



First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

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



September 1, 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 Song of Solomon 2:8-13 and Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 and Psalm 15; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

Worship Participants

Rev. Kristie Finley
Owen Scheuer
Dr. Robert McConnell
Dr. Jack Reeder
Daniel Makins
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

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

O Store Gud
Robert Hobby



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: Who may abide in the presence of God?

People: Who may live on God's holy mountain?

Leader: All those who walk blamelessly and do what is right.

People: All those who speak truth from their heart.

All: Let us worship God.

*Hymn of Praise No. 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(silent confession...) **God of light, we confess that we live in the shadows of hypocrisy and self-righteousness. We honor you with our lips, but we have not served you in our hearts. We are satisfied with human traditions and norms and avoid your liberating truth. We have confused meekness with weakness, holiness with social conformity, and anger with righteousness. Forgive us, we pray. By the power of your word save us so that we may serve you with sincere hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.**

* PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Invitation to the Offering



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Offertory

In the beginning there were rules
to guide the day
They were not all wrong or disillusioned
But they were often spun that way
Why do we always look for ways to justify
Our every action here doubled
For we are more than meets the eye
To serve a kingdom coming down the line
To make commitments that are prudent
Whole in heart and sound of mind
Is the best that we can hope for a lie
Why does the slipping keep on happening
Despite all the reasons why

We pray to You, we pray
Shine your love through stained glass
windows, and help us find our way
We pray to You, we pray
For grace and true redemption,
Lord we pray
A long look in the mirror
can be a hard row to hoe
When paving good intentions

We Pray to You

Daniel Makins

Into a long and winding road
Why can't we keep our lives
between the lines
We get caught up in a moment
And then we're pulled to either side
Somewhere between what we own
and what we deny
Stands a sacrificial cross
Against an ashen, Lenten sky
Why can't we see our beautiful lives
Without our terrible mistakes
We're begging Your reply
There is a doubleness in all of us
And though we can't work it out,
The sinfulness we fight against
Is what your mercy's all about
So give us grace, oh Lord, give us grace
Give us grace, oh Lord, give us grace

***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**

Scripture Reading

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
New Testament, page 42 in pew Bible

Sermon

Kristie Finley

“Speaking from the Heart”

***Hymn of Response No. 625**

How Great Thou Art

***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

Food indeed, drink indeed,
taken to the very heart
And what must be, must be foretold,
in the breaking of the bread.

We all get hungry, for something meaningful
Days fill up and disappear
Something good, something true
Something unselfish and clear
That if held up, into the light
Simply gets more beautiful.

We all need a moment to celebrate
Nights can fill with anxious tears
What has been, what's become
What we most hold dear

Food Indeed, Drink Indeed

Daniel Makins

That if we give thanks, we clarify
And our peace begins to resonate.

We all need a time to kneel and pray
Years can take their toll
A calming breath, a memory
A church from long ago
And if we reconnect and sanctify

We may finally find the way.
We all thirst for forgiveness
For all that's done and left undone
We are called into communion
To love our neighbors as a Holy Father's Son.

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

Joy Unceasing and Infinite Praise

Tom Birchwood

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Joys & Concerns

Joys

Terry and Susan Mulligan celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on August 26.

Julie and Nick Standiford welcomed son Cameron David Standiford on August 27. Excited siblings Renee and Isabelle, and proud grandparents Rich and Carla Seidel.

Concerns

For Julie Folker whose mother, Sally Currie, died on August 28.

For Joan Wasson, Jon's mother, prayers of guidance and health upon the recurrence of breast cancer.

For Sherry Schupbach in cancer treatment.

For Chris Edwards and her brother, Steve, who is recovering from open heart surgery.

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

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Join our Music Ministry

Robert McConnell

rmccConnell@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 sscombe@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

Fall Rummage Sale

Saturday, September 28

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Save the date for our Fall Rummage Sale which will include fall and winter clothing, sporting equipment and holiday items! Volunteers for set-up and sale day are also needed.

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.

Sign up for our newsletter!

Scan the QR code or go to firstchurchlf.org to receive news and updates.



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.

Third Thursday Prayer Service

Thursday, September 19

Prayer and worship, even when we are alone, is a collective task, focused on the needs of the whole world including our own. Join us in the Chapel on the third Thursday of each month as we share our prayers of gratitude and petition both personal and communal with scripture, song, and silence.

New Member Classes

September 22 and October 6, 10:30 AM

If you are interested in learning more about our church and membership at First Pres, we will be having new member gatherings on September 22 and October 6 following worship. For more information, contact Diane Quinn at engagement@firstchurchlf.org

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