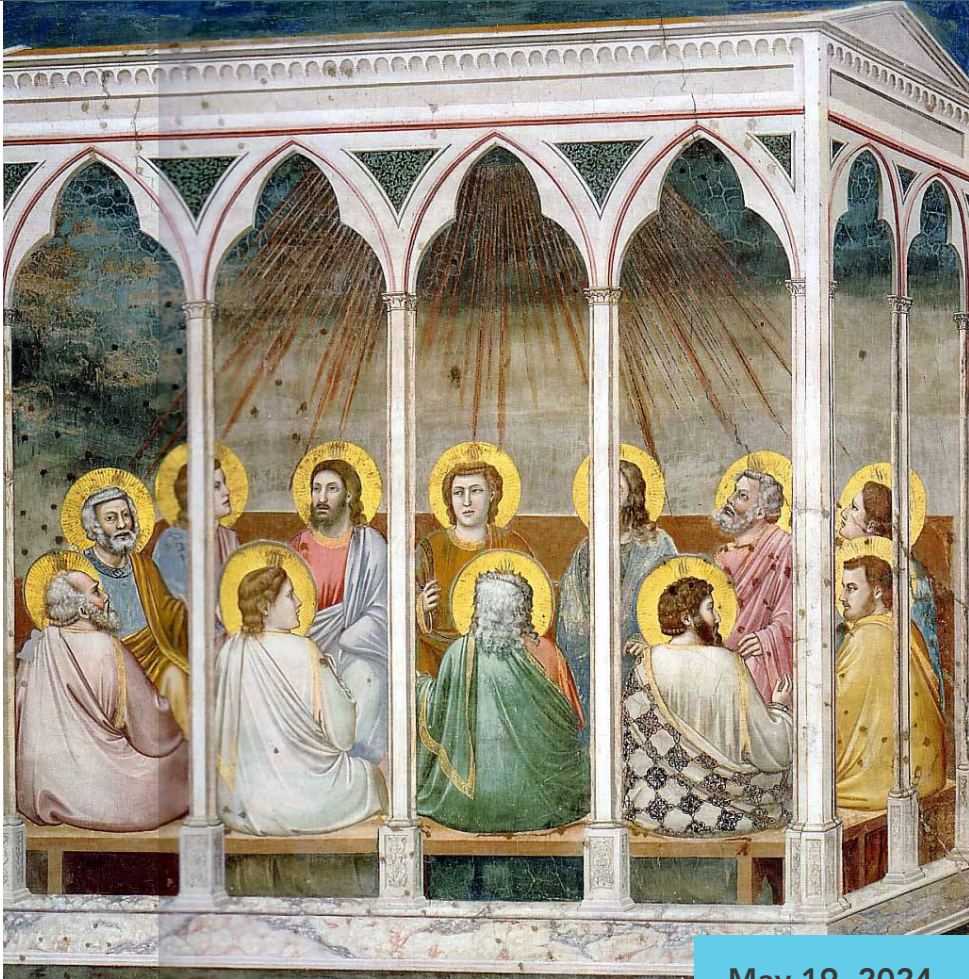




First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

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



May 19, 2024

Welcome!

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

Today's Service

Day of Pentecost

Ten days after the ascension of Christ and fifty days after his resurrection, the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples on the day of Pentecost. Pentecost symbolizes a new beginning. It celebrates the unleashing of the Holy Spirit on the world and the empowering of the church to reach the world with the gospel. In celebrating Pentecost, the church expresses its gratitude for the faithfulness of Christ in fulfilling his promise to "send another" and celebrates the work of the Spirit in renewing all of creation.

The Revised Common Lectionary scriptures assigned for today are Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14 and Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15.

Cover: Pentecost (Scrovegni Chapel, Padua), 1306, painting by Giotto di Bondone

Worship Participants

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



Give

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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

Songs of Thanks and Praise

arr. Sharon Elery Rogers



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

I Will Not Leave You Comfortless
Everett Titcomb

I will not leave you comfortless
I will come to you yet again:
And your heart shall be joyful.
Alleluia.

—John 14:18

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Spirit blows life through us all.

People: We gather in the renewing life the Spirit gives us.

Leader: Let us worship with great joy and celebrate the new life among us.

People: We bring praise and song, joy and laughter before God!

All: Let the world hear our praises!

*Hymn of Praise No. 282

Come Down, O Love Divine

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(silent confession...) **Holy and Merciful God, we know too well our constant failures to do as you have commanded and to hold fast to your word. Forgive us for the divisions we nurture, guide us to your way. We trust your word that the Spirit of truth will show us all things and grant us courage and peace. Amen.**

Kyrie

Craig Phillips

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Assurance of Forgiveness

* PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE.

