



# First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

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



October 13, 2024

**Welcome!**

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

# Today's Service

## Ordinary Time

The times between Christmas and Lent and between Pentecost and Advent are known as "Ordinary Time," time outside the two great seasons of the liturgical calendar. The truth is there is nothing ordinary — if by ordinary we mean less important — about this time. During this time we are invited into faithful attention to what it means to live out daily what we say we believe.

The Revised Common Lectionary scriptures assigned for today are Job 23:1-9, 16-17 and Psalm 22:1-15; Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 and Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31.

## The Baptism

Receiving the sacrament of baptism today are:

Caroline Mills and Reid Mills children of Jon and Michele Mills

## Worship Participants

Rev. Jon Wasson  
Dr. Robert McConnell  
Dr. Jack Reeder  
Daniel Makins  
Brian Hoffman  
Ryan Severson  
Rick Day  
Gonzalo Zarazaga

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

**Sunday School** ages 3 through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
During worship, Rooms 213, 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

**I've Just Come from the Fountain**

Richard Billingham

**As I Went Down to the River to Pray**

American Traditional, arr Daniel Makins



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

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord

**People: and renew the face of the earth.**

Leader: We gather today in the unity of the Spirit,

**People: in the bond of peace.**

Leader: There is one body, and one Spirit,

**People: one faith, one Lord, one Baptism, one God and Father of all,  
who is over all, through all, and in all.**

### \*Hymn of Praise No. 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

(silent confession...) Most merciful God, we confess that we have failed to uphold the vows made at our baptism and have lived in ways unworthy of your calling. Forgive us, we pray, and by the power of your Spirit, turn our hearts to you and teach us to walk according to your covenant of grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

\* PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE.

## \*Passing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## Baptism

Caroline Mills and Reid Mills

Michele and Jon Mills

### Congregational Question

Leader: Friends, do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture these children by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Jesus, and to be faithful members of Christ's church?

People: **We do.**

### \*The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### The Baptism

### Sung Response No. 188 verse 3

Jesus Loves Me

**Jesus loves me, this I know,  
For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong.  
They are weak, but He is strong.**

*Refrain:* **Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.**

Following the baptism, children in preschool through 4<sup>th</sup> grade will go to their Faith Building classrooms. Please pick up your children on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor following worship.

### New Testament Lesson

Mark 10:17-31

New Testament, page 46 in pew Bible

### Sermon

Jon Wasson

"The One Thing"

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## 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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## Offertory

Be Here Now  
Daniel Makins

Please don't let this moment disappear.  
It was left for a reason, for a people gathered here.  
And please don't fade distractions into view,  
Make an effort, leave a mark, heed a call, it's up to you.  
And with loving hearts and grace to make a start  
Be here now. Be here now. Be here now.  
Please don't try to give all questions an answer,  
Present your prayer in wonder to fascinate and gather.  
And please don't confuse the battle for the war  
But enter the arena, carry love and nothing more.  
There has been love enough to guide and follow through,  
There have been others standing right here in your shoes.  
Please don't put off today's until tomorrow,  
For a handful of certainty too often comes unraveled.  
And please don't let worry cloud the Light away,  
But release the Holy Spirit with a smile, come what may.

## **\*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 Dedication**

## **\*Hymn of Sending** see insert

Rejoice in All Your Works  
Wendell Kimbrough

## **Introduction of our New Members**

## **\*Charge and Benediction**

## **\*Postlude**

Toccata in Seven  
John Rutter

## Welcome to our New Members!



Amanda and Chris Barton live in Lake Bluff with their four daughters, AnneMarie (9), Lulu (7), EJ (4), and Mae (2) and their new black Lab, Penny. Chris grew up in Lake Forest and met Amanda, originally from Ohio, in Chicago. They have lived in Lake Bluff since 2020. Chris is an attorney, and Amanda works as an instructional coach. Favorite outings as a family include road trips to Lake Geneva, camping in Ohio, hiking locally and in Colorado, and going to Lake Bluff beach. The girls love dance, basketball, and theatre. They are excited to be a part of First Presbyterian Church.



