
Nancy Hamming
Jeff Hinch
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