



# 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 23, 2025 5:00 pm**

# Today's Service

## 3<sup>rd</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 Isaiah 55:1-9 and Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9.

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## Prayer for today

O Lord, you who daily bear our burdens, strengthen our hands and expand our heart's capacity to bear one another's burdens, we pray, so that we might offer your generous care to friend and neighbor alike who may feel crushed under the trials and troubles of their lives. We pray this in the name of Jesus, the One whose burden is light. Amen.

*David Taylor*

## 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

## Congregational Song

Rejoice in all your Works

Wendell Kimbrough

### Verse 1:

Every mouth that cries for food  
Every lung that yearns for breath  
Every eye that searches through the dark for light  
All creation looks to You  
For its breath and for its food  
From the goodness of Your hand we're satisfied

### Chorus:

Oh, rejoice in all Your works  
King of Heaven, King of Earth!  
Every creature You have made declares Your praise  
We rejoice in all You've made  
God of all-sustaining grace!  
With the mountain, sky, and sea, we sing Your praise!

### Verse 2:

Every tree that thirsts for rain  
Every bird that seeks its nest  
Every heart that waits in hope to be made glad  
All creation looks to You  
For its breath and for its food  
From the goodness of Your hand we're satisfied

### Chorus

### Verse 3:

May the ponderings of my heart  
And the song upon my lips  
With the chorus of creation join in praise  
To the God who made all things  
To the Spirit who sustains  
To the Son who over all creation reigns!

### Chorus

## The Welcome

## Silent Confession

### Congregational Response

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Edith McNeill

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;  
God's mercies never come to an end.  
They are new every morning, new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness, O Lord,  
great is your faithfulness.

### Congregational Song

Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing

#### Verse 1:

Come, thou Fount of every blessing;  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of God's unchanging love!

#### Verse 2:

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

#### Verse 3:

O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart; O take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.

## Sermon

“The Gardeners Grace”

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 us 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

The baptism of Scottie Ann Tiedmann this morning.

## Concerns

For Rich Levin, Sally McDonald and their sons on the death of Rich's father, Richard Levin who was 89 years old living in Louisville, Kentucky. Continued prayers for the family as they mourn the recent death of Sally's mother, Esteleen McDonald.

For Anne Warnke recovering from surgery.

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

## Prayers for the Country and the World

Your glory and power, O God, surround us. We lift up our hearts and call your name. We are your people, thirsty for the living water you alone can give. We know we can come to you in prayer and so now we lift up the pain of the world, asking for your comfort and peace to enfold us all, to bring healing and hope to those suffering in mind, body, or spirit. When we consider how you have helped us, giving us a spring that gushes up to eternal life, we cling to you, singing praises with joyful lips, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.



## APNC Request

Our Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) continues to prayerfully and diligently seek an Associate Pastor for Faith Formation. Please reach out to your network to ask if they know of anyone who may be interested in this position. Questions? Please email the APNC at [fpclf2024apnc@gmail.com](mailto:fpclf2024apnc@gmail.com).

## 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 today at [firstchurchlf.org/upcomingevents](http://firstchurchlf.org/upcomingevents)

## Rummage Sale Volunteers

This year's 75th Anniversary Rummage Sale is Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The last day donations will be accepted is Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to volunteer to work the sale, please email [rummage@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:rummage@firstchurchlf.org) for the sign-up link or fill out a volunteer card at the front desk.

## First Wednesday Lunch

**Wednesday, April 2, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm**

Hosted by the Deacons, this special gathering for our older adults will feature great food, conversation, and community. RSVP today at [firstchurchlf.org/upcomingevents](http://firstchurchlf.org/upcomingevents)

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

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