



# EPIPHANY: SEASON OF LIGHT



**First Presbyterian Church**  
OF LAKE FOREST

**February 5, 2023**

10:30 AM

*Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*

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

## Prayer of Preparation

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 and Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Prelude

Concerto in G Major, I, II, BWV 592

Johann Sebastian Bach, c. 1715

## 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.*

## Lighting the Christ Candle

## Introit

Walk in the Light  
George D. Elderkin

arr. André Thomas, 2005

*Walk in the light, beautiful light, come where the dew-drops of mercy shine bright.  
Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the light of the world.*

## \*Call to Worship

Leader: From restless sleep and anxious dreams,

**People: Walk toward the light.**

Leader: From shadowy fears and gloomy thoughts,

**People: Walk in the light.**

Leader: From dark depression and worried futures,

**People: Walk into the light.**

**All: Upon us the light has risen. Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.**

## \*Hymn of Praise NO. 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

TUNE: HOUSTON

## Call to Confession

We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children.  
With the confidence of the children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

## Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient people. We have not done your will, we have  
broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our  
neighbors as ourselves, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Free us again for joyful obedience in the power of your  
grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith.  
Beloved, believe the good news: through the grace of Jesus Christ,  
we are forgiven.

**People: 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.**

**CPNC Update**

Dewey Winebrenner

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Reading from Scripture**

Matthew 5:13-20

You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

# Offering

Retrospection

Florence Price (1887-1953)



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# Sermon

"Light, Salt and the Law of Christ"

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

# \*Hymn of Response NO. 312

Take Us As We Are, O God

TUNE: ENDLESS FEAST

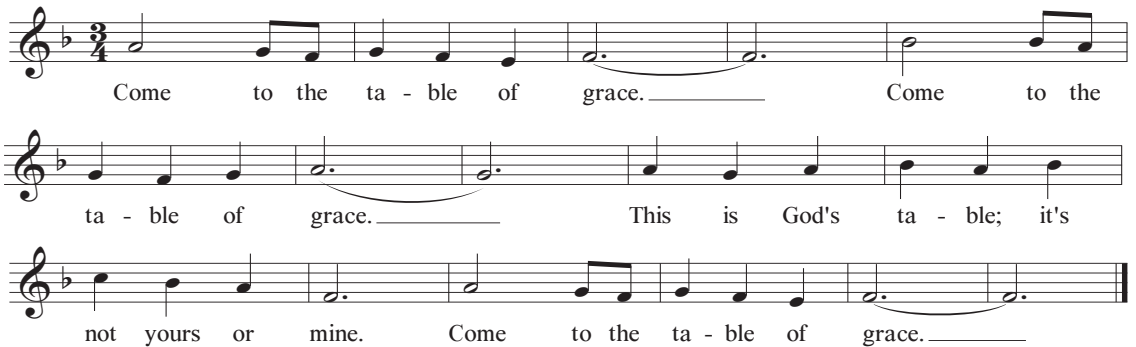
# Sharing of Our Joys and Concerns

## — The Lord's Supper —

# \*Gathering Song NO. 507

Come to the Table of Grace

TUNE: LIVING GOD



Come to the ta - ble of grace. \_\_\_\_\_ Come to the  
ta - ble of grace. \_\_\_\_\_ This is God's ta - ble; it's  
not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace. \_\_\_\_\_

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## \*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.**

## Pastoral Prayers 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.

## 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.*

### Communion Music

Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether  
Percy Dearmer, 1931

Harold Friedell, 1957

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly in thy name  
two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them.  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.*

*As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,  
then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup,  
Alleluia, Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.*

*All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee,  
that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.  
Alleluia, Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.*

## \*Closing Prayer *(unison)*

Holy and eternal God, you are as far away as the distant stars and as close as our breath. You meet us at this table and we discover our hearts burning within us. Go with us as we leave this place, so that your light and your life may shine brightly on us and in us for all to see. Amen.

## \*Hymn of Sending No. 450 *(stanzas 1-3)*

Be Thou My Vision

TUNE: SLANE

## \*Charge and Benediction

### \*Benediction Response

Slane

Irish ballad, arr. David Evans, 1927  
Irish poem, trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905

*High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

## \*Postlude

Concerto in G Major, III

J. S. Bach

## 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](http://firstchurchlf.org/womens-retreat-2023)



### Children's Musical Sunday, February 26

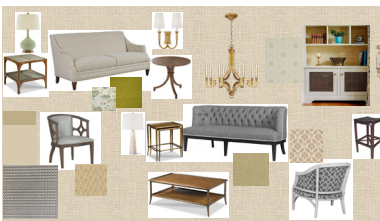
Join us in worship when the Children's Choirs present Life of the Party: The Story of Mary and Martha, Music by Allen Pote and Words by Tom S. Long. The musical is about hectic family lives, making time for Jesus, and trusting God when things get tough. There will be a single service at 10:00 AM.

Coming up...



### **Annual Meeting of the Congregation Sunday, 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.



### **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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**View our Weekly Schedule of ministries, and find details and Zoom links  
on our church website: [www.firstchurchlf.org/ministries](http://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, Rooms 215, 219  
10:00 Fellowship, Great Room  
Prospective Member Coffee, South Parlor  
10:30 Worship, Sanctuary  
Children's Church, Tower Room 213  
11:30 Fellowship, Great Room  
5:00 PM Middle School Youth Group, Youth Lounge  
6:00 Co-Pastor Nominating Cmte., South Parlor/Zoom  
7:00 Senior High Youth Group, Youth Lounge

### MON

- 9:30 AM Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room  
5:00 PM Engagement Committee Meeting, Zoom  
7:00 Mission Committee Meeting, South Parlor/Zoom

### TUE

- 9:30 AM Tuesday's Women Bible Study, Parish House Library  
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor  
Adult Bible Study, Zoom  
4:00 Worship & Music Cmte. Meeting, Zoom  
5:00 Staff Support Team Meeting, Parish House/Zoom  
6:00 Lakeminster Ringers, Sanctuary  
7:00 Women's Evening Bible Study, Zoom  
Deacon Meeting, Great Room/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 214  
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  
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir, Music Room  
Children's Faith Formation Cmte., S. Parlor/Zoom

### FRI

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



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Susan Noble  
Dr. Susan Klotzbach  
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Henry Thomas, AV Support  
Georgia Sottosanto-Sorenson, AV Support  
Ryder Gamrath, AV Support

## Serve, Learn & Connect

For our weekly ministries and Zoom links  
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### Share Joys & Concerns

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### Home Communion

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### Arrange a Wedding or Baptism

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