



# 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 30, 2025 5:00 pm**

# Today's Service

## 4<sup>th</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 Joshua 5:9-12 and Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32.

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## Prayer for today

Jesus of Nazareth, you met unlikely people in unlikely places and joined yourself to them in friendship. May we be like you in this way, finding friends at crossroads and bus-stops, in queues and crises, in kindness and curiosity. Because we, like you, need the company of others. Amen.

*Daily Prayers from the Corrymeela Community*

## 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. Kristie Finley  
Daniel Makins

## Congregational Song

Almighty God All Hearts Are Open

Sandra McCracken

### Verse 1:

Almighty God to you all hearts are open  
Search and know our thoughts and anxious fears  
Wash us in the fountain of your mercy  
Come with your light, we cannot hide from you

### Verse 2:

Almighty God to you all hearts are open  
With gratitude we raise our song to you  
Come and fill the praises of your people  
In grace and truth, you make us new again

### Chorus:

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

### Verse 3:

Almighty God to you all hearts are open  
We long for more than what this world provides  
No shallow spring will ever satisfy us  
Your river deep floods over everything

### 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

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come.

'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

## Sermon

Kristie Finley

"We Find Ourselves Again"

## 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

Anne Warnke is recovering at home following a successful surgery to treat her lymphedema.

## Concerns

For Chuck and Laura Johnson on the death of Chuck's brother, Dave Johnson on March 20 in Kansas City, MO.

For the family of Helen Loving who died on March 26.

For Prue Beidler recovering well from knee replacement surgery.

For the Levin and McDonald family as they continue to mourn the deaths of Rich's father, Richard Levin, and Sally's mother, Esteleen McDonald.

## 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

Diane Quinn  
[engagement@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:engagement@firstchurchlf.org)

### Arrange a Wedding or Baptism

Sarah Seccombe  
[sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org)

### Join our Music Ministry

Robert McConnell  
[rmcconnell@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:rmcconnell@firstchurchlf.org)

### Mission & Outreach

Sally McDonald and Laura Johnson  
[missionoutreach@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:missionoutreach@firstchurchlf.org)

## 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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