



# First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

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



**Welcome!**

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

**March 16, 2025 5:00 pm**

# Today's Service

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are at the heart of the Christian gospel, and Good Friday and Easter are two of the most significant celebrations of the Christian year. Lent is a season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate these important events. The season invites us to make our hearts and minds ready for remembering Jesus' passion and celebrating Jesus' resurrection.

The Revised Common Lectionary scriptures assigned for today are Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3: 17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a).

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## Prayer for today

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and holdfast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Book of Common Prayer*

## Visiting First Pres?

If you would like us to get in touch with you, please provide your information on the visitors card which can be found on the table at the entrance to the Chapel and leave it in the Offering Box.

Please join us for dinner following worship in the Great Room.

## Give



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!

## Worship Participants

Rev. Jon Wasson  
Daniel Makins

# The Welcome

## Congregational Song

You Belong with Me  
Wendell Kimbrough

### Verse 1:

To the ones who were once God's sworn enemies  
From the West and the East and the land beyond the seas  
Oh come to the table, where God spreads a feast,  
"You belong, you belong, you belong with me."

### Verse 2:

Even those who once sold my children as slaves  
Who have done deeds so dark they've been hardened by shame  
Oh turn and believe and receive your new name,  
"You belong, you belong, you belong with me."

### Chorus:

So all you outcasts come  
The City of God is your home  
And the Lord will greet you rejoicing to sing  
You belong, you belong, you belong with me.

### Verse 3:

So turn to the ones you have reason to hate  
Lay down your weapons oh learn to be brave  
Let's start with the words our Lord taught us to say  
"You belong, you belong, you belong with me."

### Chorus

When the lord comes shouting, "I make all things new!"  
Then the ones who were strangers will know what to do  
We'll cry tears of joy as we sing out the truth  
We belong, we belong, we belong with you.

### Chorus

## Congregational Song

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Sandra McCracken

### Chorus:

We will feast in the house of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things, we will say together  
We will feast and weep no more

### Verse 1:

We will not be burned by the fire  
He is the Lord, our God  
We are not consumed by the flood  
Upheld, protected, gathered up

### Chorus

### Verse 2:

In the dark of night, before the dawn  
My soul, be not afraid  
For the promised morning, oh how long  
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

### Chorus

### Verse 3:

Every vow we've broken and betrayed  
You are the faithful One  
And from the garden to the grave  
Bind us together, bring shalom

### Chorus

## Sermon

“The Fox and the Hen”

Jon Wasson

## Song of Reflection

Original Music

Daniel Makins

## Communion

### The Lord’s Prayer

Daniel Makins

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 our debts, as we forgive. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and thine is the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.



Scan the QR code to listen to Daniel Makins' recording of *The Lord's Prayer*.

## Passing the Peace



# Joys & Concerns

## Joys

Carla and Rich Seidel announced the birth of their 9<sup>th</sup> grandchild, Coco Annelise Seidel on March 11, born to Mark and Kinsey Seidel. Proud big brothers, Woody and Jay.

Linda Hall will complete her cancer treatments on March 17.

## Concerns

For Sally McDonald, Rich Levin and family on the death of her mother, Esteleen McDonald, 96 years old, in Hillsboro, Indiana.

For Cindy Morehead and her family on the death of her husband, Dick Morehead. A memorial is being planned for May 17.

For the Kovalcin family, Lawrence and Brenna, on the death of his grandmother Irene Kovalcin.

For Jan Zilka recovering from a hospital stay.

## Prayers for the Country and the World

Dearest Lord, we are grateful for the comfort and compassion we receive from you. In this time of uncertainty and fear, knowing that you surround us with your unconditional love allows us to hold fast to hope. We pray for the vulnerable in our lives and the world, be it from natural or manmade events, or those suffering in mind, body, or spirit, hold them close, let them feel your presence. In the name of your son, Jesus, we pray. Amen

We are a church that prays for each other, celebrating life's joys and supporting each other in time of need. We invite you to share your prayer requests by filling out a Joys & Concerns card, emailing us at [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

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### Arrange a Wedding or Baptism

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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](http://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 and Upcoming Events

For more information and to sign up, visit [firstchurchlf.org/upcomingevents](http://firstchurchlf.org/upcomingevents)

## Easter Flowers

As we look forward to Easter, offerings for flowers are welcomed in memory or honor of a loved one, to beautify the sanctuary and remind us of the glory of God's creation and Christ's resurrection. If you are offering Easter flowers in honor or memory of a loved one and would like for their names to be printed in the Easter bulletin, please have your donation and forms in by Tuesday, April 15. [firstchurchlf.org/flowers](http://firstchurchlf.org/flowers)

## First Camp 2025

**June 9-13, 9:30-11:30 am**

First Camp registration is now open on our website. For ages 3-6 years old, this camp runs Monday, June 9 through Friday, June 13 from 9:30 - 11:30am. First Camp is run by Rachel Magnusson and parent volunteers, and Rachel is seeking volunteers. Please email her at [rmagnusson@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:rmagnusson@firstchurchlf.org).

## Sign up for our newsletter!

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



## Sunday Evening Worship During Lent

**Sundays, 5:00 pm, Chapel**

Join us for a casual evening worship in the chapel led by Daniel Makins. The service will begin at 5 pm with communion and dinner in the great room to follow. All are welcome!

## Maundy Thursday Dinners

**Thursday, April 17**

This year we invite you to join us in homes across town for a shared meal and communion. Together, we will reflect on Jesus' humility and sacrifice, breaking bread in fellowship as we prepare our hearts for Good Friday. Sign up coming soon.

## Labyrinth

**March 5 - April 20; Fellowship Hall**

We invite you to walk the labyrinth as a form of prayer. A guide is provided in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions or want to learn more, contact Kristie Finley at [kfinley@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:kfinley@firstchurchlf.org).

## Art & Prayer

**March 5 - April 20; Room 012**

Creative activities can add a new dimension to your prayer life. This space is available Monday through Friday during church business hours. Each week a new medium will be added. All supplies and guides will be provided.

For the full church calendar, schedule of ministries, and more: [www.firstchurchlf.org](http://www.firstchurchlf.org)

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