



First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

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



LENT 2024

March 17, 2024

Welcome!

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

Today's Service

5th 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 Jeremiah 31:31-34 and Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33.

Worship Participants

Rev. Jon Wasson
Rev. Kristie W. Finley
Dr. Robert McConnell
Jack Reeder
Sanctuary Choir
Susan Noble
Cherub and Carol Choirs
Ryder Gamrath



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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

Great is Thy Faithfulness

David Miller



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

Love the Lord
Austin Lovelace

Love the Lord with all your heart.
Love the Lord and love each other.
I will love the Lord with all my heart.

Love the Lord with all your soul.
Love the Lord with all your being.
I will love the Lord with all my soul.

Seek the Lord with all your mind.
In God's Word His truth I find.
I will seek the Lord with all my mind.

Serve the Lord with all your strength,
Heart and soul and mind and strength,
I will serve the Lord with all I am.

*Call to Worship

Leader: In times of security and in times of uncertainty,

People: O Lord, you hear our prayers.

Leader: Confident in your faithfulness,

People: We will ever praise your name.

Leader: Through the abundance of your steadfast love
you have gathered us into your house.

**All: In the holiness of your presence,
we bow down to worship and adore you.**

*Hymn of Praise No. 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(silent confession...) **Holy God, you promise us a life full of blessing, but we do not always believe. You incite us to hope, but we fall back into fear. You urge us to give freely, but we cling to what we have. You call us to watch at all times for you, but we grow lazy and self-absorbed. Forgive us. Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts, and keep us alert to the wonders you work in the world every day. For the sake of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

Kyrie

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

5 Lord, have mer - cy;

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

10 mer - cy.

The musical score 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. The second staff starts at measure 5 and continues the melody. The third staff starts at measure 10 and concludes the piece with a double bar line. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding measures of the melody.

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.**

Anthem

A New Song
James MacMillan

O sing unto the Lord a new song,
Sing unto the Lord all the whole earth.
Sing unto the Lord and praise His Name,
Be telling of his salvation from day to day.
For He cometh to judge the earth,
And with righteousness to judge the world
And the people with His truth.

—Psalm 96:1-2,13

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Old Testament, page 735 in pew Bible

Sermon

Jon Wasson

"A New Covenant"

*Hymn of Response No. 282

Come Down, O Love Divine

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

Lamb of God
F. Melius Christiansen

Lamb of God most holy!
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Patient still and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer;
Our sins by Thee were taken,
Or hope had us forsaken:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus!

—Nikolaus Decius

*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. 39

Great is Thy Faithfulness

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Response

Choral Amen
James MacMillan

*Postlude

O Welt, Ich Muss Dich Lassen
Johannes Brahms

Joys & Concerns

Concerns

Lee Enz and his family on the death of his wife, Marilyn Enz, on March 10. A memorial will take place in the Sanctuary on Saturday, March 23, at 11:00 AM.

Jan McNicholas' family, especially her sister Jenny and her daughters, on the death of Jan's brother-in-law, Fred McCahey.

Bob Shaw is in rehab for a broken femur.

Nancy Orbison's surgery for cancer was successful and she will continue with treatment.

Beth Miller's surgery on March 5 was successful.

Peter Vander Velde recovering from a broken clavicle.

Prayers for the Country and the World

Draw us near O Lord. We need your comfort and assurance these days as weather continues to impact the world, give relief to those impacted. Draw near, O Lord, to those who are hungry, make us instruments of your compassion and care, to those in Gaza, Africa, and the middle east. Draw near, O Lord, to those suffering in mind, body, or spirit, that your presence be a reminder of all you offer us and let hope grow through your love. 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 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

Stewart Kerr

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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

Holy Week

Palm Sunday

March 24

9:30 AM Worship,
Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday

March 28

5:30 PM Great Room

Good Friday

March 29

7:00 PM Tenebrae,
Sanctuary

EASTER SUNDAY March 31

Sunrise Service

6:30 AM, South Lawn
Join us for coffee and a light
breakfast in the Great Room
following worship.

Traditional Services

9:00 and 11:00 AM,
Sanctuary

Easter Egg Hunt

10:00 AM, South Lawn
Bring your Easter baskets!

Easter Flowers

As we look forward to Easter, offerings for flowers are welcomed in memory or honor of a loved one, to beautify the sanctuary and remind us of the glory of God's creation and Christ's resurrection. If you are offering Easter flowers in honor or memory of a loved one and would like for their names to be printed in the Easter bulletin, please have your donations in by Tuesday, March 26. firstchurchlf.org/flowers

Parents Paddle Night

Saturday, April 6, 7:00 – 10:00 PM

Parents with children up to 4th grade are invited to a night of paddle and fellowship at The Winter Club! Dinner will be included, along with a cash bar. No paddle background is needed and there will be extra paddles, or just come for the fellowship! Registration: firstchurchlf.org/paddle

Maundy Thursday Dinner Church

Thursday, March 28

Join us for Dinner Church in the Great Room at 5:30 PM, when we gather around the table for supper, worship, and communion as we reflect on the Last Supper of Jesus and his disciples. RSVP: firstchurchlf.org/dinner

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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