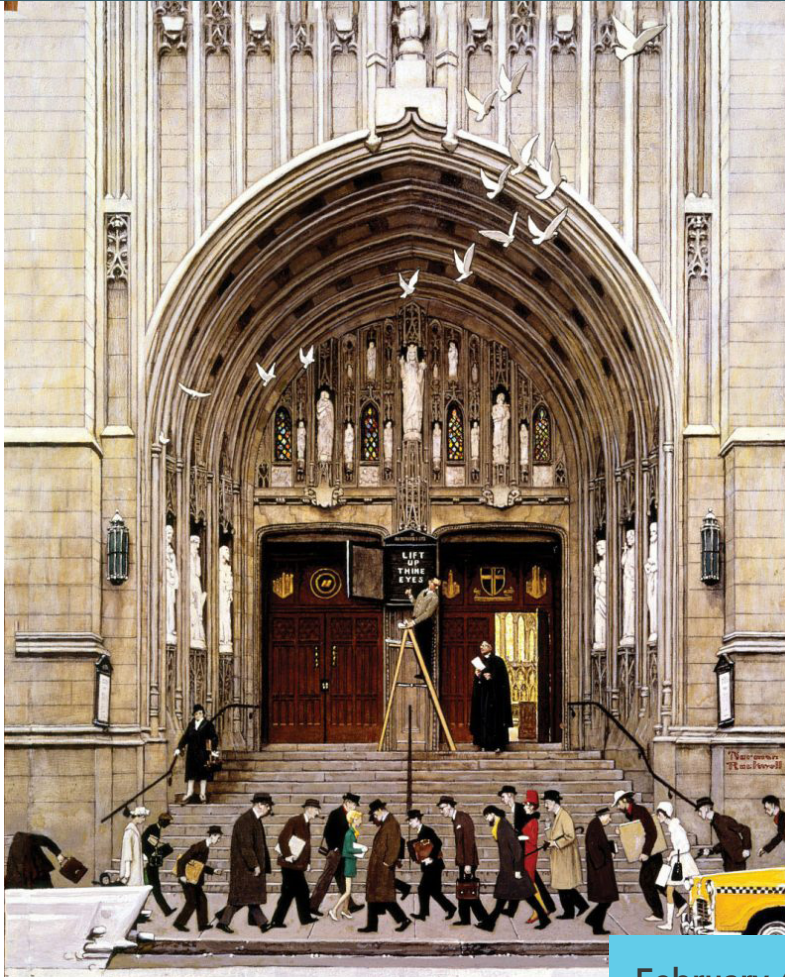




First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

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



February 4, 2024

Welcome!

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

Today's Service

5th 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 Isaiah 40:21-31 and Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39.

Cover: Lift Up Thine Eyes, 1957, by Norman Rockwell

Worship Participants

Rev. Jon Wasson
Rev. Kristie W. Finley
Dr. Robert McConnell
Jack Reeder
Susan Noble
Anika Kinnear, Horn
Cherub and Carol Choirs
Sanctuary Choir
Rick Day
Ryder Gamrath
Georgia Sottosanto-Sorenson



Give

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or go to FirstChurchLF.org/give.

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

Reverie, Op. 24
Alexander Glazunov



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

This is the Day from *A Technicolor Promise*

Music by Allen Pote, Text by Carole McCann

This is the day that God has made, the world shines fresh and bright, a day of new beginnings, filled with peace and light.

This is the day that God has made, and God will not destroy, a day of true rejoicing, filled with hope and joy.

See the promise in the sky, shimmering there to testify, give thanks and praise, always, God is love.

*Call to Worship

Leader: Have we not known? Have we not heard?

People: Has it not been told to us since the beginning?

Leader: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

People: they shall mount up with wings like eagles;

Leader: they shall run and not be weary;

All: they shall walk and not faint.

*Hymn of Praise No. 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(silent confession...) **God, you are everlasting, the creator of all that is. Your understanding is beyond measure. We confess to you that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. In your compassion, forgive us, for we place our hope in your steadfast love. Amen.**

Kyrie

Craig Phillips

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

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

A Technicolor Promise from A Technicolor Promise

Music by Allen Pote, Words by Carole McCann

Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, Violet.

