



First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

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



LENT 2024

February 18, 2024

Welcome!

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

Today's Service

1st Sunday In Lent

The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are at the heart of the Christian gospel, and Good Friday and Easter are two of the most significant celebrations of the Christian year. Lent is a season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate these important events. The season invites us to make our hearts and minds ready for remembering Jesus' passion and celebrating Jesus' resurrection.

The Revised Common Lectionary scriptures assigned for today are Genesis 9:8-17 and Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15.

Worship Participants

Rev. Kristie W. Finley
Owen Scheuer
Dr. Robert McConnell
Jack Reeder
Sanctuary Choir
Rick Day
Ryder Gamrath
Georgia Sottosanto-Sorenson



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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

O Man, Bewail Thy Great Sin

Johann Sebastian Bach



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

Introit

Day by Day from *Eight Orisons*

Harold Friedell, text by St. Richard of Chichester

Day by day, Dear Lord of thee three things I pray:

To see thee more clearly, Love thee more dearly, Follow thee more nearly, Day by day.

*Call to Worship

Leader: People of the covenant: God does not remember us according to our sins and transgressions.

People: God remembers us according to God's own steadfast love!

Leader: The God of our salvation teaches us right paths and leads us in truth.

People: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness;

All: we put our trust in God.

*Hymn of Praise No. 440

Jesus, Lover of my Soul

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(silent confession...) **God of mercy, we begin this Lenten season in confession.**

We do not live according to your ways, but according to our own. We condone violence, participate in systems of injustice, and use power to our own advantage at the expense of others. Forgive us, we pray, when we are tempted to follow paths other than those you set before us. Amen.

Kyrie

John Arndt, David Gungor, Ian Cron,
Ben Kilgore, and Evan Wickham

Lord, have mer - cy;

Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have

mer - cy.

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Sung Response No. 59

Steadfast Love of the Lord Never Ceases

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God's mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning;
great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.

*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.**

Responsive Psalm

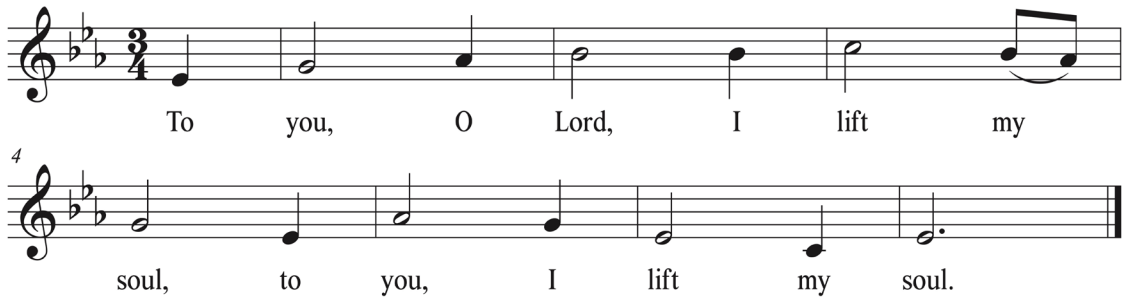
Psalm 25:1-10

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.

People: **Do not let those who wait for you to be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

Sung Refrain:

Marty Haugen



Leader: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.
Lead me in your trust and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

People: **Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

**Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord! Refrain**

Leader: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way.

People: **All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees. Refrain**

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

Old Testament, page 5 in pew Bible

Sermon

Kristie Finley

"Remember"

*Hymn of Response No. 649

Amazing Grace

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

Day by Day

Mark Hayes, text by Carolina Sandell Berg and Otis L. McCoy

All day, all night, angels watchin' over me.

Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me
Draw me nearer to my heavenly goal.
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,
Brings to naught the burdens of my quest;
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,
Where at last I'll find eternal rest.

Day by day, and night by night,
angels watchin' over me.

Day by day, I know you will provide me
strength to serve and wisdom to obey;
I will seek your loving will to guide me
O'er the paths I struggle day by day.

Day by day, your mercies, lord attend me,
Bringing comfort to my anxious soul.

I will fear no evil of the morrow,
I will trust in your enduring grace.
Savior help me bear life's pain and sorrow
Till in glory I behold your face.

Oh, what joy to know that you are near me
When my burdens grow too great to bear;
Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me
When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.
Day by day, no matter what betide me,
You will hold me ever in your hand.
Savior, with your presence here to guide me,
I will reach at last the promised land.

*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. 166

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Response

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

*Postlude

Jesus, Priceless Treasure
Johann Sebastian Bach

Joys & Concerns

Joys

Our Lent small groups beginning to meet this week for community and conversation over *Low Anthropology* by David Zahl.

Concerns

The family of Lois Steans, Addie Morrison's sister-in-law, who passed away on February 5. The family held a private service.

Nancy Orbison is having surgery for breast cancer and beginning treatment.

George Fossell is recovering from knee surgery.

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. Lord may they feel comforted by your presence.

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

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

Diane Quinn

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Arrange a Wedding or Baptism

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Join our Music Ministry

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Mission & Outreach

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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

Lenten Small Groups

Small groups are meeting for the purpose of community and conversation throughout the season of Lent. Groups will read and discuss the book, *Low Anthropology*, by David Zahl. Books are available for purchase at the Lake Forest Bookstore. firstchurchlf.org/groups

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

Save the Date for the Spring Rummage Sale! Saturday, May 4

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.

Children's Musical: A Technicolor Promise Wednesday, February 28, 5:00 PM

The Annual Children's Musical presents *A Technicolor Promise*, with music by Allen Pote and text by Carole McMann, telling the tale of Noah and the Ark with songs, a storm, a rainbow, and more. Join us in the Sanctuary, and stay for supper 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.

David Zahl: Author of Low Anthropology Sunday, March 3

Author David Zahl will be guest preaching as part of our exploration of his book, *Low Anthropology*. All are invited to join us in reading his book. After worship, stay for a conversation with David at 10:45 AM.

Associate Pastor Search

The First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest is actively seeking an Associate Pastor for Faith Formation. The Associate Pastor will have overall responsibility for overseeing and leading the faith formation efforts with special emphasis on children, youth, and their families. For more information, you may read the full job description at firstchurchlf.org/apnc.

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