



# First Presbyterian Church

OF LAKE FOREST

October 23, 2022  
10:30 AM  
Season of Pentecost

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

## Preparation for Worship

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

## Prelude

Allegro

Cynthia Dobrinski

## 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.*

## \*Call to Worship

Leader: Awesome and wondrous God,  
As the clouds reflect the morning sun,

**People: So may our lives reflect your glory.**

Leader: As the leaves swirl and spin in a brisk breeze,

**People: So may we dance in your blessings.**

Leader: As the eagle catches a draft of air and soars,

**People: So may we be lifted on the wings of prayer  
and our spirits rise on the strength of songs.**

## \*Lighting the Christ Candle

## **\*Hymn of Praise** NO. 401

Here in This Place

TUNE: GATHER US IN

## **\*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.**

## **Word for Children**

Following the Word for Children, preschool through 7<sup>th</sup> 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)*

**Creator God, your early morning sun reaches over the lake, and leaves a patchwork of sunshine and shadow. We, too, are a mixture of shadow and light. There are parts of us that are not warmed by your love. We have corners of fear, pockets of resentment, and pigeonholes of despair. Our world knows the darkness of racism, the blight of greed, the shadow of oppression.**

**Work in our lives and in our world to let more of your healing, renewing light into our shadows and dark places. Forgive our reluctance to let you illumine our path and open us to the shining light of your blessing through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.**

*(time for silent reflection)*

## Sung Invocation NO. 576 (sing twice)

Lord, Have Mercy

TUNE: SINGAPURA

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

The musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef with a 3/2 time signature. It consists of two lines of music. The first line begins with a treble clef, a 3/2 time signature, and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The second line continues with quarter notes D5, E5, and F5, followed by a half note G5. The lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy.' are placed below the first line. The second line of music starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The second line of lyrics 'Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on us.' is placed below this line. The piece ends with a double bar line.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
MUSIC: Swee Hong Lim, 1990  
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SINGAPURA

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: People of God, stand up and sing! The Spirit is here in healing power.

People: **In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.**

**Thanks be to God!**

## \*Sung Response NO. 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

TUNE: GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

The musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef with a 12/8 time signature. It begins with a treble clef, a 12/8 time signature, and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The lyrics '1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,' are placed below the first line. The second line of music continues with quarter notes D5, E5, and F5, followed by a half note G5. The lyrics 'and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,' are placed below this line. The third line of music starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The lyrics 'and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.' are placed below this line. The fourth line of music starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The lyrics 'As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.' are placed below this line. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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MUSIC: Paul M. Vasile, 2008  
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GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

## \*Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## Prayer for Illumination

### Reading from Scripture

Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Selah

Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah

Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

"From Strength to Strength"

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

## \*Hymn of Response NO. 402

How Lovely, Lord

TUNE: MERLE'S TUNE

# Stewardship 2023

"The Path Forward: Embrace the Possibilities"

Ryan Severson

## Sharing of our Joys and Concerns

## Prayers of Thanksgiving, Petition, and Intercession

## Offering

Forever Rejoice

Linda Scholes



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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.*

## \*Prayer of Sending *(unison)*

Accept these offerings, O God,  
the giver of every good and perfect gift.  
Grant that they may be symbols of our love  
and of ourselves now offered more fully to you.  
Use these gifts and us, we pray,  
to the end that your realm may come  
and your will be done on earth,  
even as it is done in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
Amen.

## \*Hymn of Sending NO. 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

TUNE: CWM RHONDDA

## **\*Charge and Benediction**

## **\*Postlude**

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

## 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<br>Middle School: 5-7 <sup>th</sup> grade, Stuart Room 214 |
| 10:00   | <b>Sign Ups:</b> Lunch & Learn, Trunk or Treat, Lobby 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    | CPNC, Deerpath Room  |
| 7:00    | Senior High Youth Group, Youth Lounge  |

### MON

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| 9:30 AM | Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room |
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### TUE

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| 1:00 PM | Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor<br>Adult Bible Study, Zoom |
| 6:00    | Lakeminster Ringers, Sanctuary                                 |
| 7:00    | Women's Evening Bible Study, Zoom                              |
| 7:30    | Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall                                    |

### WED

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| 10:00 AM | Wednesday Women's Bible Study, S. Parlor/Zoom  |
| 4:15 PM  | Carol Choir, Music Room  |
| 5:00     | Cherub Choir, Music Room<br>Confirmation Class, Stuart Room 214  |
| 5:30     | Wednesday Night Supper, Great Room/South Parlor<br>Chancel Bells, Sanctuary                                |
| 6:00     | Children's Faith Building, South Parlor  |
| 7:00     | Explorations of Faith, South Parlor/Zoom<br>Worship Ensemble Rehearsal, Sanctuary<br>Taizé Service, Chapel |

### THU

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| 6:00 AM | Daybreakers Men's Ministry, Zoom      |
| 9:30    | Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room |
| 7:00 PM | Sanctuary Choir, Music Room           |

### FRI

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| 7:00 AM | Men of Corinth, Great Room/Zoom |
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### SAT

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| 2:00 PM | Eagle Scout Ceremony, Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall |
| 4:00    | Trunk or Treat, Deerpath Parking Lot            |



## Give

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Pastor Clint's day off is on Friday.  
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Dr. Tom Tropp  
Judy Kohl  
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Rick Day, AV Support Lead  
Henry Thomas, AV Support  
Georgia Sottosanto-Sorenson, AV Support

## Serve, Learn & Connect

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

Kristie Finley 224.544.1967

### Home Communion

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### Arrange a Wedding or Baptism

Sarah Seccombe 224.544.1958

### Engagement & Membership

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