Emily and Toby Davis moved from Chicago to Lake Bluff in 2021. They have a one and a half-year-old daughter, Cecilia and are expecting a baby boy this month. Emily was born in New York City and lived in Europe for most of her childhood. She went to Colgate University, followed by Columbia Business School. Emily works for the Kraft Heinz Company, which brought her to Chicago in 2017. Toby grew up in Lake Forest. He went to Bucknell University and Kellogg School of Management and is an investment consultant at Mercer. Toby and Emily both love playing squash, golf, pickleball, and more recently visiting every area park where Cecilia loves to play. They have a chocolate Lab, Captain, who loves the beach. Being in a church community was an important part of both of their childhoods, and "we are excited to join the First Pres community and ensure our children have a similar experience."



Cookie Erikson and Elizabeth Franz live in Lake Bluff. Cookie grew up the youngest of four children in the Beach Park area and lived next door to her childhood church. After graduating from Bob Jones University, with a major in Interior Decorating and a minor in Music, she has worked as a live-in nanny and remains “part of the family” 35 years later. After a career managing stores in Lake Forest, Cookie currently is the events and program coordinator at Lake Forest Place. Cookie describes her purpose in life as “doing what I can to make someone’s day a bit brighter (even in a small way).” Elizabeth is an artist and retired French teacher. She grew up in Salt Lake City in a strict Mormon family and graduated from Brigham Young University. She left the Mormon community for the first time to teach French in Las Vegas. That freedom led her to find her own spiritual path and away from her “rigid childhood beliefs.” She discovered her deep connection to God is “her birthright,” not dependent on external authority. She is grateful her path has led her to First Pres. She and Cookie love walking outdoors and day trip adventures. Elizabeth enjoys doing artwork, reading, and painting and feels being creative is a powerful form of meditation and prayer. Cookie and Elizabeth are married and proud “moms” to cats Jamie, Claire and Miel.



Brittany and Jimmy Gunther moved to Lake Forest from Chicago in April 2017. Brittany is from Edmond, Oklahoma, and Jimmy is from Deerfield. They have three children, Blair (9), Margot (5), and Wade (2). They are very excited to become official members and are looking forward to many years of raising their children in the church community of First Presbyterian Church. They love spending time with friends and family, and often are “park hopping” through town or at the beach enjoying the beautiful views Lake Forest has to offer.





Linda and Mike Hall moved to Lake Forest in 2017 when their son Cameron, now 8, was one year old. They then welcomed two daughters, Harper (5) and Allie (3). Linda and Mike both grew up in the surrounding suburbs and found Lake Forest to be the perfect place to raise a family. When they are not running around to children's sports, activities, and school functions, they enjoy going to their family lake house in Michigan, vacationing, and spending time with family and friends.



Elaine Loeser is so happy to become a member of First Pres as she feels it is "beautiful inside and out." Elaine grew up on the southside of Chicago, was raised a Lutheran and confesses to "still reciting the Lord's Prayer using 'trespasses' in the middle, but otherwise, the liturgy is identical." She has been married to her husband, Jerry, for 52 years. Both now retired lawyers, Elaine graduated from the University of Illinois, and Jerry from Northwestern. Elaine also wrote for television shows in Los Angeles, including "Law and Order," and has taught television writing at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Their pets are two 30 year-old turtles who are featured in a children's mystery book. Jerry is Jewish, so is not joining with Elaine, but occasionally accompanies her to church. They moved to Lake Forest three years ago.



David Roberts was born in Waukegan and moved to Lake Forest in 1970. He was raised in the Catholic Church. He has a bachelor's degree in Science and Math from Purdue University. David has a diverse background as an insurance executive, a middle and high school educator, and a computer technician, but many Lake Forest residents would remember him from his business, Roberts Jewelers, located in Lake Forest for many years. He is still self-employed as a jeweler and certified gemologist. Currently, David is also studying at Moody Bible Institute in pastor education.



Mallory and Evan Schmitt moved to Lake Bluff in October 2023 after ten years in Chicago. Evan grew up in Evansville, Indiana and attended Purdue University. His Boilermaker pride runs deep, despite a challenging start to the football season. Mallory grew up in Hudson, Wisconsin, attended UW-Madison and no longer lets college sports impact her weekends. Evan works in renewable energy finance, and Mallory works in sales. Their son, Augustus, recently turned two and, like his parents, lives for the outdoors. He's looking forward to his first ski season out west with Mom and has recently learned to wield a golf club with dad (still refining his swing). Mallory and Evan are very much looking forward to joining the First Pres community.



