



First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

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



January 14, 2024

Welcome!

*Jesus Christ and our faith community
welcome you to worship today.*

Today's Service

2nd Sunday After Epiphany

The season of Epiphany always begins on January 6 and extends until Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. These weeks are a time to focus on Jesus' ministry so that, from Christmas onward, worshipers grow in awareness of the significance of Jesus' entire life. It is a transformative season of faith in which the glory of Christ is revealed.

Worship Participants

Rev. Jon Wasson
Rev. Kristie W. Finley
Dr. Robert McConnell
Christina Maldonado
Worship Ensemble
Sanctuary Choir
Ryder Gamrath
Georgia Sottosanto-Sorenson



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Nursery children up to 3 years
Opens at 9:00 AM, Room 212

Sunday School ages 3 and up
During worship, Rooms 213, 214, 215, 219
On Communion Sundays, children will go to the Chapel and return for Communion.

Fellowship
10:30 AM, Great Room

Visiting First Pres?

If you would like us to get in touch with you, please provide your information on the visitors card in your pews. An usher will collect them later in the service.

Joys & Concerns

We are a community that prays for and with one another. We invite you to fill out a Joys & Concerns card to share your prayer request.

Prelude



Our Sanctuary sound system is equipped to broadcast directly to T-Coil-equipped hearing aids. If your hearing aid is so equipped, switch it into this mode. If you do not have this type of hearing aid, assistive listening devices are available from the ushers.

The Welcome

Introit

Pilgrims' Hymn

Stephen Paulus

Even before we call on Your name to ask You, O God,
When we seek for the words to glorify You, you hear our prayer;
Unceasing love, O unceasing love, surpassing all we know.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe Your name,
And through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in You;
Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace, beyond all mortal dream.
Both now and forever, and unto ages and ages, Amen.

*Call to Worship

Leader: O Lord, You know us and search us out.

People: You know when we lie down and when we rise up. You discern our innermost thoughts.

Leader: If we take up the wings of the morning or dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

People: even there Your hand shall lead us, and Your right hand shall uphold us.

All: Today, may we see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.

*Hymn of Praise No. 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(silent confession...) **Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will. We have failed our neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves. Give us ears to hear your wisdom. Lead us to honesty and faith so that we may begin again with renewed strength; in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Kyrie V. 1

I Owe My Lord a Morning Song

John Bell



I owe my Lord a morn - ing song for God has
I owe my Lord a morn - ing song for Je - sus
meant this day. Through fears of death night and
rose at dawn; He made death die and
hid - den light God moves and will my way.
would not lie God that oth - ers might live on.

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Gloria Patri** see V. 2 of above

I Owe My Lord a Morning Song

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Blessing of the Children

Children up to 4th grade are invited to come forward, and 5th through 7th grade are welcome to join them or stay seated for the blessing. All ages will go to their Faith Building classrooms afterwards. Please pick up your children on the 2nd floor following worship.

Leader: Holy God, we thank you for the gift of these children,

People: And for their parents.

Leader: We know that you have entrusted them to their parents,

People: And also to our community.

Leader: To care for them,

To teach them,

To be examples of Christ to them.

Bless these children.

People: And let us be a blessing to them.

All: Amen.

Anthem

God be in my Head

John Rutter

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in mine heart, and in my thinking;
God be at my end, and in my departing.

-Sarum Primer

New Testament Reading

John 1:43-51

New Testament, page 92 in pew Bible

Sermon

Jon Wasson

"Come and See"

*Hymn of Response No. 726

The Summons

Prayers of the People 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.

Invitation to the Offering



You may give online or fulfill your pledge by scanning the QR code with your mobile phone, or go to firstchurchlf.org/give.
Thank you for your generosity!

Offertory

Psalm 139

Wendell Kimbrough

O Lord, You know me and search me out:
My habits and thoughts, my secret doubts,
My dreams at night, the words of my mouth.

Chorus: In You, O Lord, I am found;
Oh, in You, O Lord, I am found.

I know not all my own heart and mind,
My wandering soul, my sleepless eyes,
I long for You but from You I hide. *Chorus*

Though darkness covers my hope and sight
And night overtakes my troubled mind
In darkness You, my Daylight will shine. *Chorus*

Before my birth, You composed my frame.
You gazed in my eyes and knew my name.
You wrote with love each one of my days. *Chorus*

Where can I run from Your love so deep,
So boundless and strong, so rich, so free?
No height, nor depth can separate me. *Chorus*

*Doxology

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. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

*Hymn of Sending see page 7

Rejoice in All Your Works

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Now To Him Who is Able

Now to him who is ab - le to do far more than we ask or think, ac -

3
cord - ing to the pow - er at work with - in us, to

5
him be glor - y in the church, and in Christ Je - sus, through -

7
out all gen - er - a - tions, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

