



# First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

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



# LENT 2024

February 25, 2024

**Welcome!**

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

# Today's Service

## 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 17:1-7, 15-16 and Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9.

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## Worship Participants

Rev. Jon Wasson  
Rev. Kristie W. Finley  
Dr. Robert McConnell  
Jack Reeder  
Daniel Makins  
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

### Dunlap's Creek

James Biery



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

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down;

**People: let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.**

Leader: The hour is coming and is now here.

**All: In spirit and truth, let us worship God.**

### \*Hymn of Praise No. 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

(silent confession...) **Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. Amen.**

## Kyrie

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

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Lord, have mer - cy;

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

mer - cy.

The musical score for the Kyrie is written on three staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, with the lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy;" written below. The second staff continues the melody, with lyrics "Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have" written below. The third staff starts with a 2/4 time signature, then changes to 4/4, and ends with a double bar line. The lyrics "mer - cy." are written below the first measure of this staff.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to come forward, and 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> 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 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.**

## New Testament Reading

Romans 7:15-25

New Testament, page 158 in pew Bible

## Sermon

Jon Wasson

"Doubleness"

## \*Hymn of Response No. 415

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

## 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

Original Music

Daniel Makins

## \*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. 450

Be Thou My Vision

## \*Charge and Benediction

### \*Congregational Response

Now To Him Who is Able

Robert McConnell

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (indicated by two sharps), and 12/8 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a repeat sign and contains the lyrics 'Now to him who is ab - le to do far more than we ask or think, ac -'. The second staff starts with a measure rest of 3 measures, followed by the lyrics 'cord - ing to the pow - er at work with - in us, to'. The third staff starts with a measure rest of 5 measures, followed by the lyrics 'him be glor - y in the church, and in Christ Je - sus, through-'. The fourth staff starts with a measure rest of 7 measures, followed by the lyrics 'out all gen - er - a - tions, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.' The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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## \*Postlude

# Joys & Concerns

## Joys

The Children's Musical on Wednesday!

## Concerns

Lindsay Reed Peeler, prayers for God's healing and positive outcome from her visit and MRI at MD Anderson on February 26 and 27.

Carla Seidel's brother, Scott, in Denver undergoing treatment for advanced staged cancer.

Susan Noble shares that her brave cousin, Lynn Dornfeld, a fighter and positive light in the world, died of cancer on February 19.

Tom Reeves and his family on the death of his brother-in-law, Walter Heinold, on February 10.

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 who is having surgery for breast cancer and beginning treatment.

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](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

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### Arrange a Wedding or Baptism

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## Weekly Ministries

For details or to join our small groups, contact Sarah Seccombe at [sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org](mailto: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

## **Children's Musical: A Technicolor Promise Wednesday, February 28**

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 at 5:00 PM, 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.

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

## **Annual Meeting of the Congregation Today, 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.

## **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.

## **Sunday School Volunteers**

Looking to live out your Baptismal promise to our kids? Help with Sunday school as a teacher or assistant. No previous experience required, and training will be provided. If you are interested, contact Rachel Magnusson at [rmagnusson@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:rmagnusson@firstchurchlf.org).

## **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](http://firstchurchlf.org/apnc).

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