



# First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

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



November 3, 2024

**Welcome!**

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

# Today's Service

## All Saints' Sunday

All Saints' Day was established as an opportunity to honor all the saints, remembered and forgotten, known and unknown. Today, we give glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of believers in this and every age. We give thanks for members of our community of faith who have died in the past year, and pray that we may be counted among the company of the faithful in God's eternal realm.

The Revised Common Lectionary scriptures assigned for today are Ruth 1:1-18 and Psalm 146; Deuteronomy 6:1-9 and Psalm 119:1-8; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34.

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## Worship Participants

Rev. Jon Wasson  
Rev. Kristie Finley  
Dr. Robert McConnell  
Dr. Jack Reeder  
Sanctuary Choir  
Shannon Engelland  
Scott Crawford  
Rick Day  
Gonzalo Zarazaga



### Give

Give online or fulfill your pledge: scan the QR code or go to [FirstChurchLF.org/give](https://FirstChurchLF.org/give).

**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.

## Prelude

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot  
Barbara Harbach

## The Welcome



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.

## Introit

## Saints Bound for Heaven

Traditional American, arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

Our bondage it shall end by and by,  
From Egypt's yoke set free,  
hail the glorious jubilee,  
And to Canaan we'll return by and by.  
Our Deliverer He shall come, by and by.  
And our sorrows have an end,  
with our three score years and ten,  
And vast glory crown the day by and by.

And when to Jordan's floods we are come,  
Jehovah rules the tide  
And the waters He'll divide,  
And the ransom'd host shall shout we are  
come.  
Then with all the happy throng we'll rejoice,  
Shouting Glory to our King,  
Till the vaults of heaven ring,  
And through all eternity we'll rejoice.

## \*Call to Worship

Leader: Happy are those whose way is blameless,

**People: who walk in the law of the Lord.**

Leader: Happy are those who keep his decrees,

**People: who seek him with their whole heart.**

**All: With joy and thanksgiving, we come to worship God!**

## \*Hymn of Praise No. 321

The Church's One Foundation

## Call to Confession

## Prayer of Confession

(silent confession...) **Almighty Lord, in Jesus Christ you came from heaven to dwell among us, calling us to be your faithful people. Yet we remain shrouded in sin—we hurt and disgrace ourselves; we abuse and destroy one another; we dishonor your holy name. Forgive us; unbind us and let us go so that we may stand among your saints rejoicing in your saving grace; through Jesus Christ our redeemer. 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.**

## Invitation to the Offering



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## Offertory

Bring Us, O Lord God

William Harris

Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening, into the house and gate of heaven, to enter into that gate and dwell in that house, where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light; no noise nor silence, but one equal music; no fears nor hopes, but one equal possession; no ends nor beginnings, but one equal eternity; in the habitations of thy glory and dominion world without end. Amen.

— John Donne

## \*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

## Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:25-27; 33

New Testament, page 6 in pew Bible

## Sermon

Jon Wasson

“What Saints Give Us”

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

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 Lord's Supper**

**The Invitation to the Table**

**Prayers of the People**

**Words of Institution**

**Sharing the Bread and Cup**

So that all feel welcome at the table, the bread is gluten-free, and the cups contain grape juice. Communion is served intinction style. Ushers will direct your row when it is time to come forward.

**Communion Music**

The Lord is my Shepherd  
John Rutter

The Lord is my shepherd,  
Therefore can I lack nothing.  
He shall feed me in a green pasture,  
And lead me forth beside the waters of  
comfort.  
He shall convert my soul,  
And bring me forth in the paths of  
righteousness,  
For His name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil,

For Thou art with me.  
Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me,  
Thou shalt prepare a table before me,  
Against them that trouble me.  
Thou hast anointed my head with oil,  
And my cup shall be full.  
But Thy loving kindness and mercy  
Shall follow me all the days of my life.  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
forever.