*Postlude

*Hymn of Sending

Rejoice in All Your Works

1. E - very mouth that cries for food, e - very lung that yearns for
 2. E - very tree that thirsts for rain, e - very bird that seeks its
 3. May the pon - d'rings of my heart and the song u - pon my

breath, e - very eye that sear - ches through the dark for light,
 nest, e - very heart that waits in hope to be made glad,
 lips with the cho - rus of cre - a - tion join in praise

all cre - a - tion looks to You for its breath and for its
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 to the God who made all things, to the Spi - rit who sus -

food; from the good - ness of Your hand we're sa - tis - fied.
 food; from the good - ness of Your hand we're sa - tis - fied.
 tains, to the Son who o - ver all cre - a - tion reigns.

REFRAIN
 Oh re-joice in all Your works, King of hea-ven, King of earth! E - very crea-ture You have

made de-claims Your praise. We re-joice in all You've made, God of

all sus-tai - ning grace; with the moun - tain, sky, and sea we sing Your praise.

Joys & Concerns

Joys

New Members classes starting today.

Larry Crone is home!

Concerns

Todd and Alex Troyer, for recovery and healing, after a car accident.

Mary Shaw in rehab recovering from hip replacement surgery and a broken wrist.

Vicki Treft in the hospital.

Rita Fossell recovering well at home after surgery.

Sharon Shaw's family: her husband David, son Nicholas, brother-in-law Bob Shaw, and niece Rachel Shaw Magnusson. Sharon passed away on Christmas Eve unexpectedly.

Lynnette Hinch and her family on the loss of her father Bruce Barnes.

Memorials

Carolyn Kinney: Saturday, January 20, 2:00 PM

Prayers for the Country and the World

The people in Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Gaza, and throughout the Middle East living in conflict.

For those suffering the effects of intense weather throughout the country; floods, rain, tornadoes, and snow.

We are a church that prays for each other, celebrating life's joys and supporting each other in time of need. You may email your prayers requests to pastoralcare@firstchurchlf.org or call 224.544.1967.

Prayer requests will be removed from this listing after two weeks. Please let us know if prayer continues to be requested.

Prayer Chain For confidential prayers, you may email prayerchain@firstchurchlf.org. Please know that your prayers will be held in strict confidence.

Serve, Learn, & Connect

Engagement & Membership

Diane Quinn

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Arrange a Wedding or Baptism

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Join our Music Ministry

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Stewart Kerr

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Weekly Ministries

For details or to join our small groups, contact Sarah Seccombe at ssseccombe@firstchurchlf.org.

SUNDAYS

Middle School Youth Group

5:00 PM, Youth Lounge

Senior High Youth Group

7:00 PM, Youth Lounge

TUESDAYS

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

9:30 AM, Parish House

Prayer Shawl Ministry

1:00 PM, South Parlor

Adult Bible Study

1:00 PM, Zoom

WEDNESDAYS

Wednesday Women's Bible Study

10:00 AM, South Parlor/Zoom

Wednesday Night Supper

5:30 PM, Great Room

THURSDAYS

Daybreakers Men's Bible Study

6:30 AM, South Parlor/Zoom

Mom's Small Group

7:00 PM, Youth Lounge

FRIDAYS

Men of Corinth Bible Study

7:00 AM, South Parlor/Zoom

Announcements

Ice Skating at West Park Sunday, January 21

Join us for some ice skating, fellowship, and hot cocoa! We will be at West Park at 1:00 PM. Bring your chair, blanket and skates (but you don't have to be a skater to join!). We will bring the hot chocolate! Weather permitting. RSVP so we have an idea on attendance. firstchurchlf.org/iceskating

The Installation of Rev. Jon Wasson Sunday, January 28

You are invited to the installation of Rev. Jon Wasson as Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest at our 9:30 AM worship service. Reception to follow in the Great Room.

The church office will be closed tomorrow, January 15, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Dinner & Trivia Sunday, February 4

Join us for a fun night of friendly competition and fundraising for our Senior High Work Trip. All ages are welcome! 5:30 – 7:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Serving Paul Roeck's award winning chili, Heather Strong's almost famous Corn Bread, salad and dessert! firstchurchlf.org/trivia

Small Group Leaders Needed!

We're forming small groups to meet for the purpose of community and conversation throughout the season of Lent. Groups will read and discuss the book, *Low Anthropology*, by Dave Zahl. We need small group leaders! No previous experience required and training will be provided. Please contact Sarah Seccombe at sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org to learn more.

Women's Retreat Friday – Saturday, February 23 – 24

Save the date for the Women's Retreat! We will gather for dinner and fellowship on Friday evening, and come together on Saturday morning for art and contemplation followed by a lunch. Registration coming soon!

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