



First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

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



LENT 2024

March 3, 2024

Welcome!

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

Today's Service

3rd 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 Exodus 20:1-17 and Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22.

Worship Participants

David Zahl
Rev. Jon Wasson
Rev. Kristie W. Finley
Dr. Robert McConnell
Jack Reeder
Sanctuary Choir
Mark May, soloist
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

“K” and “G” from *Annum per Annum*

Arvo Pärt



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

May the Words

Max Helfman, Psalm 19:14

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart
be acceptable unto you, O God, my Rock and my Redeemer.

*Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!
Once we lived in darkness, but now—

People: as children of light, we are called to what is good and right and true.

Leader: Jesus, Light of the World,

All: give us eyes to see as you see!

*Hymn of Praise (see insert)

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(silent confession...) **Healing God of majesty and glory, we are thirsty for your grace. You made a way for us in the wilderness, and still, in our foolishness, we go astray. We hide our eyes from your presence. We do not listen to your word. We are lifeless when we ought to dance and speechless when we ought to sing. Forgive us, O Lord. Speak peace to our fearful hearts, strengthen our weak hands, and make firm our feeble knees as we seek to follow in your holy way. Amen.**

Kyrie

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

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10

Lord, have mer - cy;

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

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, with the lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy;' written below. The second staff starts with a measure rest, followed by a half note, then a quarter note, and continues with the lyrics 'Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have'. The third staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a half note, then a quarter note, and continues with the lyrics 'mer - cy.'. The time signature changes to 2/4 at the end of the second staff and back to 4/4 at the beginning of the third staff.

* PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE.

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.

Following Passing the Peace, 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.

Invitation to the Offering



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Offertory

Wie der Hirsch from *Psalms* 42

Felix Mendelssohn

As the deer longs for flowing streams,
so longs my soul for you, O God.

*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

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

New Testament, page 166 in pew Bible

Sermon

David Zahl

"The Lunacy of Lent"

*Hymn of Response No. 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

*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

Panis Angelicus

César Franck

The bread of angels
Has become the bread of mortals.
The bread of heaven puts
All foreshadowing to an end.
What a wonder!
The poor, the servant, and the humble
Are fed by their Lord.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Sending

The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte

Our Fa-ther, which art in heav-en, Hal-low-ed be Thy name. Thy king-dom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly
bread, And for-give us our debts, as we for-give our debt-ors. And lead us not in-to temp-
ta - tion but de - liv - er us from e - vil; For Thine is the king - dom, and the
power, and the glo-ry for - ev - er, A - men. A - men.

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*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Response

Amen

Orlando Gibbons

*Postlude

Toccata in B minor

Eugène Gigout

Joys & Concerns

Joys

The Children's Musical on Wednesday.

David Zahl, author of *Low Anthropology*, joining us today in the pulpit.

Concerns

Peter Vander Velde recovering from a broken clavicle.

Nancy Orbison having surgery for cancer tomorrow, March 4.

Beth Miller having surgery on Tuesday, March 5.

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.

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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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

Sunday School Volunteers

Looking to live out your Baptismal promise to the children of our church? 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.

Worship Volunteers

If you are eager to meet and welcome new people, and would like to serve during worship on Sundays, we are always looking for volunteers! Invite a friend or family to sign up with you. We need ushers, communion servers, and liturgists! Email info@firstchurchlf.org.

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

David Zahl: Author of *Low Anthropology* Sunday, March 3

Join Jon Wasson and David Zahl for a conversation about *Low Anthropology* as part of our exploration of the book. All are invited to the discussion at 10:45 AM in the South Parlor.

Dave is the founder and director of Mockingbird Ministries, an organization devoted to connecting the Christian faith with the realities of everyday life in fresh and down-to-earth ways. His most recent books include the critically acclaimed *Seculosity: How Career, Parenting, Technology, Food, Politics, and Romance Became Our New Religion and What to Do about It* and *Low Anthropology: The Unlikely Key to a Gracious View of Others (and Yourself)*. He lives with his wife and three boys in Charlottesville, Virginia, where he also serves on the staff of Christ Episcopal Church.

Coffee and a Cause Thursday, March 14

Coffee and a Cause is a social gathering for parents to get together while also dedicating time to service work. This month's service project supports Allendale's STAR (Shelter & Transitional Adolescent Resources) program for runaway lock-out & homeless youth. Join us in the Great Room from 9:00 – 10:00 AM for coffee and fellowship, while we pack up essentials for Allendale. If you'd like to donate items, please pick up a list of supplies by the hospitality desk!

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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