



# First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

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



November 17, 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 1 Samuel 1:4-20 and 1 Samuel 2:10-10; Daniel 12:1-3 and Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25; Mark 13:1-8.

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## The Baptism

Receiving the sacrament of baptism today is:

Paul Richard Litzsinger

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## Worship Participants

Rev. Jon Wasson  
Rev. Kristie Finley  
Dr. Robert McConnell  
Dr. Jack Reeder  
Carol & Cherub Choirs  
Sanctuary Choir  
Rick Day  
Gonzalo Zarazaga



## Give

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**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.

Flowers in the niches are given in loving memory of Janet Wise.

## Prelude

**Préambule from Twenty-Four Pieces in Free Style, op 31**

Louis Vierne



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

### Sung Call to Worship

The Heavens Are Telling  
Sandra McCracken

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Children: The heavens are telling the glory of God. The earth declares the work of his hands. The law of the Lord, more desired than gold, sweeter than honey; reviving the soul.

Leader: Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

Children: The heavens are telling the glory of God. The earth declares the work of his hands. The law of the Lord, more desired than gold, sweeter than honey; reviving the soul.

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

**\*All: The heavens are telling the glory of God. The earth declares the works of his hands. The law of the Lord, more desired than gold, sweeter than honey, reviving the soul.**

### \*Hymn of Praise No. 485 (verses 1-3)

We Know that Christ is Raised

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

(silent confession...) O God, who is faithful and just, we have failed to help those who have little while we have much. We are boastful and haughty, and fail to appreciate the gifts you have given. Our arrogance has led us away from your righteous way. Forgive us, Merciful God, and lead us to a humble path, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

## Kyrie

Craig Phillips

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

\* PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE.

## 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.

## Baptism

Paul “Pops” Richard Litzsinger

### Congregational Question

Leader: Friends, do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ,  
promise to journey with Paul by word and deed,  
with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Jesus,  
and to be a faithful member 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. 485 verse 4

We Know that Christ is Raised

A new creation comes to life and grows  
as Christ’s new body takes on flesh and blood.  
The universe, restored and whole, will sing:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Anthem

I sing a song of the saints of God,  
patient and brave and true,  
who toiled and fought and lived and died  
for the Lord they loved and knew.  
And one was a doctor, and one was a  
queen,  
and one was a shepherdess on the green:  
they were all of them saints of God, and I  
mean,  
God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,  
and God's love made them strong;  
and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake,  
the whole of their good lives long.

Following the anthem, 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.

## I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

Text by Lesbia Scott, music by John Henry Hopkins

And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,  
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:  
and there's not any reason, no, not the least,  
why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past;  
there are hundreds of thousands still;  
the world is bright with the joyous saints  
who love to do Jesus' will.  
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or  
at sea,  
in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;  
for the saints of God are just folk like me,  
and I mean to be one too.

## New Testament Lesson

Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25

New Testament, page 224 in pew Bible

## Sermon

Jon Wasson

"All is Forgiven"

## \*Hymn of Response No. 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

## 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](http://firstchurchlf.org/give).  
Thank you for your generosity!

## Offertory

Magnificat in G

Charles Villiers Stanford

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his hand-maiden.  
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.  
He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: as he promised to our forefathers,  
Abraham and his seed, for ever.  
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.

— Luke 1:46-55

## \*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 No. 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

## \*Charge and Benediction

### Benediction Response

Nunc dimittis in G

Charles Villiers Stanford

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,  
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
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.

— Luke 2:29-32

## \*Postlude

Trumpet Tune in D major

David Johnson

# Joys & Concerns

## Joys

The baptism of Paul "Pops" Richard Litzsinger this morning.

Tom and Anne Hampson are grateful to announce the birth of their fourth grandson, Theo Thomas Ponce on November 10.

Toby and Emily Davis are happy to announce the birth of their child, Willem, on October 25. Proud big sister, Cecilia.

## Concerns

For Paige Polakow's father, Mark Royal, who was recently diagnosed with lymphoma.

## Prayers for the Country and the World

All praise to you, most holy and gracious God! You have set us free from fear and filled us with good things. You surprise us with your grace and give us all we need. Even when we lose sight of your ways, you pull us back to you and overwhelm us all over again, reminding us of your power, your compassion, and your justice. All praise to you, God, now and forever. 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

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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

## Advent Devotional

Be sure to pick up a devotional for your family this morning. It is a special piece full of written reflections, prayers for each week of December, a film guide and even an Advent playlist. You can also view it in digital form at [firstchurchlf.org/advent](http://firstchurchlf.org/advent)

## Third Thursday Prayer Service Thursday, November 21, 6:00pm

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.

## 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.



## Stewardship Continues Give and "Be Here Now"

Our pledge campaign continues and we invite you to "Be Here Now" by making a financial pledge to the church. By living fully in the present moment and embracing opportunities to contribute meaningfully, you are donating to the vibrant life of our congregation and investing in the shared mission of our church. You may give online and view the full stewardship video at [firstchurchlf.org/give](http://firstchurchlf.org/give).

## Thanksgiving Day Worship

### St. James Lutheran Church, 10am

This special service will be held in conjunction with Church of the Holy Spirit and St. James Lutheran Church and held at St. James (1380 N Waukegan Road, Lake Forest) with Rev. Peter Smith preaching.

## Lake Forest Tree Lighting Meet-Up

### Market Square, Friday, November 29

Join Rachel Magnusson and Children's Faith Formation for the Christmas tree lighting that takes place every year in Market Square. We will meet outside of Lululemon on the southeast corner of Market Square at dusk. Questions, email Rachel at [rmagnusson@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:rmagnusson@firstchurchlf.org)

## Advent Wreath Making

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

Join us for our annual tradition! We will make a special Advent wreath for your home and invite you to 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).

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