



First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

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



August 11, 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 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 and Psalm 130; 1 Kings 19:4-8 and Psalm 34:1-8; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51.

The Baptism

Receiving the sacrament of baptism today are:

Claire Lindsay Bernardi, child of Kristi Reed Bernardi & Matthew Bernardi.

Adeline Toni Peeler, Beckett Willard Peeler and Camden Dawn Peeler, children of Lindsay Reed Peeler and Rob Peeler

Belle Lindsay Stephens, child of Bethany Reed Stephens and Tyrone Stephens

Worship Participants

Rev. Kristie Finley

Bryan Kingsley

Jim Mayhall

Dr. Robert McConnell

Dr. Jack Reeder

Summer Choir

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 through 3rd Grade
There will not be Playground church this morning.

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 in love and celebration of the five baptisms today, from their proud grandmother, Dawn Skoien.

Prelude

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

Johann Sebastian Bach



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

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Gordon Young

From all that dwell below the skies,
Let the Creator's praise arise:
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung
Through every land, by every tongue.

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord:
Eternal truth attends Thy word:
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

—Isaac Watts

*Call to Worship

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times,

People: God's praise shall always be on our lips.

Leader: O magnify the Lord with us,

People: and let us exalt God's name together.

Leader: O taste and see that the Lord is good.

All: Happy are those who take refuge in Him.

*Hymn of Praise No. 485

We Know That Christ Is Raised

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(silent confession...) **We gather in God's name; we claim Christ's promised presence. Not out of dread and fear, but believing in the understanding and forgiveness of God, let us rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer. Amen.**

Kyrie

Craig Phillips

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

* 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.

Baptism

Claire Lindsay Bernardi

Kristi Reed Bernardi & Matthew Bernardi

Adeline Toni Peeler, Beckett Willard Peeler & Camden Dawn Peeler

Lindsay Reed Peeler & Rob Peeler

Belle Lindsay Stephens

Bethany Reed Stephens & Tyrone Stephens

Congregational Question

Leader: Friends, do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ,
promise to guide and nurture these children by word and deed,
with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Jesus,
and to be faithful members of His church?

People: We do.

*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 Baptism

The Welcome

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church.

We are all members of the household of God and family through Jesus Christ.

Sung Response No. 115 verse 3

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong.
They are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Scripture Readings

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

New Testament, page 194 in pew Bible

Scripture Readings

John 6:35, 41-51

New Testament, page 98 in pew Bible

Sermon

"Our Life Together"

Kristie Finley

*Hymn of Response No. 372

O for a World

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

Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

—Trad. Spiritual

Let Us Break Bread Together

Trad. Spiritual arr. John Ness Beck

*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

God Is Love

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Response

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter C. Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you:
The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

—Numbers 6:24-26

*Postlude

Engelberg

David Cherwien

Joys & Concerns

Joys

For the five children being baptized today.

For Bruce & Celia Keith celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary on August 9.

For the birth of Scottie Ann Tiedmann on July 30 to parents Chelle & John Tiedmann, big sister Hall, and proud grandparents Chris & Lyle McCoy.

Concerns

For Eleanor Thorn and her family on the death of her uncle, Dr. Edward Paulissian, and for the declining health of her father-in-law, Richard Thorn.

For the family of Jane Partridge, who died July 28. A memorial service was held at Kelly & Spaulding Funeral home on August 10.

For Liz Farwell, Michael Reyes, and the Reyes family on the death of Michael's father, Victor Reyes on July 30.

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

Laura Johnson & Sally McDonald

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

FRIDAYS

Men of Corinth Bible Study

7:00 AM, South Parlor/Zoom

Announcements

Rally Day

Sunday, September 8

Kick-off the new program year on Rally Sunday, September 8, with worship, Sunday school and an opportunity to share our stories during our fellowship brunch.

Playground Church

For children will not take place today due to playground repairs. Nursery will be available for children up to 3 years old.

Worship Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers for worship, contact Sarah Seccombe at sscombe@firstchurchlf.org.

Pastoral Care

If you have a pastoral care need, please email us at pastoralcare@firstchurchlf.org.

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Blessing the Backpacks

Sunday, August 18

Everyone who is heading back to school this fall, preschoolers on up, bring your backpacks for a special back-to-school blessing for the coming school year!

Work Trip Sunday

Sunday, August 18

Our 2024 Work Trip will lead worship on Sunday, August 18, sharing where they saw God through their work earlier this summer in Roscommon County, MI.

All-Church Beach Picnic & Baptisms

Sunday, August 25

Join us at the Boat Pavilion at Lake Forest Beach for an all-church BYOP (bring your own picnic but please bring a dessert to share). Drinks, paper products, fun and games will be provided. Parking passes will be available for non-Lake Forest residents (please contact Rachel Magnusson). If you would like to learn more about being baptized in Lake Michigan, please contact Sarah Seccombe.

Parent's "Back to Sunday School" Night

Wednesday, August 28, 7:00 PM

Meet other First Pres parents and learn about the new curriculum, "Storymakers NYC" we'll be starting on September 8.

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

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