



# First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

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



May 26, 2024

**Welcome!**

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

# Today's Service

## Ordinary Time

The times between Christmas and Lent and between Pentecost and Advent are known as "Ordinary Time," time outside the two great seasons of the liturgical calendar. The truth is there is nothing ordinary — if by ordinary we mean less important — about this time. During this time we are invited into faithful attention to what it means to live out daily what we say we believe.

The Revised Common Lectionary scriptures assigned for today are Isaiah 6:1-8 and Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17.

*Cover: The Trinity, 1411 (or 1425-27) by Andrei Rublev*

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## Worship Participants

Rev. Jon Wasson  
Rev. Kristie Finley  
Dr. Robert McConnell  
Jack Reeder  
Daniel Makins  
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 through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
During worship, Playground  
*On Communion Sundays, children will go to the Playground 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



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

Trinity Song  
Sandra McCracken

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

People: **We have gathered to hear the story of God and God's people.**

Leader: It is a story of God's mercy and steadfast love.

People: **It is our story, for we are God's people.**

All: **Inspire us, oh God, to faithfulness, to mercy, to steadfast love. Let us become a people who reflect your image.**

### \*Hymn of Praise No. 415

Come, Ye Sinners Poor and Needy

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

(silent confession...) Triune God, we praise you as the God of love and life.

Though Jesus prayed that we would be one, we confess that we fail to live in unity with each other and with you. We break our communion through hostile words and unkind actions. We long for your Spirit to heal us and to correct us.

We long for you to help us experience communion with you and with each other.

Even now, dependent on your grace, we commit ourselves to live more fully in the unity you desire. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

## Kyrie

Land of Rest

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have  
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;  
Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

\* PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE.

## 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 will go to playground church afterwards. Please pick up your children on the playground 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.**

## New Testament Reading

John 3:1-17

New Testament, page 93 in pew Bible

## Sermon

Kristie Finley

"The Unpredictable Spirit"

### \*Hymn of Response No. 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

## 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.

## Service of Ordination and Installation

### Constitutional Questions

### Congregational Questions

Leader: Do we, members of the church, accept these servants as elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**People: We do.**

Leader: Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church?

**People: We do.**

### Prayer of Ordination and the Laying On of Hands

Leader: Almighty God: in every age you have chosen servants to speak your word and lead your loyal people. We thank you for these people whom you have called to serve you. Give them special gifts to do their special work; and fill them with Holy Spirit, so they may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and be faithful disciples as long as they live.

**People: God of grace, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation: give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us; that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.**

### Declaration of Ordination and Installation

## Invitation to the Offering



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Thank you for your generosity!

# Offertory

Special Music

Daniel Makins

## \*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 See Insert

Rejoice in All Your Works

## \*Commissioning of Kristie Finley

## \*Charge and Benediction

### \*Congregational Response

Now To Him Who is Able

Robert McConnell



Now to him who is ab - le to do far more than we ask or think, ac -



cord - ing to the pow - er at work with - in us, to



him be glor - y in the church, and in Christ Je - sus, through -



out all gen - er - a - tions, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## \*Postlude

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## Joys & Concerns

### Joys

Bob and Mary Lou Troyer will celebrate their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on May 30.

Chris and Jack Edwards share the joy of the birth of their second grandchild, a girl, Reagan Power Edwards, born Friday, May 19 in Seattle, Washington. Baby, big sister, parents, grandparents, and aunt are all doing well.

Robert and Hannah McConnell shared the joy of the birth of their nephew, Edward Dewey Schneider.

### Concerns

For Barbara Linville and her family on the death of her husband, David Linville, on May 22. A memorial service will be held here on May 30 at 11:00 AM.

Dick Holmes is home recovering from surgery.

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. A memorial service will be held here on July 11 at 11:00 AM.

Prayers for safety and comfort for the areas in the country that are experiencing the ongoing destructive forces of the weather.

Prayers of gratitude for all those who gave their lives in service to their country and to the safety and freedom of others.

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 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](mailto: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

## APNC update

For an update from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, please visit [firstchurchlf.org/update](http://firstchurchlf.org/update)

## 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. Email Sarah Seccombe, [sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org)

## Sunday School Volunteers

Help with Sunday School (and Playground church this Summer) as a teacher or assistant. No previous experience required, and training will be provided. Email Rachel Magnusson at [rmagnusson@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:rmagnusson@firstchurchlf.org)

## Playground Church

### Sundays, May 26 - September 1

Children ages 3 years through 4<sup>th</sup> 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. There will be a conversation between Jon and Allen following worship to discuss Allen's work on polarization and how the church might lead during a time of deep division and broken trust.

## 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 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)

## Pastoral Care

During Kristie's sabbatical, 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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