



# First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

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



November 10, 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 Ruth 3: 1-5; 4:13-17 and Psalm 127; 1 Kings 17:8-16 and Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44.

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## Worship Participants

Rev. Jon Wasson  
Rev. Kristie Finley  
Lisa Bulzoni, Reading Power  
Dr. Robert McConnell  
Dr. Jack Reeder  
Daniel Makins  
Rick Day  
Gonzalo Zarazaga

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

**Sunday School** ages 3 through 4th 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.

Flowers in the niches are given in loving memory of Pat Johnson from her family.

## Prelude

Slane  
Gordon Young



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.



## Give

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scan the QR code  
or go to [FirstChurchLF.org/give](https://FirstChurchLF.org/give).

## The Welcome

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**People: We will praise the Lord as long as we live;**

Leader: We will sing praises to our God all our lives long.

**People: Happy are those whose help is in the God of Jacob,**

**All: who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them.**

### \*Hymn of Praise No. 817

We Walk By Faith

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

(silent confession...) **Forgive us, Lord, when we think too highly of ourselves and clamor after privilege and honor. Forgive us, Lord, when we cannot lift our gaze because we do not believe we have anything to give. You have given us the best gift of all: freedom from all that harms us and the way to abundant life. Have mercy on our foolishness and heal our lovesick hearts, that we may live faithfully for you. 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.**

\* PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE.

## \*Passing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## Blessing of the Children

Following the Blessing, 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.

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.**

## Scripture Lesson

Mark 12:38-44

New Testament, page 49 in pew Bible

## Sermon

Jon Wasson

“Also a Steward”

## \*Hymn of Response No. 450

Be Thou My Vision

## 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



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

## Offertory

Small, But Mighty: Precious Soul

Daniel Makins

A lowly widow heeds a call  
And takes a walk down the temple road  
In the moment and well aware  
Feeling everything that trembles there  
Moved to sacrifice by Godly grace  
Her hands familiar on the chapel door  
A precious treasure in hungry hands  
A silent prayer for a precious land

The Small but mighty, who trust in God and await His company  
Giving all they have to give, letting loving hearts intercede  
While wary wicked and insincere own illusions plated gold  
The small but mighty stay the course,  
Praying loving God is in control

Resolution: unyielding faith  
A soft release, one tiny clink  
Then revelation, a mind at ease  
A new frontier, a Godly peace  
While haughty whispers despair her gift  
And dismiss her souvenirs  
Her desperate shuffle along the way  
Her pause when sunlight greets her face

A precious day, the Lord has made  
She takes a breath and rubs her eyes  
A precious neighbor, a precious life  
A precious soul, she bears the light

## \*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

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

March in D major op. 56, no. 2  
Alexandre Guilmant

# Joys & Concerns

## Joys

The Music Ministry is pleased to announce that Latvian composer Ēriks Ešenvalds has accepted a commission to compose a piece for our Sanctuary and Handbell Choirs in honor of the late Kent and Carolyn Kinney. We look forward to performing the new work in the Fall of 2025.

## Concerns

For Kristin Strom and her family on the death of her husband, Craig Strom, on November 4. A funeral was held on Friday, November 8.

For the family of Pat Johnson who died October 23. A memorial was held on Saturday, November 9.

For Judy Krueger, home recovering from back surgery.

## Prayers for the Country and the World

Gracious Lord, our labors are in vain unless you labor with us, O God. Continue to bless the work of our hands, that we might labor for the glory of your name alone, through your son Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. 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.

**Prayer Chain** For confidential prayers, you may email [prayerchain@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:prayerchain@firstchurchlf.org). Please know that your prayers will be held in strict confidence.

## Serve, Learn, & Connect

### Engagement & Membership

Diane Quinn  
[engagement@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:engagement@firstchurchlf.org)

### Arrange a Wedding or Baptism

Sarah Seccombe  
[sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org)

### Join our Music Ministry

Robert McConnell  
[rmcconnell@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:rmcconnell@firstchurchlf.org)

### 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

## Thanksgiving Worship Thursday, November 28, 10:00 AM

This special service will be held in conjunction with Church of the Holy Spirit and St. James Lutheran Church and held at St. James (located at 1380 N Waukegan Road, Lake Forest). The service will be led by First Presbyterian Church's Rev. Peter Smith.

## Worship Volunteers

If you are eager to meet and welcome new people, and would like to serve on Sunday mornings, we are looking to add to our roster of ushers and greeters. To learn more, contact Sarah Seccombe at [sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org).

## Sign up for our newsletter!

Scan the QR code or go to [firstchurchlf.org](http://firstchurchlf.org) to receive news and updates.



## Advent Wreath Making

**Sunday, December 1, 5:00 - 7:00pm**

Join us for our annual tradition of Advent Wreath Making and Dinner. Make a special Advent wreath for your home and stay for dinner. This is an all-ages event so bring grandparents, grandchildren, family, and friends to share in the fun! Sign up at [firstchurchlf.org/adventwreath](http://firstchurchlf.org/adventwreath)

## Women's Tea

**Monday, December 2, 6:00pm**

Hosted by our Deacons, the Women's Christmas Tea is a time to take a break from the busy holiday season and enjoy an evening of tea, goodies and fellowship while listening to carols sung by "The Men of Distinction." This year we are featuring our mission partner Curt's Cafe whose mission is improve outcomes for young adults living in at-risk situations through work and life skills training.

## Women's Caroling

**Thursday, December 5, 6:00pm**

Spread some holiday cheer and sing carols to our homebound members this holiday season. We meet at the church to caravan to our destinations and end our evening with a light dinner. If you can join us, sign up at [firstchurchlf.org/womenscaroling](http://firstchurchlf.org/womenscaroling)

For the full church calendar, schedule of ministries, and more: [www.firstchurchlf.org](http://www.firstchurchlf.org)  
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