— Psalm 23

## **The Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.**

## **Remembering the Saints**

Today we remember the saints in our lives who came before us. The names of church members and friends who died within the last year are read between verses of the hymn of sending, For All the Saints.

You are invited to honor a loved one by taking a flower from an usher and placing it in a vase at the front of the sanctuary during the singing of the hymn.

## **\*Hymn of Sending No. 326**

For All the Saints

## **\*Charge and Benediction**

### **\*Benediction Response**

“I heard a voice from heaven” from *Requiem*

Herbert Howells

I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me,  
Write, from henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord,  
For they rest from their labours.  
Even so saith the Spirit;  
They rest from their labours.

— Revelation 14:13

## **\*Postlude**

Nimrod  
Edward Elgar

## In Memory of our Church Members and Friends

Doug Allen	Lynn Dornfeld	Ninos Joseph	Scott Schroeder
James Altounian	Phebe Elliott	Karol Karlblom	Polly Scott
Adeline Anderson	Marilyn Enz	Carol Keenan	Sharon Shaw
Patricia Andjelkovich	Mary Gescheidle	Carolyn Kinney	Mia Spooner
George Baker	Jeannine Giesen	Leon Kordell	Lois Steans
Bruce Barnes	John Gilbert	Lois Mayhall Reinhart	Gordon Suckow
Mary Ann Bergin	Melissa Grost	Fred McCahey	Avalyn Swain
William Brandt	Kris Hein	Paul Melichar	Richard Thorn
William Burgis	Walter Heinold	Don Murphy	Patrice O'Mera Troyer
Dan Cassin	Stephen Hill	Megan Pannier	Brian Warter
Larry Crone	Karen Hoagland	Jane Partridge	Janet Wise
Sally Currie	Hildo Hoogcarspel	Edward Paulissian	Erica Wishard
Sandra Dever	Pat Johnson	Victor Reyes	Milton Woodside

## For Those Who Walked With Us *Jan Richardson, In Wisdom's Path*

For those  
who walked with us,  
this is a prayer.

For those  
who have gone ahead,  
this is a blessing.

For those  
who touched and tended us,  
who lingered with us  
while they lived,  
this is a thanksgiving.

For those  
who journey still with us  
in the shadows of awareness,  
in the crevices of memory,  
in the landscape of our dreams,  
this is a benediction.

# Joys & Concerns

## Joys

Friends and family gathering this weekend to support First Pres Preschool at their annual fundraiser.

## Concerns

For Judy Krueger suffering with back pain.

For the family of Jacqueline Papesch, who died on October 25.

For the family of Pat Johnson who died October 23. A memorial service is planned for Saturday, November 9 at 1:00 PM in the sanctuary.

For Peg Gronau recovering from cataract surgery.

## Prayers for the Country and the World

On this All-Saint's Day we lift up all those who have gone before us throughout time to lead us on your path of justice and mercy. In today's world we sorely need your help and guidance, with war and discord all around the world, we pray for those hurting and alone, the earth that is suffering, and especially as we come closer to Election Day we pray to you for strength to reach out in love and reconciliation. 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

## Worship Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers for worship, you can sign up on the Flower Calendar on the bulletin board or contact Sarah Seccombe at [ssecombe@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:ssecombe@firstchurchlf.org)

## 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 [ssecombe@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:ssecombe@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).

## All Saints' Sunday & Labyrinth

Today we remember and honor the saints in our lives during worship. The labyrinth is set up on the South Lawn for all who would like to walk it prayerfully.

## Election Vigil

### Tuesday, November 5

Drop in any time on Election Day from 7:00 AM — 7:00 PM for a self-guided time of prayer for our nation and leaders, and to express trust in God's peace and purposes for our world. Our chapel doors will be open to all.

## Parents Paddle Night

### Friday, November 8, 7:00 PM — 10:00 PM

First Church parents of children up to 4th grade are invited to a paddle night and fellowship on at The Winter Club. Registration includes dinner. Learn more at [firstchurchlf.org/paddle](http://firstchurchlf.org/paddle).

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