



First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

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



February 11, 2024

Welcome!

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

Today's Service

6th 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 2 Kings 2:1-12 and Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9.

Worship Participants

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

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
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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

arr. Cathy Moklebust

Climbing Jacob's Ladder

arr. Sandra K. Tucker



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

Introit

Light Everlasting

Olaf C. Christiansen

O Light Everlasting, O Love never failing.
Illumine our darkness, and draw us to Thee.

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is our strength and our song,

People: and has become our salvation.

Leader: Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods?

**People: Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor,
working wonders?**

Leader: In your steadfast love, you have led this people whom you have redeemed.

People: In your strength, you have guided us to your holy dwelling place.

All: The Lord will reign forever and ever.

*Hymn of Praise No. 49

The God of Abraham Praise

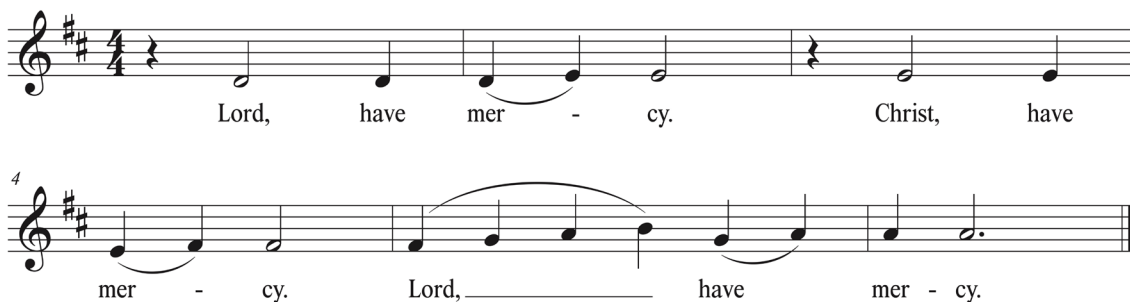
Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(silent confession...) **God of all glory, beauty, and grace, we have tried to hide from you—to hide our faces, to hide our sin—yet you have never hidden your love for us. We have tried to search for you—in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops—yet you have already revealed yourself to us in the face of Jesus Christ. Forgive us, and transform us so that our lives may shine with your glory, beauty, and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie

Craig Phillips



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.**

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. 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

Beautiful Savior

Silesian folk tune, arr. F. Melius Christiansen

Text from the Münster Gesangbuch, tr. Joseph A. Seiss

Fair are the meadows, fairer the woodlands,

Robed in flowers of blooming spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,

He makes our sorrowing spirit sing

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!

Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration,

Now and forevermore be Thine

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 14:10-16, 21-23, 26-31
Old Testament, page 60 in pew Bible

Sermon

Tod Bolsinger

"Between the Chariots and the Sea"

*Hymn of Response No. 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

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



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Offertory

Reflections from Iona
John Bell, arr. Karen K. Thompson

*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 No. 265**

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

***Welcome New Members**

***Charge and Benediction**

***Choral Response**

Amen

Orlando Gibbons

***Postlude**

Toccata in G Major

Théodore Dubois

Welcome to our New Members!



Kristi and Jon Baksht moved to Lake Forest 18 months ago from Houston, Texas. They have been members of St. Luke's Methodist in Houston for 17 years, and before that, attended St. Mark's Anglican church while living in London for three years. Kristi grew up in small town East Texas, while Jon grew up in Austin. They are looking forward to being a part of First Presbyterian and deepening their involvement in the church community. Kristi and Jon both attended the University of Texas and are loyal Longhorn fans. Jon completed his MBA at Kellogg and works as the CFO of Pactiv Evergreen. Kristi retired from consulting and Human Resources after becoming a mother and, prior to moving, spent her free time volunteering with Junior League and chairing the Parents Association at her children's school. Kristi and Jon's children are Will, a sophomore at Tulane University; Charlie, a senior at Lake Forest High School; and Sam, a freshman at Lake Forest Academy.



