



First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

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



January 28, 2024

Welcome!

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

Today's Service

4th 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.

The Revised Common Lectionary scriptures assigned for today are Deuteronomy 18:15-20 and Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28.

Installation

The Presbytery of Chicago and the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest welcome you to this service of worship celebrating the installation of Rev. Jon Wasson. Within the community of the church, some are called to particular service as deacons, elders, and as ministers of the Word and Sacrament. Ordination is Christ's gift to the church, assuring that his ministry continues among us, providing ministries of caring and compassion in the world, ordering the governance of the church, and preaching the Word and administering the sacraments. Installation is the act by which the church sets apart those previously ordained to the office and called anew to service to it with prayer.

Worship Participants

Rev. Jon Wasson
Rev. Kristie W. Finley
Dr. Robert McConnell
Jack Reeder
Cesilie Price
Sanctuary Choir
Lakeminster Ringers
Rick Day
Ryder Gamrath
Georgia Sottosanto-Sorenson

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.

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

Flowers

Flowers in the niches are given by the First Pres staff in celebration of Jon Wasson's installation.

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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.

Prelude

Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams

March from *Cantata 207*

Johann Sebastian Bach

The Welcome

*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather in this sacred space,

People: to offer our thanks to God with all our hearts.

Leader: We gather with this community of faith,

People: to follow Jesus, who longs to lead us into life.

Leader: We gather in these moments,

People: to learn all we can of grace from the Holy Spirit.

All: Let us worship God together!

*Hymn of Praise No. 298

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Call to Confession

1 John 1:8, 9

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

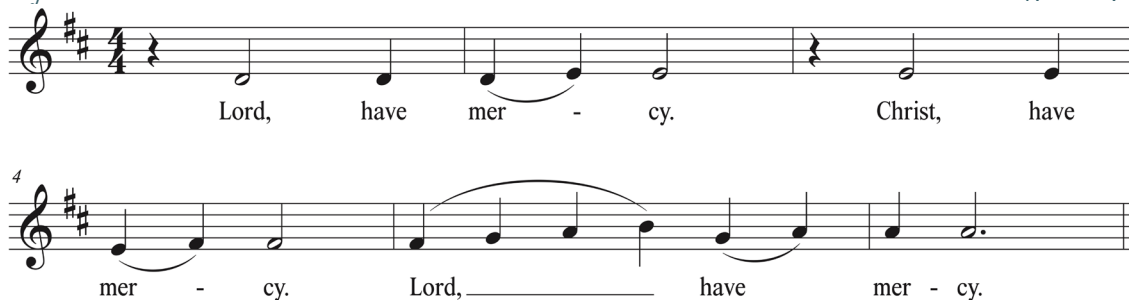
In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Confession

(silent confession...) **Almighty God, by water and your Holy Spirit you baptized us to be your own and called the church into being. We confess that we hold back the love of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our lives by the power of your Holy Spirit and make strong our common witness to the one Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Kyrie

Craig Phillips



Assurance of Pardon

*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. This week, 3rd and 4th graders will meet in the Chapel and will return during the Hymn of Response to join you for the installation. 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

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly:
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The church with Psalms must shout.
No door can keep them out:
But above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King
—George Herbert, *Antiphon* (1633)

Let All The World

Ralph Vaughan Williams

New Testament Reading

Mark 1:21-28

New Testament, page 35 in pew Bible

Sermon

“A New Teaching”

Rev. Dr. Scott Herr

***Hymn of Response No. 65**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Installation

Litany of Gifts

Jim Davidovich

Leader: As in one body, we have many parts, and each part has its own function, so all of us together with Christ are one body, and we all belong to each other.

People: We have different gifts according to the grace God has given us.

Leader: If your gift is to hear God's Word,

People: speak it out in faith.

Leader: If your gift is service,

People: live to serve others.

Leader: If your gift is the heart of a teacher,

People: teach what is true.

Leader: Let preachers preach with conviction, and givers give freely;

People: let officers work diligently for the people, and let those who serve the poor, serve gladly.

Leader: Let us not lack for enthusiasm, but be ardent in spirit,

People: serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope, patient in suffering, constant in prayer, supporting one another, and welcoming all.

Statement on the Ministry of the Church

Jim Davidovich

We are called out by God to be the Church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of the new life that God intends for all. In our life together, we are to display, the new reality that sin is forgiven, reconciliation accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility torn down.

As the living body of Christ, the church is called to proclaim the good news of salvation, to present the claims of the gospel on people's lives, and to demonstrate Christ's love in service to the world. We are called to undertake this mission, trusting God in all things. In faith we embrace a new openness to what God is doing in our time, a renewed obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ, and a new joy in our common worship and work.

