



# First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

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



**August 25, 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 8:(1, 6, 10-11), 22-30, 41-43 and Psalm 84; Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 and Psalm 34:15-22; Ephesians 6:10-20, John 6:56-69.

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## Worship Participants

Rev. Jon Wasson  
Rev. Kristie Finley  
Dr. Robert McConnell  
Summer Quartet  
Rick Day  
Ryder Gamrath

**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

Fellowship this morning is hosted by  
Cindy Rogna and her family.

## 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 Larry and Susie Warter in celebration of their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 24.

## Prelude

**Sonata No. 13 in B-flat major, k. 333 Allegro**  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart



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

Wisdom and Grace

Sandra McCracken

Teach us to number our days  
That we may apply our hearts to Your ways  
O! Teach us to number our days  
with wisdom and grace.

You've been our home and our dwelling  
our place in all generations.  
Before the earth or the mountains were formed,  
Lord, You were God.

Now the span of our lives,  
It is made of sorrow and labor  
As the days pass away like the grass  
How soon we are gone.

Let the work of our hands bring you praise,  
set Your favor upon us.  
O establish the work of our hands,  
May Your kingdom come!

— after Psalm 90

## \*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord redeems the life of his servants.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Leader: No one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

**People: Praise the Lord!**

**All: Let us worship God.**

## \*Hymn of Praise No. 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

(silent confession...) **God of our redemption, we confess that we have not been faithful servants. We have not served you with sincere hearts nor trusted in your salvation. We have forsaken you, the living God, and have chosen to follow the lifeless idols of worldly power and wealth. Forgive us our sin, O God. Lead us to heartfelt repentance that we may honor you with our lips and serve you with our lives; through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\* PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE.

# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

## Anthem

Teach Me, O Lord

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes;  
and I shall keep it unto the end.

— Psalm 119:33

## Scripture Reading

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14  
Old Testament, page 304 in pew Bible

## Sermon

Jon Wasson

“Becoming Wise”

## \*Hymn of Response No. 450

Be Thou My Vision

## 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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Thank you for your generosity!

## Offertory

Sonata No. 13 in B-flat major, k. 333 Andante cantabile  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

## \*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. 263**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

## **\*Charge and Benediction**

### **\*Benediction Response**

The Peace of God

John Rutter

The peace of God which passeth all understanding  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God  
And of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

— Book of Common Prayer, based on Philippians 4:7

## **\*Postlude**

Sonata No. 13 in B-flat major, k. 333 Allegretto grazioso

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

# Joys & Concerns

## Joys

Larry and Susie Warter celebrating their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 24.

Jack and Chris Edwards celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 24.

## Concerns

For Chris Edwards and her brother, Steve, who is in the hospital after open heart surgery.

For Eleanor Thorn and her family on the recent deaths of multiple family members including her father-in-law, Richard Thorn, and brother, Ninos Joseph.

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.

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 Seccombe

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### Join our Music Ministry

Robert McConnell

[rmcconnell@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:rmcconnell@firstchurchlf.org)

### Mission & Outreach

Sally McDonald and Laura Johnson

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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 [ssecombe@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:ssecombe@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](mailto:jreeder@firstchurchlf.org).

## Worship Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers for worship, contact Sarah Seccombe at [sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org](mailto: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](mailto:sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org).

## Sign up for our newsletter!

Scan the QR code or go to [firstchurchlf.org](http://firstchurchlf.org) to receive news and updates.



## All-Church Beach Picnic

**Sunday, August 25**

**12:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

Join us this afternoon 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 are available for non-Lake Forest residents (please contact Rachel Magnusson).

## 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](mailto:engagement@firstchurchlf.org)

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