



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.*

April 6, 2025 5:00 pm

Today's Service

5th 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.

Prayer for today

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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.

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

Thank you for your generosity!

Worship Participants

Rev. Jon Wasson
Daniel Makins

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

The Welcome

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

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here."

We may not touch your hands and side,
nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near
and seek where you are found.

And when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
may we behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.

Sermon

Jon Wasson

“Clear eyes, full hearts.”

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 baptisms of Eloise Elizabeth Mulliken and Owen John Scheuer this morning.

Celebrating our Confirmation class and welcoming them as new members to our congregation this morning!

Concerns

For Julia Hoekstra and Amy O'Keane, and their families, on the passing of their beloved mother, Patricia J. Young, on March 30. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

For Rev. Claire Makins, Vice Rector at Church of the Holy Spirit and wife of our singer-songwriter Daniel Makins, recently had surgery for a detached retina.

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.

Prayers for the Country and the World

God of wonder, as we continue along the path to Jerusalem, following Jesus, we are reminded again and again of how much we need you. Draw us near whenever we start to turn away. Lead us to reconciliation with our neighbors and your creation so that we add in your healing compassion for all. May we seek peace and hope, instead of fear and distrust so that our ways become ever more like yours. 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 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

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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 and Upcoming Events

For more information and to sign up, visit firstchurchlf.org/upcomingevents

Easter Egg Hunt

April 20, 10:15 am

Bring your Easter baskets to the Parish House lawn for our annual Egg Hunt between services!

Rummage Sale Volunteers

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

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.

Sign up for our newsletter!

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



Sunday Evening Worship During Lent

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!

Easter Flowers

Offerings for Easter flowers are welcomed in memory or in honor of a loved one. If you would like your offering to be printed in the Easter bulletin, please have your donation and forms in by Tuesday, April 15. firstchurchlf.org/flowers

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

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

April 18, 7:00 pm

Our solemn Tenebrae service is a time of reflection on the passion of Christ. Through scripture readings, music, and hymns, we will journey through the events of Christ's crucifixion as the sanctuary gradually darkens.

Easter Sunday

April 20, 5:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Join us at the north pavillion at Lake Forest Beach for a casual sunrise celebration with communion; traditional services will be at 9:00 and 11:00 am in the Sanctuary.

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

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