*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.**

Senior Commissioning

Charlie Baksht, Clare Crawford, Mack Jones, Marcos Roeck, Charlie Savage, Lucy Schlachtenhaufen, Zach Shoemaker, Miles Specketer, Russell Stewart, Sadie Strong, Logan Uihlein, Scott Weston, and Lexie Zitko.

4th Grade Bible Presentation

4th graders are invited to come forward. Following the presentation, children through 4th grade will go to their Faith Building classrooms. Please pick up your children on the 2nd floor following worship.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Anthem

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit
Traditional Spiritual arr. Moses Hogan

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

On the mountain, my Lord spoke, out his mouth came fire and smoke.
Down in the valley, on my knees, asked my Lord have mercy please.

Jordan river, chilly and cold, chills the body not the soul.
All around me looked so fine, asked my Lord if all was mine.

Ain't but one train on this track, runs to heaven and right back.
St. Peter waitin' at the gate, said come on sinner, don't be late.

New Testament Reading

Acts 2:1-21
New Testament, page 119 in pew Bible

Sermon

Jon Wasson

"Birthday of the Church"

*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 sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn of Response No. 321

The Church's One Foundation

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

Meditation on *Beautiful Savior*

Cathy Moglebust

*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. 295

Go to the World!

* PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE.

***Charge and Benediction**

***Choral Response**

Choral Amen

John Stainer

***Postlude**

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Adolphus Hailstork

We reached out to our high school seniors and their parents, asking where they are graduating from, their favorite memory from over the years here at First Pres, and if they had any prayer requests

Marcos Roeck

Lake Forest High School

Favorite memory: going on my first work trip

Prayer Request: For courage in my new adventures.

Sadie Strong

Lake Forest High School

Favorite memory (from mom): Sadie working in the Housewares Tent, going home to change into her dress, and stopping back by the rummage sale for photos on the way to prom.

Prayer Request: Praying for college campuses and students around the world; may peace prevail and focus return to academic pursuits for all.

Logan Uihlein

Lake Forest High School

Favorite memory: going to the rummage set up and clean up and seeing a bunch of people having fun working.

Scott Weston

Lake Forest High School

Favorite memory: the two work trips I attended. Getting to spend a week with the best people in the whole world, working on projects that make a huge impact on peoples' lives, along with the countless ice cream runs after long days and worship after dinner - it's those memories that make it so hard to leave!

Prayer Request: Prayers to everyone who helped award me the Evans Scholarship, as well as prayers for good grades and meeting new people in a brand, new place.

Joys & Concerns

Joys

Cathie Cecchi's first great-granddaughter, Addison Brooke DeChiara, was born on May 13 in Kenosha, WI.

Concerns

Larry Crone is in rehab.

For Lynn Heizer and her family on the death of her brother, Stephen Hill.

For Jim Mayhall and his family on the death of his mother, Lois Mayhall Reinhart, on May 12.

For the family of Dan Cassin, who died May 11. Son, Dwight and daughter Laurie.

For the family of Don Murphy, who died May 8. Wife, Vicki Murphy, daughters Kendall Severson and Amanda Starkey and their families. A service will be on Friday, June 21 at 2pm.

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

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 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

Sarah Seecombe

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Join our Music Ministry

Robert McConnell

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Mission & Outreach

Stewart Kerr

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Weekly Ministries

For details or to join our small groups, contact Sarah Seecombe at sseecombe@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

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 members to sign up with you. We are looking to add to our roster of volunteers for ushers and greeters. To learn more, email Sarah Seccombe at ssecombe@firstchurchlf.org

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

Boy Scouts Flower Sale

The Boy Scouts will be selling the remaining flowers from their annual sale today in front of the Cottage in the Deerpath Parking Lot.

Playground Church

Sundays, May 26 - September 1

Children ages 3 years through 2nd grade will start in worship and head off for a time of informal Sunday School that includes bible stories, activities, games, crafts and free play on the playground.

Allen Hilton

Sunday, June 2

Join us as we welcome Allen Hilton, guest preacher on Sunday, June 2 at 9:30 AM.

Work Trip Blessing

Sunday, June 2

Join us as we bless the 2024 Work Trip participants and advisors before they head off to Higgin's Lake on June 9.

Vacation Bible School

June 12 – 14 and 16

Open to children age 4 by December 31 through entering 4th 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

Pastoral Care

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

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