



EPIPHANY: SEASON OF LIGHT



First Presbyterian Church
OF LAKE FOREST

January 29, 2023

10:30 AM

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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

Prayer of Preparation

Redeeming God, you come to us in Christ
to rescue us from slavery and lead us out of captivity.
Guide us by the wisdom of the cross,
and show us how to live a life of justice, love, and blessedness. Amen.

Prelude

Benedictus (Blessed)

Max Reger, 1901

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

Moon

Jim Strathdee, 1986

*What does the Lord require of you? To seek justice, and love kindness,
and walk humbly with your God.*

*Call to Worship

Leader: What does the Lord require of you,

People: but to do justice,

Leader: love kindness,

People: and walk humbly with God?

Leader: Let us worship God.

*Hymn of Praise NO. 762

When the Poor Ones

TUNE: EL CAMINO

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)*

God, we have not done what is blameless and right,
nor spoken truth from the heart with love.

We do not keep your word,
and when we participate in gossip,
our words and deeds cause pain.

Forgive us by the power of your mercy,
that we might stand in the goodness of Christ
and walk in the light of his love. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Sisters and brothers,
your sins are forgiven by the faith of Christ,
who chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame.
Rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is great;
Jesus brings healing, justice, and peace.

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

First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 15

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?
Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;
who do not slander with their tongue,
and do no evil to their friends,
nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;
in whose eyes the wicked are despised,
but who honor those who fear the Lord;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
who do not lend money at interest,
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Lesson

Micah 6:1-5

Hear what the Lord says:
Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.
Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the Lord has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

"O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.
O my people, remember now
what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."

Choir

Micah 6:6-8

John Ness Beck, 1987

*With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before God with burnt offerings,
shall I come before God with yearling calves?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give God my first-born for my transgressions,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?*

God has shown you, O man; God has shown you what is good.

*And what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Walk Humbly"

Rev. Kristie W. Finley

*Hymn of Response NO. 203

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

TUNE: CHEREPONI

Sharing of Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayers

Choral Amen

Dresden Amen

Offering

Jesus Calls Us

Emma Lou Diemer, 1979



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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)*

Holy God, you call unexpected disciples, those who are poor and meek, those who are hungry and thirsty, those who are reviled and persecuted, to be a blessing for the world. Number us among those saints, that we may serve your purpose and share the blessing, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***Hymn of Sending**

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

TUNE: BEACH SPRING

*Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift which you impart.*

*Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.*

*As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.*

*As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.*

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

Albert F. Bayly (1901-1984)

*Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know and live.*

Albert F. Bayly (1901–1984)

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***Postlude**

Fanfare and Toccata on “All Creatures of Our God and King” Barbara Harbach, 1993

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.

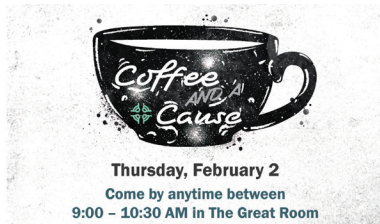
write or draw something you heard in the sermon

Favorite song today was:

What are we learning about God from this passage?

Words you heard but don't know...

Coming up...



Coffee and a Cause: Valentines

Thursday, February 2, 9:00 – 10:30 AM, Great Room

We will be making Valentines for some of the beloved members of our church who are unable to leave their homes. We hope to bring a smile to their faces in this new year!

From February 1 – March 1, we are collecting new or gently used hardcover picture books for Kindergarten through 2nd grade to prepare for the March Coffee and a Cause event. No board books or religious books, please. Donation bins are located by the Deerpath entrance.



Dinner and a Movie: Frozen II

Saturday, February 4, 5:30 – 8:00 PM

Children and middle schoolers are invited to a casual dinner and a movie, with popcorn, activities, and fellowship! Join us in the Great Room between 5:30 - 8:00 PM on Saturday, February 4.



Interested in learning more about church membership at First Pres?

Sunday, February 5, 10:00 AM, South Parlor

There will be an informal coffee time between services on Sunday, February 5. We would love to have you stop by and let us know if you would like to be informed about upcoming classes. For more information or questions, contact Diane Quinn at dianequinn@mac.com.



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

Coming up...



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!



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.

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, 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
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

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 Lakeminsters 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
Confirmation Class, Stuart 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
9:00 Coffee and a Cause, Great Room
9:30 Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir, Music Room

FRI

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

SAT

- 5:30 PM Dinner and a Movie: Frozen II, Great Room



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Dr. Tom Tropp
Susan Noble
Dr. Susan Klotzbach
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Georgia Sottosanto-Sorenson, AV Support
Ryder Gamrath, AV Support

Serve, Learn & Connect

For our weekly ministries and Zoom links
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