Today we reclaim our historic calling and remember the great ends of the church:

**The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind;
the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God;
the maintenance of divine worship;
the preservation of the truth;
the promotion of social righteousness;
and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.**

The ministry of the church is shared by pastor and people, so that all together may fulfill the mission to which we are called in Jesus Christ. The particular responsibility of the ministry of the Word and Sacrament is to build up the church and serve the people of God, so that the Word may be rightly proclaimed and the sacraments rightly celebrated. The call to this ministry has been extended by the congregation, accepted by the candidate, and approved by the presbytery. Therefore, the Presbytery of Chicago, by means of this commission, now installs Jon Wasson as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest.

In his baptism, Jon was clothed with Christ. He was ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament by the Mission Presbytery, and is now called by God through the voice of the church to serve as pastor of this congregation.

We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God's call to our brother, to serve among us as pastor.

Constitutional Questions

Jim Davidovich

Congregational Questions

Dewey Winebrenner

Do we, the members of the church, accept Jon Wasson as our pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

Do we promise to pay him fairly, and provide for his welfare as he works among us; to stand by him in trouble, and share his joy? Will we listen to the word he preaches, welcome his pastoral care, and honor his authority as he seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord? **We do and we will.**

Prayer of Installation

Rev. Dr. Scott Herr

Declaration of Installation

Jim Davidovich

Charge to the Pastor

Rev. Kara Root

Charge to the Congregation

Rev. Kristie W. Finley

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

If you would like to give to the Pastor Assistance Fund of the Presbytery of Chicago, please do so by using the Special Offering envelope located in your pew. Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church.



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

I Will Be with You

Leah Ivory

*I will be with you for I am the Lord, your God.
I have called you by name; you are mine.*

*When you pass through the waters, I am there;
When you pass through the rivers, I am there.
When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned,
For I am the Lord, your God.*

*It is I who created and formed you,
You are precious and honored in my sight.
All the days of your life are known to me.
I am the lord, your God.*

*I am your God, you are my child, engraved on the palms of my hands.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I am the Lord, your God.*
—Isaiah 43 & 49; Psalm 139

*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

O God Beyond All Praising



O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day
Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,
and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;
that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;
for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send,
and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,
at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:
we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:
we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word,
to mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your ways,
we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.
and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

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*Benediction

*Choral Response

Choral Amen

*Postlude

Toccata in F major, BWV 540

Johann Sebastian Bach

* PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE.

Installation Commission

Jim Davidovich
Moderator, Chicago Presbytery

Rev. Ken Hockenberry
Stated Clerk, Chicago Presbytery

Dewey Winebrenner
Ruling Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Lake Forest

Paul Smith
Ruling Elder, Highland Park Presbyterian Church

Rev. Kristie Finley
Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Lake Forest

Rev. Kara Root
Pastor, Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, MN

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Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, New Canaan, CT

Abbey Gray
Ruling Elder, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Austin, TX

Dr. Chuck Volk
Ruling Elder, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Austin, TX

Rev. Syler Thomas
Pastor of Community Life, Christ Church Lake Forest

Joys & Concerns

Joys

Alec and Kelly Johnson announce the birth of Vivian Clark! Vivian joins big sisters Lucile and Payson, and proud grandparents Cindy and Bill Johnson.

The installation of Rev. Jon Wasson as Senior Pastor. Welcome to his friends and family joining us today, along with representatives from the Chicago Presbytery.

Concerns

George Baker, Jack, Roy, and Peter McNicholas' great grandfather, passed away last Sunday.

Lois Switzer fell and broke her hip. She is recovering well and rehabbing after surgery.

Roger Burgis and his family on the passing of his brother Bill.

Scott Crawford and his family on the loss of his aunt Avalyn Swain.

Adam and Christy Lang Harelson whose church in Philadelphia suffered a fire.

Todd Troyer is home from rehab following a car accident.

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

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Arrange a Wedding or Baptism

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Join our Music Ministry

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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

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

Kids Dinner and a Movie: Turning Red

Saturday, February 10

Children and middle schoolers are invited to a casual dinner and a movie, with pizza, popcorn, and fellowship, while the parents enjoy a night out! 5:00 – 7:30 PM in the Great Room.

We will provide: Pizza, Popcorn, Snacks & Drinks

Kids Bring: Sleeping Bag, Pillow, Stuffy

Wear Pajamas or comfy clothes (optional)!

Please register in advance for this free event: firstchurchlf.org/movie

Lenten Small Groups

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.

Books are available for purchase at the Lake Forest Bookstore. Sign-ups begin next week.

Women's Retreat

Friday – Saturday, February 23 – 24

We will gather for dinner and fellowship on Friday evening, and come together on Saturday morning for a new contemplative activity, followed by lunch!

Registration: firstchurchlf.org/womens-retreat



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