



First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

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



January 19, 2025

Welcome!

*Jesus Christ and our faith community
welcome you to worship today.*

Today's Service

2nd Sunday After Epiphany

The season of Epiphany always begins on January 6 and extends until Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. These weeks are a time to focus on Jesus' ministry so that, from Christmas onward, worshipers grow in awareness of the significance of Jesus' entire life. It is a transformative season of faith in which the glory of Christ is revealed.

The Revised Common Lectionary scriptures assigned for today are Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

Worship Participants

Rev. Jon Wasson
Rev. Kristie Finley
Rev. Anna Langholz
Dr. Robert McConnell
Dr. Jack Reeder
Elizabeth Frey, mezzo-soprano
Cherub & Carol Choirs
Sanctuary Choir
Rick Day
Gonzalo Zarazaga

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

Sunday School ages 3 through 4th Grade
During worship, Rooms 213, 215, 219
On Communion Sundays, children will go to the Chapel 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

Great is Thy Faithfulness

David Miller



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

Open Our Eyes
Sandra McCracken

Open up our ears to listen,
Open up our eyes to see.
Plant the seed of understanding,
Grow it up like the tallest tree.

Pull the blinds,
Open wide all the windows,
Fill our hearts with the light of your truth.

*Call to Worship

Leader: You, who are many, are transformed to become one in Christ.
People: **We, who are many, are called to worship God, the Three in One.**
All: **Let us worship God!**

*Hymn of Praise No. 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(silent confession...) **Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world. We conform to this world's frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide. We conform to this world's reckless waste, exploiting what you entrust to our care. We conform to this world's shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us. We conform to this world's impatient attitudes, preferring the latest instead of the lasting. Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Kyrie

Craig Phillips

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

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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.**

Anthem

He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the little tiny baby in his hands.
He's got the little tiny baby in his hands.
He's got the little tiny baby in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Traditional Spiritual

He's got you and me brother in his hands.
He's got you and me sister in his hands.
He's got you and me brother in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got everybody here in his hands.
He's got everybody here in his hands.
He's got everybody here in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.

Blessing of the Children

Following the Blessing, children in preschool through 4th grade will go to their Faith Building classrooms. Please pick up your children on the 2nd floor 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.

New Testament Lesson

Romans 12:1-8

New Testament, page 161 in pew Bible

Sermon

Anna Langholz

“Tune Your Heart”

*Hymn of Response No. 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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



You may give online or fulfill your pledge by scanning the QR code with your mobile phone, or go to firstchurchlf.org/give.

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Offertory

O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion

From *Messiah* by George Frideric Handel

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion,
Get thee up into the high mountain;
O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem,
Lift up thy voice with strength, lift it up and be not afraid;
Say unto the cities of Judah,
Behold your God!

— Charles Jennens, after Isaiah 40:9

Arise, shine; for thy light is come,
And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

— Isaiah 60:1

*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. 39

Great is Thy Faithfulness

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

In Thee is Gladness
Johann Sebastian Bach

Congregational Meeting

Joys & Concerns

Joys

Welcoming Rev. Anna Langholz to the pulpit.

Concerns

For Jan Zilka on the death of her partner Bing Zielka.

Prayers for the Country and the World

Loving God of peace, we come to you lifting up our country as we approach the presidential inauguration this week. Fill us all with your peace, may the leaders hear and follow your Holy Spirit as she leads us in your vision for the world. May those in government, and all of us, heed your voice. Let the non-violent words and methods of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King stand strong in us these days as we remember the gift of his life this weekend. We continue to lift prayers for those in Los Angeles as they move through the smoke and ash to tomorrow. Hold close the negotiators and peace makers in Israel and Gaza. We pray for a peaceful ceasefire and conclusion to this devastating and peaceless conflict. We bring all this to you, Creator, knowing that you always hold us dear. 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

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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

Sally McDonald and Laura Johnson

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Weekly Ministries

For details and schedule visit our website at firstchurchlf.org/ministries

SUNDAYS

Early Word Bible Study

8:30 am, South Parlor

Middle School Youth Group

Most Sundays, 5:00 pm, Youth Lounge

Senior High Youth Group

Most Sundays, 7:00 pm, Youth Lounge

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

THURSDAYS

Daybreakers Men's Bible Study

6:30 am, South Parlor/Zoom

FRIDAYS

Men of Corinth Bible Study

7:00 am, South Parlor/Zoom

Announcements

New Member Classes

New member classes will be held February 9 and 23, 2025 after worship. Interested parties should contact Diane Quinn at engagement@firstchurchlf.org

Worship Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers for worship, you can sign up on the bulletin board or contact Sarah Seccombe at sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org

Worship Volunteers

We are looking to add to our roster of ushers. 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.



Congregational Meeting

Today, January 19, 10:30 am

The Session has called for a congregational meeting following worship this morning to vote to call the new Associate Pastor for Congregational Life.

Ice Skating at West Park

Today, Sunday, January 19, 1:00 pm

Join us this afternoon for ice skating, fellowship, and hot cocoa at West Park. Bring your chair, blanket, and skates (you don't have to be a skater to join!). We will bring the hot cocoa!

First Wednesday Lunch

Wednesday, February 5, 11:30 am

Join us on the first Wednesday of each month beginning in February for a lunch hosted by the Deacons. This special gathering for our older adults will feature great food, conversation, and community. Sign up online at firstchurchlf.org/upcomingevents or you can call the church at (847) 234-6250.

Dinner & Trivia

Sunday, February 23, 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Save the date for this family-friendly trivia event for all-ages! This year, proceeds from the event go towards the scholarship fund at Camp Westminster on Higgins Lake in Michigan. Details and registration coming soon.

Holiday Hours

The church will be closed tomorrow, Monday, January 20 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

For the full church calendar, schedule of ministries, and more: www.firstchurchlf.org
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