Jim Gould and Marcela Ruiz have moved to Lake Forest the past year after living in the Lincoln Park neighborhood of Chicago for the past 13 years. Marcela and Jim have been members of Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago and were both active in the church. Jim sat on the board of Chicago Lights, the charitable foundation formed by Fourth Presbyterian, and worked on the planning committee for the church's annual fundraiser, the Gala of Hope. Marcela volunteered in Sunday school as a teacher for children ages 3 and 4, and served as a deacon for several years. They have four children who all have left the nest except for Valerie (Izzy) who is 13 years old and in 8th grade at Deerpath Middle School. The family decided to move to Lake Forest to be closer to family and to be back in the town Jim grew up in. They felt First Pres was an easy choice once they attended our first service and "all members welcomed us and made it feel like home."



Pam Hume has found joy in being a member of our First Presbyterian choir! She and her husband Bill grew up in Oak Park and are lifelong Illinois residents. They have lived in Libertyville for 44 years and raised their two sons there. Since retiring after ten years as Executive Director for MainStreet Libertyville, Pam has enjoyed participating in new volunteer opportunities, such as Libertyville Township Food Pantry, garden clubs, and working on the annual Rummage Sale.



Angelica and Andy Knapp are happy to make First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest their new church home. Although they are recent transplants from Northern Illinois, they are very familiar with the area. Andy grew up in Libertyville, where he was baptized and confirmed at the First Presbyterian Church of Libertyville. Angie grew up Catholic in a small town south of Bogotá, Columbia. Angie and Andy met in Washington, DC and were married in 2006 in Girardot, Columbia. Angie is a procurement leader for a large chemical company, and Andy runs government affairs for a global energy company. They have two daughters, Sofi (12) and Alexa (7) who are active in tennis, volleyball, and art.



Kelsey and Wes McGowan moved to Lake Forest in April 2023 and are looking forward to embracing the community at First Pres. Wes graduated from Lake Forest High School and attended First Pres growing up. He has especially fond memories of Work Trip over the years. Kelsey is from Pittsburgh, PA and grew up attending Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church. Kelsey and Wes both went to the University of Michigan and were married downtown at Fourth Presbyterian in 2015. Wes works in Real Estate and Kelsey works in advertising. They enjoy taking their two girls, Wynna (4) and Lily (2), and dog (Goose) to Open Lands to spend time outside and are excited to put down roots in Lake Forest.



Aaron and Kristen Miles moved to Lake Forest in 2020 after living in Chicago for more than 18 years. Aaron grew up in Louisville, CO, and graduated with a degree in finance from the University of Colorado, Boulder. Kristen grew up in Flint, MI; graduated from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and moved to Chicago to complete her Doctoral Degree in Clinical Psychology. She attended the First Presbyterian Church in Flint and Fourth Presbyterian in Chicago. Once they moved to Lake Forest, Kristen and Aaron decided to call First Pres home after meeting a great church community. They have three children who are active in the church's children's programs: Juliana (9), Clarke (7), and Alexandra (5). Aaron works as Vice President of Consulting at Cognizant and coaches his children's sports teams, and Kristen owns a group private psychology practice in Chicago and works as a Licensed Clinical Psychologist.



Michele and Jon Mills are excited to join First Pres and become part of the community. They are both transplants to the Chicago area after growing up in Maryland (Michele) and Texas (Jon). They met in Chicago and were members of Fourth Presbyterian. Since that time, their two girls, Ava (7) and Caroline (4), were born and they have moved to Highland Park. Since moving to the suburbs they have attended First Pres and have appreciated how friendly and inviting the church has been. Their daughters particularly enjoyed the bounce house this summer and other youth activities. Both Michele and Jon attended Big Ten schools, which often put them at a rivalry, and they are frequently convincing their daughters to cheer for their team. Michele is a Nurse Practitioner at Lurie Children's Hospital, and Jon works in sales and travels frequently. Their family enjoys spending time on Lake Michigan, skiing, and traveling.



