



# First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

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



August 4, 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 11:26-12:13a and Psalm 51:1-12; Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 and Psalm 78:23-29; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

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## Worship Participants

Rev. Jon Wasson  
Rev. Kristie Finley  
Dr. Jack Reeder  
Rick Day  
Ryder Gamrath  
Georgia Sottosanto-Sorenson



### Give

Give online or fulfill your pledge: scan the QR code or go to [FirstChurchLF.org/give](http://FirstChurchLF.org/give).

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

**Sunday School** ages 3 through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
During worship, Playground  
*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.

## Prelude

*Seis versos sobre Ave maris stella*  
att. Joaquín Sánchez



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

Leader: Come, let us worship our God,

People: **for there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
one God and Parent of all,**

Leader: who is above all and through all and in all.

All: **We come with humility, gentleness, and patience,  
bearing with one another in love.**

### \*Hymn of Praise No. 309

Come, Great God of All the Ages

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

(silent confession...) **God, you have called us to live lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called. But we confess to you and each other that we have not always spoken the truth in love; we have not always made every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Forgive us and, by your grace, help us to grow in every way into him who is our head, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## Kyrie

Craig Phillips

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have  
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## 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.**

## Invitation to the Offering



You may give online or fulfill your pledge by scanning the QR code with your mobile phone, or go to [firstchurchlf.org/give](http://firstchurchlf.org/give). Thank you for your generosity!

## Offertory

Improvisation on themes from *Path of Miracles*

Joby Talbot

## \*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

## Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 11:26-12:7, 13a

Old Testament, page 285 in pew Bible

## New Testament Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16

New Testament, page 193 in pew Bible

## Sermon

Jon Wasson

"Speaking the Truth in Love"

## \*Hymn of Response No. 432

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

## \*Affirmation of Faith

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 sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

# The Lord's Supper

## The Invitation to the Table

## Prayers of the People

## Words of Institution

## Sharing the Bread and Cup

So that all feel welcome at the table, the bread is gluten-free, and the cups contain grape juice. Communion is served intinction style. Ushers will direct your row when it is time to come forward.

## Communion Music

Come to the Table of Grace

**Come to the table of grace.**

**Come to the table of grace.**

**This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.**

**Come to the table of grace.**

**Come to the table of peace.**

**Come to the table of peace.**

**This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.**

**Come to the table of peace.**

**Come to the table of love.**

**Come to the table of love.**

**This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.**

**Come to the table of love.**

**Come to the table of hope.**

**Come to the table of hope.**

**This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.**

**Come to the table of hope.**

**Come to the table of joy.**

**Come to the table of joy.**

**This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.**

**Come to the table of joy.**

## The Prayer of Thanksgiving

## \*Hymn of Sending

The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte

Our Fa-ther, which art in heav-en, Hal-low-ed be Thy name. Thy king-dom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly  
bread, And for-give us our debts, as we for-give our debt-ors. And lead us not in-to temp-  
ta - tion but de - liv - er us from e - vil; For Thine is the king - dom, and the  
power, and the glo-ry for - ev - er, A - men. A - men.

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## \*Charge and Benediction

## \*Postlude

Partido de mano derecha

att. Joaquín Sánchez

## A Note for Today's Music

The organ music for this morning's service is inspired by the Camino de Santiago, an ancient network of pilgrimage paths leading to the supposed resting place of St. James the Great, now the city of Santiago de Compostela. The prelude and postlude are from a collection of organ music found in the Cathedral of Santiago's archives, attributed to the late 18th century composer Joaquín Sánchez. These Iberian pieces, different in style and character compared to contemporaneous continental works, are thought to have been used regularly in liturgical celebrations at the Cathedral. The prelude is a series of notated improvisations on the Gregorian chant "Ave Maris Stella," that would have been played in between sung verses of the same chant, part of a liturgical and devotional practice popular in Spain spanning the second millennium. The Offertory is my own arrangement of themes from a popular choral work about the Camino, Path of Miracles. The larger work depicts walking the Camino, as recurring motifs are sung to poetry by Robert Dickinson. It culminates as the choir sings text that describes the act of pilgrimage: "We have walked out of the lives we had/And will return to nothing, if we live,/Changed by the journey, face and soul alike. God help us, now and forever more."

—Dr. Jack Reeder



# Joys & Concerns

## Joys

The joy of Cammy and Tim Braasch welcoming daughter, Everett Ann Braasch, August 2. Poud grandparents Jack and Bonnie Pope.

The joy of the world coming together to participate in the Summer Olympics.

## Concerns

For the family of Jane Partridge who died July 28.

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

For Sherry Schupbach in the hospital.

Triune God, shepherd of your people Israel, you provide for us far more than we expect or imagine possible. Calm our fears; speak peace to us, lead us beyond ourselves. May your peace surround all who are troubled in mind, body, or spirit this day. 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](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

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

### Join our Music Ministry

Robert McConnell

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

### Mission & Outreach

Laura Johnson & Sally McDonald

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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](mailto: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

## Playground Church

Will not take place today and Sunday, August 11 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 [sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org).

## Summer Choir August 11, 2024

Interested in singing with the Sanctuary Choir? Join us this summer for our next Summer Sunday! We will meet at 8:30 AM to rehearse before the 9:30 AM worship service on Sunday, August 11. For more information, contact Jack Reeder at [jreeder@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:jreeder@firstchurchlf.org)

## Sign up for our newsletter!

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



## Facility Upgrade

Our Sheridan Road entrance is having some work and will be available for use next week. Please use the Deerpath Road entrance (near the playground).

## Work Trip Sunday & Blessing the Backpacks 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. Bring your backpacks for a special back-to-school blessing for the coming school year!

## All-Church Beach Picnic & Baptisms Sunday, August 25

12:00 – 4:00 PM

Join us at the Boat Pavillion 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](mailto:engagement@firstchurchlf.org)

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