



First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

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



June 23, 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 1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49 and Psalm 9:9-10 or 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16 and Psalm 133; Job 38:1-11 and Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

Cover: Christ in the Storm on the Sea of Galilee, 1633, painting by Rembrandt

Worship Participants

Rev. Jon Wasson
Tricia Sweet
Dr. Robert McConnell
Summer Quartet
Rick Day
Ryder Gamrath
Georgia Sottosanto-Sorenson

Nursery children up to 3 years
Opens at 9:00 AM, Room 212

Sunday School ages 3 through 3rd Grade
During worship, Playground
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.

Flowers in the niches are given by Tim and Carolyn Bennett in celebration of 25 years of marriage.

Flowers in the chancel are given in memory of Don Murphy.

Prelude

Adoration
Florence Price



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.



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The Welcome

Introit

Psalm 95
William Boyce

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and show ourselves glad in him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods. In his hand are all the corners of the earth, and the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he made it, and his hands prepared the dry land. O come, let us worship and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is the Lord our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

*Call to Worship

Leader: God alone laid the foundations of the earth.

People: The morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy.

Leader: From the midst of the whirlwind, God speaks with power.

People: We have seen the deeds of the Lord, who commands and raises the stormy wind and also makes the storm be still. We ourselves have been the wondrous deeds of the Lord!

All: Together, let us worship God.

*Hymn of Praise No. 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(silent confession...) **Saving God, we confess that our faith is too small, our fear is too great. When we are overwhelmed, we think you do not care enough for us. When life is uncertain and risky, we are not sure we can trust you with our whole hearts. Even when you move among us in powerful ways, we question who you are. Forgive us and calm our fears, we pray. Teach us to trust in your power to save and guide us in every circumstance. Grant us your peace, which is clearly beyond our understanding. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Kyrie

Craig Phillips

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

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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

Following the Blessing, children in preschool through 3rd grade may leave for the playground. Please pick up your children from 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.**

Old Testament Reading

Job 38:1-11

Old Testament, page 484 in pew Bible

Anthem

I've Been in the Storm So Long

African American Spiritual arr. Harry T. Burleigh

I've been in the storm so long,
I've been in the storm so long, children,
I've been in the storm so long,
Oh give me little time to pray.

Oh let me tell my mother, how I come along,
Oh give me little time to pray,
With a hung down head and an aching heart,
Oh give me little time to pray.

O when I get to heaven, I'll walk all about,
Oh give me little time to pray,
There'll be nobody there to turn me out,
Oh give me little time to pray.

New Testament Reading

Mark 4:35-41

New Testament, page 39 in pew Bible

Sermon

Jon Wasson

"The Deep"

*Hymn of Response No. 8

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

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

We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace

Undine Smith Moore

We shall walk through the valley in peace;
we shall walk through the valley in peace;
And if Jesus himself shall be our leader,
we shall walk through the valley in peace.

There will be no trials there;
there will be no trials there;
And if Jesus himself shall be our leader;
we shall walk through the valley in peace.

*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. 840

When Peace Like a River (It Is Well with My Soul)

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Response

Peace I Leave With You

Amy Beach

Peace I leave with you,
My peace I give unto you.
Not as the world giveth
Give I unto you.
Let not your heart be troubled.

*Postlude

Toccata on *Great Day*

Adolphus Hailstork

Joys & Concerns

Joys

For Susie Schlachtenhaufen whose daughter Helen is running in the Olympic Track & Field trials.

Concerns

For Larry and Susie Warter and their family. Their son, Brian, died on Thursday in a tragic accident while on a family vacation in Florida.

For Vicki Murphy, Amanda Starkey, Kendall Severson and their families on the death of Don Murphy. A memorial service was held on Friday, June 21.

For Bob and Mary Lou Troyer and their family on the death of their daughter-in-law, Patrice O'Mera Troyer on June 4.

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

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 Seccombe

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Join our Music Ministry

Robert McConnell

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Mission & Outreach

Stewart Kerr

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Weekly Ministries

During the summer, many of our weekly groups do not meet. Listed below are those that continue through the summer months. For questions or details contact Sarah Seccombe at sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org.

TUESDAYS

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 Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers for worship in memory or honor of a loved one, contact Sarah Seccombe at sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org or sign up on the Flower Calendar on the bulletin board.

Summer Choir

July 14, 2024

Interested in singing with the Sanctuary Choir? Join us this summer for two special Summer Choir Sundays! We will meet at 8:30 AM to rehearse before the 9:30 AM worship service on Sunday, July 14 and Sunday, August 11. For more information, contact Jack Reeder at jreeder@firstchurchlf.org

Summer Hand Bells

July 21, 2024

Interested in ringing bells? Join Summer Bells! We will have one rehearsal in the week preceding the service on Sunday, July 21. For more information, please contact Jack Reeder at jreeder@firstchurchlf.org

Consultant Work Update

Following a workshop led by church consultant Tod Bolsinger on June 1, a subgroup including Scott Crawford, Michelle Kaylor, Robert McConnell, Sally McDonald, Diane Quinn, Peter Vander Velde and Jon Wasson formed to conduct focus groups over the next month in order to gather opinions and stories about the church from members of the congregation. For questions about the ongoing work with the consultants, contact any member of Session.

Family Cornhole Tournament

Today, 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Bring your family to the manse for a backyard cornhole and bounce house party. Left Bank food truck will be there. Stop by for a few minutes or stay the entire time! The whole family is welcome. Sign up: firstchurchlf.org/cornhole

New Member Classes

If you are interested in learning more about our church and membership at First Pres, we will be having new member gatherings this September. For more information, contact Diane Quinn at engagement@firstchurchlf.org

Women's Gathering

Friday - Saturday, July 19 - 20

Save the date for a Women's gathering! We will meet for dinner and fellowship on Friday evening, and come together Saturday morning for a mandala making workshop. Registration coming soon!

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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