Jenny Mulliken has lived in Lake Forest for over 13 years. After visiting a variety of churches over the last several years, she is excited to join First Pres. Jenny grew up in Texas and attended the University of Texas at Austin, then moved to Chicago in her twenties for business. She works in medical device marketing and enjoys being active outdoors with friends and family in her free time. Jenny and her husband have two children. Henry is a sophomore at Lake Forest High School, and Eloise is a 7th grader at Deerpath Middle School.



Susie Schlachtenhaufen is originally from the East Coast and moved to Lake Forest in 1999. Her four children, Helen (28), John (25), Will (22), and Lucy (18) all grew up in Lake Forest and are (will be) Lake Forest High School graduates. The older three are Dartmouth graduates (Will graduating this spring). Lucy, who is also joining First Pres, is the youngest and breaking the “green streak” and will be attending the University of Richmond next fall to run Cross Country and Track. Lucy is excited to run D1 next fall and already likes her future “Spider” teammates. Helen runs for Nike out of Boston and Eugene, OR, and hopes to join the US Olympic Team in Paris in 2024. John works for Amazon A.W.S. in Washington, DC, and Will is on the job search as he finishes his senior year at Dartmouth. Susie works part time as a consultant for Wells Fargo and has been one of the beekeepers at Elawa Farm for over a decade. She feels, after 23 years in our community, that Lake Forest is her forever home and looks forward to getting more involved in the church as the nest empties. She and Lucy (3rd and 4th in photo) are both excited to officially be a part of the First Pres church family!

Joys & Concerns

Joys

Welcoming Tod Bolsinger to the pulpit today!

Claire Lindsay Bernardi was born on February 1. She is the baby sister to proud big sisters, Tess and Anna, and loving parents, Kristi and Matthew Bernardi. Dawn Skoien is blessed to have another sweet granddaughter.

Loraine Hillger Seyler, mom of Fred (and Jody) Hillger, grandma to Kelsey (and Andrew) Field, and great grandma to Molly and John Field, turned 100 years old on Friday!

Concerns

George Fossell is recovering from knee surgery.

Susan MacMillan is in rehab for a broken elbow.

Bob Zinn, recovering from surgery in Maine.
Prayers for healing.

The family of Jeannine Giesen who passed away on January 31. A graveside service was held Friday, February 2.

Prayers for the Country and the World

Prayers for safety and release from fear for all those facing disasters, floods, fires, or war, and all those facing major health concerns.

During these times of conflict and uncertainty we pray for those suffering in mind, body, or spirit, that they may feel the Holy Spirit's presence.

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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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

Learn It and Live It 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

Ash Wednesday

February 14

Imposition of Ashes

7:00 AM Chapel

Noon Service

with imposition of ashes

12:00 PM Worship

12:30 PM Lunch

Evening Service

with imposition of ashes

5:00 PM Dinner

6:00 PM Worship

Women's Retreat:

A Pilgrimage

February 23 – 24

We will gather for dinner and fellowship on Friday, and come together on Saturday morning for contemplation followed by a lunch.
firstchurchlf.org/retreat

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

February 25

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be in the Sanctuary, following worship, with the purpose of receiving the budget and electing church officers.

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-up: firstchurchlf.org/groups

Children's Musical: A Technicolor Promise

Wednesday, February 28

Join us for the Annual Children's Musical at First Presbyterian Church! We will tell the tale of Noah and the Ark with songs, a storm, a rainbow and more. *A Technicolor Promise* with music by Allen Pote and text by Carole McMann will be presented in the Sanctuary, and dinner will be served in the Great Room at 5:30 PM. All ages will love this retelling of God's covenant with us and with every living creature on earth.

Mission grant for migrant needs in Lake County

In response to the congregation's desire to support Lake County organizations' efforts addressing migrants' current needs, your Mission Committee has voted to contribute \$5,000 to the emergency fund, Tanda, at Mano A Mano. Tanda is often the only source of assistance for undocumented people in the area who are not eligible for government alternatives. This fund allows Mano to address the influx of migrants in our country. Mano anticipates providing shelter, medication, transportation, and food from local immigrant grocers to over 700 adults and children in the coming months.

For the full church calendar, schedule of ministries, and more: www.firstchurchlf.org

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