



First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

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



April 6, 2025

Welcome!

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

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 Isaiah 43:16-21 and Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8.

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 in your pews. An usher will collect them during the offering.

The Nursery (available for children up to 3 years) opens at 9:00 am in Room 212.

Join us for Coffee Hour following worship in the Great Room.

Worship Participants

Rev. Jon Wasson
Rev. Kristie Finley
Eloise Mulliken
Owen Scheuer
Elizabeth Priest
Sofi Knapp
Anne Winebrenner
Dr. Robert McConnell
Dr. Jack Reeder
Daniel Makins
Sanctuary Choir
Julia Frodyma, soprano
Meganna Miller, soprano
Rick Day
Gonzalo Zarazaga

Prelude

Dunlap's Creek

James Biery



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

*Call to Worship

(Isaiah 43)

Leader: Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,

People: "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old."

Leader: Behold, God is doing a new thing. Even now it springs forth!

People: God will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

All: Let the people whom God has called declare his praise!

*Hymn of Praise No. 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(silent confession...) **Most merciful God, we confess that we have failed to walk as your disciples. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, we pray, wash us in the waters of your mercy, and help us to walk as children of the light, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Kyrie

John Arndt, David Gungor, Ian Cron,
Ben Kilgore, and Evan Wickham

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy;

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Assurance of Forgiveness

* PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE.

*Sung Response No. 59

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 7/8. The melody is written in a soprano clef. The lyrics are: "The stead - fast love of the Lord nev - er ceas - es; God's mer - cies nev - er come to an end. They are new ev - ery morn - ing, new ev - ery morn - ing; great is your faith - ful - ness, O Lord, great is your faith - ful - ness." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and a final double bar line.

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Baptism of Eloise Elizabeth Mulliken and Owen John Scheuer

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Presentation of Confirmation Class

Kaitlyn Elizabeth Baker

Kittery Evans Engelland

Blake Harry Fidler

Porter David Glick

Ashley Caroline Griffin

Bennett Mitchell Haas

Ana Sofi Knapp

John Joseph "Jack" McNicholas, V

James Woodside "Woods" Moorhead

Eloise Elizabeth Mulliken

Jack Stephen Murrill

Grace Elizabeth Payne

Elizabeth Taylor Priest

Daniel Joseph Rattin

William Arlen Roeck

Ryan Trevor Schacher

Owen John Scheuer

Wells Patrick Specketer

Grace Elizabeth Vander Velde

Nicholas James White

Mallory Joan Zilka

Profession of Faith

*Laying on of Hands and Prayer for the Confirmands

*Welcome

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to full membership at First Presbyterian Church and to the fellowship of Christ's church. We welcome you to join with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Following the Passing of the Peace, children in preschool through 3rd grade may leave for a group lesson in the Chapel. They will return to the sanctuary during the Hymn of Response and join their families for Communion.

Invitation to the Offering



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!

Offertory

Original Music
Daniel Makins

*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

New Testament Lesson

John 12:1-8
New Testament, page 106 in pew Bible

Sermon

“Clear eyes, full hearts.”

Jon Wasson

*Hymn of Response No. 817

We Walk by Faith, and not by Sight

The Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

So that all feel welcome at the table, the bread is gluten-free, and the cups contain grape juice. Communion is served intinction style. Ushers will direct your row when it is time to come forward.

Communion Music

O salutaris Hostia,
Quae caeli pandis ostium:
Bella premunt hostilia,
Da robur, fer auxilium.
Uni trinoque Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria,
Qui vitam sine termino
Nobis donet in patria.
Amen.

O salutaris hostia

Ēriks Ešenvalds

O saving Victim, opening wide
The gate of Heaven to man below;
Our foes press hard on every side;
Thine aid supply; thy strength bestow.
To thy great name be endless praise,
Immortal Godhead, One in Three.
Oh, grant us endless length of days,
In our true native land with thee.
Amen.

— Thomas Aquinas, tr. Edward Caswall

The Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.**

*Hymn of Sending

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Sandra McCracken
Joshua Moore

Chorus

F F/D B♭ F Dm C B♭

We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our

Gm C F F/D B♭ F

hearts re - stored. He has done great things. we will say to - ge - ther

Verse

Dm C B♭ C F

We will feast and weep no more.

1. We will not be
2. In the dark of
3. Ev - ery vow we've

B♭ Dm B♭ C Dm

burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God we are not con -

night be - fore the dawn my soul be not a - fraid for the pro - mised

bro - ken and be - trayed You are the faith ful one and from the

B♭ Dm B♭ C Dm C/E

sumed by the flood Up - held, pro - tect - ed, ga - thered up

mor - ning o how long O God of Ja - cob be — my strength.

gar - den to the grave Bind us to - ge - ther bring — sha - lom

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

In my troubles, Lord walk with me
In my troubles, Lord walk with me
When my life becomes a burden,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

I want Jesus to Walk with Me
African American Spiritual

***Postlude**

O Welt, Ich Muss Dich Lassen
Johannes Brahms

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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

Diane Quinn

engagement@firstchurchlf.org

Arrange a Wedding or Baptism

Sarah Seccombe

sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org

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 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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