A Technicolor Promise painted in the sky, seven lovely colors pleasing to the eye, glowing with a sparkle that fills the earth with light, shining after every rain, a banner true and bright.

A vivid rainbow promise telling you and me something very special, which will always be a truth for all the ages: God sees with eyes of grace and fills the universe with love for all the human race.

A covenant that God almighty made so long ago, a bond of love from up above to let all people know that never more by wind and rain would God destroy the earth. By sacred sign to humankind God signifies our worth.

*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

Following the Prayer of Dedication, children in preschool through 4th grade may leave for a group lesson in the Chapel. Middle Schoolers are encouraged to stay in worship. Children will return to the sanctuary during the Hymn of Response and join their families for Communion.

Anthem

Lift Thine Eyes from *Elijah*

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help.
Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved. Thy Keeper will never slumber.

—Psalm 121 v. 1-4

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:21-31

Old Testament, page 668 in pew Bible

Sermon

Jon Wasson

“Lift Up Thine Eyes”

*Hymn of Response No. 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*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 sin; 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 Secret of Christ

Richard Shephard

For a long time I have held my peace,
But now will I speak.
I will lead the blind in a way they know not, in paths that they have
not known I will guide them.
I will turn their darkness into light, and I will not forsake them.

And he showed me a pure river of the water of life,
Clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God;
And on either side of the river was there a tree of life,
And the leaves of the trees were for the healing of nations.

Help us, Lord, to persevere in prayer with minds awake and thankful hearts,
That we may share the secret of Christ with those we meet on our earthly pilgrimage,
Following in the steps of Jesus, our Master and our friend.
Amen.

—Isaiah 42:14-16, Revelation 22:1-3, and The Pilgrim Prayer (Colossians 4:2-4)

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Hymn of Sending** (see insert)

The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte

***Charge and Benediction**

***Choral Response**

Choral Amen

***Postlude**

St. Denio

J. Bert Carlson

Joys & Concerns

Joys

The joy of welcoming two new members to staff, Karla Finley as our Executive Assistant to the Senior Pastor and Rachel Magnusson as Interim Director of Children!

Concerns

Don Murphy at home recovering after a hospital stay.

Gretchen Seymour's father, Bob Zinn, recovering from surgery in Maine. Prayers for healing.

Marj Swansen fell and is recovering well at her son's home.

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

George Baker, Jack, Roy, and Peter McNicholas' great grandfather, passed away.

Lois Switzer fell and broke her hip. She is recovering well and rehabbing after surgery.

Adam and Christy Lang Harelson whose church in Philadelphia suffered a fire.

Todd Troyer is home from rehab following a car accident.

Prayer Chain We are a church that prays for each other, celebrating life's joys and supporting each other in time of need. You may submit your prayers to prayerchain@firstchurchlf.org. Please know that your prayers will be held in strict confidence.

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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

Tuesday Morning 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

Kids Dinner and a Movie: Turning Red **Saturday, February 10**

Children and middle schoolers are invited to a casual dinner and a movie, with pizza, popcorn, and fellowship, while the parents enjoy a night out! 5:00 – 7:30 PM in the Great Room. We will provide pizza, popcorn, snacks and drinks. Bring your sleeping bag, pillow, and stuffy, and wear pajamas or comfy clothes! firstchurchlf.org/movie

Ash Wednesday **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 **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

Dinner & Trivia

Today, February 4

Join us for a fun night of friendly competition and fundraising for our Senior High Work Trip. All ages are welcome! 5:30 – 7:30 PM in the Great Room. Serving Paul Roeck's award winning chili, Heather Strong's almost famous Corn Bread, salad, and dessert! firstchurchlf.org/trivia

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

Guest Preacher: Tod Bolsinger

Sunday, February 11

Author, professor, and congregational strategist Tod Bolsinger will lead our Session retreat on Saturday, February 10, and preach in worship on Sunday, February 11. Tod has extensive experience in church and non-profit consulting and is one of the leading experts on helping churches navigate change transition.

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.

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