Paul Shoemaker is a native of Dixon, Illinois and has recently relocated to Lake Forest from southern Wisconsin, where he lived for many years. Paul has undergraduate and graduate degrees in Finance and is retired from banking. He has served on various boards and for non-profit organizations. He was an active, long-time member of Edgerton, WI United Methodist Church. Paul enjoys the outdoors, bicycling the many miles of trails in the area, and also daily walks with partner, Beth Miller. He is the father of four adult children, and greatly enjoys spending time with both his and Beth's children and grandchildren.

# Joys & Concerns

## Joys

The birth of Piper Josephine Tucker on September 18 in Denver, CO. Parents, Brian & Megan Tucker, grandparents, Mike & Patti Tucker.

Welcoming fifteen new members and their families to our congregation this morning.

The baptisms of Caroline and Reid Mills, children of Michele and Jon Mills, this morning.

Donna and Dave Johnson celebrate the wedding of their daughter, Norah Johnson and Patrick Shipman on Saturday, October 8.

## Concerns

For Duane Wise and his family following the death of his wife, Janet, on October 4.

For Jeffrey Kordell and his family on the death of his father, Leon Kordell.

For Emily Gilley and Elizabeth Payne and their families on the death of their grandmother.

For Elyse Brakefield Clark recovering from eye surgery.

## Prayers for the Country and the World

Dear Lord, with continued devastation from hurricanes Helene and Milton we offer prayers for safety, comfort, and peace for us all. In your mercy, let us come together to support one another. Amen.

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 prayer requests to [pastoralcare@firstchurchlf.org](mailto: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.

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## Serve, Learn, & Connect

### Engagement & Membership

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### Arrange a Wedding or Baptism

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### Join our Music Ministry

Robert McConnell

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### Mission & Outreach

Sally McDonald and Laura Johnson

## Weekly Ministries

For details and schedule visit our website at [firstchurchlf.org/ministries](http://firstchurchlf.org/ministries)

### SUNDAYS

#### Early Word Bible Study

8:30 AM, South Parlor

#### Middle School Youth Group

Most Sundays, 5:00 PM, Youth Lounge

#### Senior High Youth Group

Most Sundays, 7:00 PM, Youth Lounge

### TUESDAYS

#### 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

### THURSDAYS

#### Daybreakers Men's Bible Study

6:30 AM, South Parlor/Zoom

### FRIDAYS

#### Men of Corinth Bible Study

7:00 AM, South Parlor/Zoom

# Announcements

## Middle School & Senior High Youth Groups

Just a reminder, both youth groups will not be meeting today.

## Third Thursday Prayer Service Thursday, October 17, 6:00 PM

Join us in the Chapel on the third Thursday of each month as we share our prayers of gratitude and petition both personal and communal with scripture, song, and silence.

## College Brunch at the Manse Sunday, October 20

All college kids are invited for a brunch at the Manse following worship! RSVPs are helpful but not required, [firstchurchlf.org/college](http://firstchurchlf.org/college)

## Meet Your Deacon Month October 13, 20, 27

The Deacons are called to compassionate witness and service to the congregation which brings with it the benefit of increased communication and personal interaction. The Deacons look forward to meeting their Parish members in fellowship after worship during the month of October.

## Pledge Sunday

### Sunday, October 27

As part of our "Be Here Now" Stewardship Campaign, on Sunday, October 27 we invite you to commit more than monetary gifts, but also by participating in the life of the congregation. During fellowship, committee and ministry leaders and some of our mission partners will be available to greet those interested in these opportunities.

## All Church Nominating Committee (ACNC)

The All Church Nominating Committee is beginning the process of gathering names of servant leaders for our church Elders, Deacons and Members-at-Large of the ACNC. You are encouraged to offer nominations including self-nominations. The ACNC will consider all nominations and propose a slate of candidates for congregational vote at our Annual Meeting. Nomination are due by November 24. Forms can be found on the nametag tables as well as online at [firstchurchlf.org/acnc](http://firstchurchlf.org/acnc).

## Hurricane Relief

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is in communication with all affected presbyteries and National VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) to share information and coordinate resources as damage is assessed. In response to the 2024 hurricane season, PDA has deployed National Response Teams to the presbyteries in the affected areas including Tampa Bay Presbytery, Presbytery of Western North Carolina, Northeast Georgia Presbytery, and Holston Presbytery. They have approved several initial assistance grant requests and are anticipating additional requests from affected presbyteries to help respond to needs in their communities. If you would like to donate to assist their efforts, scan the QR code or visit [presbyterianmission.org/donate/dr000169/](http://presbyterianmission.org/donate/dr000169/).



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