



First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

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



January 21, 2024

Welcome!

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

Today's Service

3rd 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
Jack Reeder
Sanctuary Choir
Lakeminster Ringers
Rick Day
Ryder Gamrath
Georgia Sottosanto-Sorenson

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

Allegretto from Organ Sonata No. 4
Felix Mendelssohn



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.



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The Welcome

Introit

God is Our Refuge
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
—Psalm 46

*Call to Worship

Leader: From God comes my salvation.

People: For God alone my soul waits in silence.

Leader: God alone is my rock and my salvation.

All: God is my fortress; I shall never be shaken.

*Hymn of Praise No. 620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(silent confession...) **Forgiving God, we repent of all the ways we turn from you. You call, but we do not listen; you show us your path, but we prefer our own way. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us back to you, that we might show mercy to others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Kyrie

Craig Phillips

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri No. 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

*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.**

Old Testament Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Old Testament, page 860 in pew Bible

Anthem

Set Me as a Seal

René Clausen

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death.

Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it.

—Song of Solomon 8:6-7

New Testament Reading

Mark 1:14-20

New Testament, page 35 in pew Bible

Sermon

Jon Wasson

"Called"

*Hymn of Response No. 432

How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe the church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Their prayer and Bible study are part of the church's worship and theological reflection. Their witness is the church's evangelism. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world. Each member is the church in the world, endowed by the Spirit with some gift of ministry. Therefore, in gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

—Adapted from *The Confession of 1967* and *A Brief Statement of Faith*

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.

Moment for Stewardship

Invitation to the Offering



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Thank you for your generosity!

Offertory

Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal
arr. Cathy Moglebust

*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 No. 545**

Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

***Charge and Benediction**

***Choral Response**

Peace I leave with you
Amy Beach

Peace I leave with you,
My peace I give unto you.
Not as the world giveth
Give I unto you.
Let not your heart be troubled.

***Postlude**

Allegro con brio from Organ Sonata No. 4
Felix Mendelssohn

Joys & Concerns

Joys

Ice Skating at West Park!

Concerns

Roger Burgis' family on the passing of his brother Bill this week.

Scott Crawford who lost his aunt, Avalyn Swain, this week, and for Avalyn's husband Tim Swain and their children.

Vicki Trefl in rehab after her hospital stay.

Lindsey Reed Peeler having a CAT scan on January 25.

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

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

Rita Fossell recovering well at home after surgery.

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, tornados, and snow. Especially those suffering in the cold with no heat or home.

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

engagement@firstchurchlf.org

Arrange a Wedding or Baptism

Sarah Seccombe

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Join our Music Ministry

Robert McConnell

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Mission & Outreach

Stewart Kerr

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Weekly Ministries

For details or to join our small groups, contact Sarah Seccombe at sseccombe@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 Today, 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.

Thank You For Your Support in the 2024 Stewardship Campaign!

The Stewardship Committee thanks you for your support toward this year's Stewardship Campaign. Your generosity allows our church to continue its important work of building and sustaining a community of faith. It's not too late to participate in what God is calling First Church to do and be in the year ahead. Please consider making a pledge today so that we can build the most effective budget possible for next year. You may give online or with a pledge card.

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 the Great Room. 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!

For the full church calendar, schedule of ministries, and more: www.firstchurchlf.org
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