



First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

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



January 26, 2025

Welcome!

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

Today's Service

3rd 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, worshippers 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 Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

Worship Participants

Rev. Jon Wasson
Rev. Kristie Finley
Dr. Robert McConnell
Dr. Jack Reeder
Sanctuary Choir
Lakeminster Ringers
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

Duke Street

Wilbur Held

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

arr. Hart Morris



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

Day by Day
Arthur Henry Biggs

Day by day, dear Lord,
of thee three things I pray;
to see thee more clearly,
to love thee more dearly,
to follow thee more nearly,
day by day.

— Att. Richard of Chichester

*Call to Worship

Leader: God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

People: God calls us to be builders as well.

Leader: God calls us to build our lives:

People: to restore broken places and continue to grow.

Leader: God calls us to build our faith:

People: to study the Word and ponder its interpretation.

Leader: God calls us to build our community:

People: to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.

Leader: God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:

All: to preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.

*Hymn of Praise No. 301

Let Us Build a House

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(silent confession...) **God of our Restoration, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love. We have not loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our relationship with you; through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. 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.**

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.**

Anthem

How Lovely are the Messengers

from *Paulus* by Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,
throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

— Karl Klingermann, after Romans 10:15,18

New Testament Lesson

Luke 4: 14-21

New Testament, page 61 in pew Bible

Sermon

Kristie Finley

“Spirit Filled Ministry”

*Hymn of Response No. 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

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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Offertory

O Love, How Deep

arr. Cathy Moglebust

*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. 265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response

A Gaelic Blessing
John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you.
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the gentle night to you.
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.
Deep peace of Christ,
of Christ the light of the world to you.
Deep peace of Christ to you.

— William Sharp

*Postlude

Allegro con brio
from *Organ Sonata No. 4* by Felix Mendelssohn

Joys & Concerns

Joys

Leslie and John Munger joyfully announce the birth of their first grandchild, James Daniel Munger, born on January 20 to Tom and Annelise Munger.

Concerns

For Carol Bagan, having back surgery this week.

For George Fossell, having eye surgery this week.

For Jeff Browne, beginning treatment for pancreatic cancer.

For Scott Crawford, recovering from rotator cuff surgery.

Prayers for the Country and the World

We offer prayers for our country as we move forward, may our leaders be struck by the Holy Spirit and be moved closer to God's vision. We pray for those in need, from wildfires, hurricanes, mudslides, and war. May we live out God's compassion to all our neighbors in distress and walk together to build God's kingdom here. 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

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Join our Music Ministry

Robert McConnell

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Mission & Outreach

Sally McDonald and Laura Johnson

missionoutreach@firstchurchlf.org

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

Ice Skating at West Park Today, Sunday at 12:00 pm

Join us this afternoon for ice skating, fellowship, and hot cocoa at West Park. Bring your chair, blanket, and skates. We will bring the hot cocoa!

Youth Groups Today

We're bowling! Drop off and pick up at Bowlero (316 Center Drive, Vernon Hills).

Middle School: 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Senior High: 6:45 - 8:15 pm

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

Sunday School Volunteers

Teachers and assistants are needed Sunday mornings. No experience needed and training will be provided. To learn more contact Rachel Magnusson at rmagnusson@firstchurchlf.org

Sign up for our newsletter!

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



First Presbyterian Preschool Toy Drive February 2 – 7

Join us in supporting the First Presbyterian Preschool's 22nd Annual Ryan Nyland Toy Drive benefiting Lurie Children's Hospital. Honoring the memory of their infant son, Ryan, the Nyland family sponsors this annual drive in collaboration with the Preschool which all of their children attended. Please drop off new unwrapped toys near the front desk from Feb 2 – 7.

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.

Women's Special Event: "Why the Madonnas in Renaissance Art?"

Friday, February 28 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Join us to explore the Krebs Center for the Humanities, Lake Forest College's academic research center housed in a splendid Italianate villa. Guided by Executive Director Davis Schneiderman and Professor of Art History Ann Roberts, who will present the title program over lunch in the Great Room. Space is limited. Cost: \$20.00. Registration will open Wednesday, January 29. For more details visit at firstchurchlf.org/upcomingevents/.

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