



# First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

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



May 12, 2024

**Welcome!**

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

# Today's Service

## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter

Because the good news of Easter can hardly be contained in a single day's celebration, Easter marks the beginning of the season of Eastertide, the fifty days that lead up to Pentecost. This season is designed for extended celebration, for exploring the meaning of Christ's resurrection, and for joyful Christian living.

The Revised Common Lectionary scriptures assigned for today are Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 and Psalm 1 or Jeremiah 10:1-10a and Psalm 108; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19.

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## Worship Participants

Rev. Jon Wasson  
Rev. Kristie Finley  
Dr. Robert McConnell  
Jack Reeder  
Sanctuary Choir  
Rick Day  
Ryder Gamrath  
Georgia Sottosanto-Sorenson

**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

"Lied" from *Twenty-four Pieces in Free Style*  
Louis Vierne



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.



## Give

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scan the QR code  
or go to [FirstChurchLF.org/give](http://FirstChurchLF.org/give).

# The Welcome

## Introit

Psalm 121

Henry Walford Davies

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help.  
My help cometh even from the Lord: who hath made heaven and earth.  
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.  
Behold, he that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep.  
The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defense upon thy right hand;  
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night.  
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.  
The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in: from this time forth for evermore.  
—Psalm 121, Book of Common Prayer

## \*Call to Worship

Adapted from Psalm 1

Leader: Happy are those who do not ridicule and scoff

**People: but who delight in God's teachings  
and meditate on them day and night.**

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water.

**People: They yield fruit in due season,  
and their leaves do not wither.**

**All: Let us worship God.**

## \*Hymn of Praise No. 265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

(silent confession...) **God, though you call us to delight in your teachings, we can become cynical and full of doubt. Do not judge us, we pray, but heal us and restore us to you. Guard us and protect us from evil, and sanctify us in truth; in Jesus' name. 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.**

## 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.**

## Anthem

Ubi Caritas

Ola Gjeilo

Where charity and love are, God is there.  
Christ's love has gathered us into one.  
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.  
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.  
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.  
—10th Century French Latin Hymn

## New Testament Reading

John 17:6-19

New Testament, page 111 in pew Bible

## Sermon

Jon Wasson

"We are Volunteers"

## \*Hymn of Response No. 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

## \*Affirmation of Faith

from *Our World Belongs to God*, st. 41

**Leader:** Joining the mission of God, the church is sent with the gospel of the kingdom to call everyone to know and follow Christ and to proclaim to all the assurance that in the name of Jesus there is forgiveness of sin and new life for all who repent and believe.

**People:** **The Spirit calls all members to embrace God's mission in their neighborhoods and in the world. To feed the hungry, bring water to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and free the prisoner. This mission is central to our being.**

## 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

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

Andrew Carter

Holy Spirit, Truth divine,  
dawn upon this soul of mine;  
Breath of God and inward Light  
wake my spirit, clear my sight.

Holy Spirit, Love divine,  
glow within this heart of mine;  
kindle every high desire;  
perish self in thy pure fire.

Holy Spirit, Power divine  
fill and nerve this will of mine;  
by thee may I strongly live,  
bravely bear and nobly strive.

Holy Spirit, Right divine,  
King within my conscience reign;  
be my Lord, and I shall be  
firmly bound, forever free.

Holy Spirit, Peace divine,  
still this restless heart of mine;  
speak to calm this tossing sea,  
stayed in thy tranquility.

Holy Spirit, Joy divine,  
gladden thou this heart of mine;  
in the desert ways I sing,  
"Spring, O Well, forever spring."

—From *Hymns of the Spirit* by Samuel Longfellow

## \*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

## \*Hymn of Sending No. 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

## \*Charge and Benediction

### \*Choral Response

Choral Amen

John Stainer

## \*Postlude

March on a Theme by Handel, op. 15, no. 2

Alexandre Guilmant

# Joys & Concerns

## Joys

Graduation season is upon us, including Lake Forest College's commencement on Saturday, May 11.

## Concerns

For the family of Don Murphy, who died May 8. Wife, Vicki Murphy, daughters Kendall Severson and Amanda Starkey and their families. A service is being planned.

Bob Lindquist had a successful quadruple bypass surgery on Thursday, May 9.

For Megan Whalley Vlahakis, her husband Andrew, and their family. Megan had fetal surgery last week, which she and the baby tolerated well and are now home recovering.

The family of Pat Cummings, whose brother, John Gilbert, died on April 21.

The family of Bill Hensel, whose sister, Sandra Dever, died on April 21.

The family of Polly Scott, who died Tuesday, April 30. A memorial service was held on Friday, May 10.

The family of William Brandt, who died Sunday, April 28. A service was held Friday, May 3.

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 prayer 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

Diane Quinn

[engagement@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:engagement@firstchurchlf.org)

### Arrange a Wedding or Baptism

Sarah Seccombe

[sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org)

### Join our Music Ministry

Robert McConnell

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### Mission & Outreach

Stewart Kerr

[skerr@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:skerr@firstchurchlf.org)

## 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

### THURSDAYS

#### Daybreakers Men's Bible Study

6:30 AM, South Parlor/Zoom

### FRIDAYS

#### Men of Corinth Bible Study

7:00 AM, South Parlor/Zoom

# Announcements

## Spring Rummage Sale

The Spring Rummage Sale last weekend exceeded last year's total dollars raised for our over 30 mission partners. Gratitude and sincere thanks are extended to all of the volunteers whose countless hours of work assured this effort. All items not sold were retrieved by WINGS and Love, INC. in Lake County to benefit the individuals that depend on their services.

## Worship Volunteers

If you are eager to meet and welcome new people, and would like to serve on Sundays, we are looking for volunteers to add to our roster of ushers, greeters, and liturgists. To learn more, email Sarah Seccombe at [sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org)

## Sunday School Volunteers

We need help with Sunday School (and Playground church this Summer) 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)

## Vacation Bible School

**June 12 – 14 and 16**

Open to children age 4 by December 31 through entering 4<sup>th</sup> grade. This year's VBS theme is Scuba: Diving Into Friendship with God.

VBS is volunteer-based, so we also need your help to make this a success! Register by Monday, June 3. Details and registration: [firstchurchlf.org/vbs](http://firstchurchlf.org/vbs)

## High School Senior Commissioning

**May 19, 9:30AM**

Join us in worship as we celebrate and pray for our High School Seniors as they prepare to embark on the next phase of life! For more details contact Anne Winebrenner at [awinebrenner@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:awinebrenner@firstchurchlf.org)

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Bible Sunday

**May 19, 9:30AM**

Celebrate our 4<sup>th</sup> graders flying up to the middle school program this fall as they receive a new Bible. For more information contact Rachel Magnusson at [rmagnusson@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:rmagnusson@firstchurchlf.org)

## Senior High Work Trip Tool Training

**May 19, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Work Trip participants and advisors are getting together for tool training prior to their Work Trip this June. To learn more about Work Trip 2024 contact Anne Winebrenner at [awinebrenner@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:awinebrenner@firstchurchlf.org)

## Pastoral Care

If you have a pastoral care need, please email us at [pastoralcare@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:pastoralcare@firstchurchlf.org) or call the church to speak with Sarah Seccombe.

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