

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



August 18, 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 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 and Psalm 111; Proverbs 9:1-6 and Psalm 34:9-14; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58.

Worship Participants

Rev. Jon Wasson Anne Winebrenner Work Trip 2024 Participants Dr. Robert McConnell Dr. Jack Reeder Rick Day Ryder Gamrath



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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 Playground and return for Communion.

Fellowship

10:30 AM, Great Room Hosting Fellowship this morning are Tim, Carolyn and Tia Bennett.

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 remembrance of Laura and Frank Sibley's 54th wedding anniversary on August 15, 1970.

Prelude

Here I Am, Lord Robert Buckley Farlee



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

*Call to Worship Micah 6:8

Leader: What does the Lord require of us,

People: but to do justice, Leader: love kindness

People: and walk humbly with God?

All: Let us worship God.

*Hymn of Praise see insert

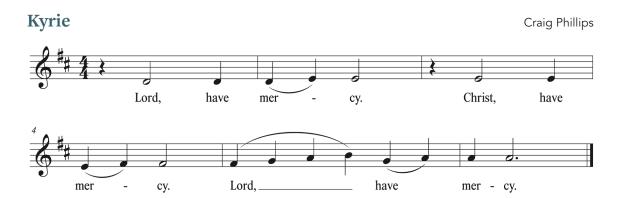
We All Are One in Mission

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Psalm 15:2-4

(silent confession...) God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not keep your word, and when we participate in gossip, our words and deeds cause pain. Forgive us by the power of your mercy, that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his love. Amen.



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.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Blessing of the Backpacks

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

Scripture Readings

Psalm 111

Old Testament, page 562 in pew Bible

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Micah 6:6-8

Old Testament, page 866 in pew Bible

Reflections

Jim Mayhall, Lizzy Grace,

Scott Weston, Kirsten Larson, and Katie Hubbard

*Hymn of Response No. 69

Here I Am, Lord

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.

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Invitation to the Offering



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Offertory

With What Shall I Come Before the Lord

John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on High? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, shall I come before Him with yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten-thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O man, He has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to humbly walk with your God?

*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. 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

*Charge and Benediction

Joy and peace go with you, day by day, may the little good things pass your way. May the good Lord bless and keep you, until we meet again, I pray. Amen.

*Postlude Cwm Rhonda

J. Bert Carlson

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Work Trip Participants

Vail Bayly Anna Jasper

Nate Borland Evelyn Marshall

Anna Braun Shea Milliman

Eliza Carrabine Henry Mulliken

Grace Donovan Marcos Roeck

Lyla Drowne Carter Savage

Sara Drowne Sadie Strong

JR Engelland Thomas Strong

Cece Gordon Tess Uihlein

Lizzy Grace Carly Weston

Marissa Graham Scott Weston

Advisors

Amanda Bourne Kirsten Larsen

Julie Currie Jim Mayhall

Matt Engel Molly Newman

Eli Fietsam Scott Notz

Katie Hubbard Jim Seymour

John Johnson David Strong

Erica Jones Meghan Winebrenner

Bryan Kingsley Anne Winebrenner

Jim Kingsley

Joys & Concerns

Joys

Welcoming our Work Trip 2024 participants and advisors to lead worship this morning.

Miranda and Clay Maxfield welcomed their first child, William Vanderaa Maxfield, on August 14. Proud grandparents, Geoffrey and Laura Vanderaa Luce.

Concerns

For Eleanor Thorn and her family on the death of her father-in-law, Richard Thorn, on August 12.

For Mary & Gary Watanabe's son, Doug Watanabe, recovering from a serious fall.

For Fay Ligon's son-in-law, Jeffry Greene, recovering from bypass surgery in Maine.

God of peace we pray to you for a broken and hurting world. Christ of love, bring comfort to those experiencing grief and loss, encouraging us to love and care for all our neighbors. Holy Spirit infuse our hearts with God's justice and may God's mercy surround us. We ask for your wisdom as we minister to those who are struggling with mental illness and depression, for those hurting and grieving today, for those who are ill and the ones who care for them. For the scorching of this earth through wildfires, and its drowning in hurricanes, and those who suffer losses due to these events, we pray. Surround us with your healing love for this hurting world. Amen

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
engagement@firstchurchlf.org

Arrange a Wedding or Baptism Sarah Seccombe sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org

Join our Music Ministry Robert McConnell rmcconnell@firstchurchlf.org

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

Sanctuary Choir

Rehearsals will begin on Thursday, September 5 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM in the Choir Room. For more information please contact Jack Reeder at jreeder@firstchurchlf.org.

Worship Flowers

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

Worship Volunteers

If you are eager to meet and welcome new people, and would like to serve on Sunday mornings, we are looking to add to our roster of ushers and greeters. To learn more, contact Sarah Seccombe at sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org.

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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 and paper products 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" which we will be starting on September 8.

Rally Day

Sunday, September 8

New Program Year Kicks off with Sunday School and All-Church Brunch!

Following worship on September 8, we hope you will stay for brunch in Fellowship Hall, where guided conversations will encourage us to share stories with members working on the Bolsinger Initiative. As we seek to identify the values and characteristics that make First Pres unique, we encourage you to lend your voice to this important conversation! Children 10 and up are welcome to sit at tables; staff and youth leaders will supervise children under 10 in the South Parlor and on the playground.

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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