



First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

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



May 11, 2025

Welcome!

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

Today's Service

4th Sunday after Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday

Because the good news of Easter can hardly be contained in a single day's celebration, Easter marks the beginning of the season of Eastertide, the fifty days that lead up to Pentecost. This season is designed for extended celebration, for exploring the meaning of Christ's resurrection, and for joyful Christian living.

The Revised Common Lectionary scriptures assigned for today are Acts 9:36-43 and Psalm 23 or Isaiah 53:1-6 and Psalm 114; Revelations 7:9-17; John 10:22-30.

In celebration of Mother's Day, you're warmly invited to take a flower from the vases in the Great Room. Whether in memory or in honor, may it be a small gesture of love, gratitude, and appreciation for all mothers and mother figures.

The Baptism

Receiving the sacrament of baptism today is:

Lucille Kathleen Hamming, child of Lesley and Mark Hamming.

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

Dr. Robert McConnell

Dr. Jack Reeder

Sanctuary Choir

Meganna Miller, soprano

Rick Day

Gonzalo Zarazaga

Prelude

Variations on Lauda Anima

Christa Rakich

Variations 1-6



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

Introit

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Virgil Thomson

My Shepherd will supply my need,
Jehovah is his Name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed
Beside the living stream.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back
When I forsake his ways.
He leads me for his mercy's sake
In paths of truth and grace.

— Isaac Watts

*Call to Worship

(Revelation 5)

Leader: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain

**People: to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing.**

Leader: By your blood you ransomed a people for God from every tribe
and language and people and nation.

People: And you have made us a kingdom and priests to our God.

Leader: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb

All: be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever.

*Hymn of Praise No. 620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

The congregation sings the refrain below, while the choir and soloist will sing the verses.

Capo 1: (Em) (C) (G) (D)
Refrain Fm D^b A^b E^b

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -

yond my fears, from death in - to life.

* PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: This is the good news: God will walk with us in every moment, God will fill us with goodness and mercy, God will bring us home to live forever.

People: **Anointed with grace and forgiveness, our lives overflow with love for all people. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Baptism

Lucille Kathleen Hamming

Congregational Question

Leader: Friends, do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture this child, by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Jesus, and to be a faithful member of Christ's church?

People: **We do.**

*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.

The Baptism

Sung Response No. 188 verse 3

Jesus Loves Me

**Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong.
They are weak, but He is strong.**

**Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.**

The Welcome

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church.

We are all members of the household of God and family through Jesus Christ.

Following the Baptism, children in preschool through 4th grade will go to their Faith Building class, this week in Fellowship Hall. Please pick up your children following worship.

Anthem

Worthy is the Lamb

from *Messiah* by George Frideric Handel

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by His blood,
to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.
Blessing and honour, glory and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the
Lamb, for ever and ever.

—Charles Jennens, based on Revelation 5:12–14

Gospel Lesson

John 10:22-30

New Testament, page 104 in pew Bible

Sermon

Jon Wasson

“The Voice of Grace”

*Hymn of Response No. 187

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering



You may give online by scanning the QR code with your mobile phone,
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Offertory

The Lord is My Shepherd

Howard Goodall

The Lord is my shepherd
I shall not want,
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
I will fear no evil,
For you are with me,
You will comfort me.
Surely goodness and mercy,
Shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

— Psalm 23

*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

*Hymn of Sending No. 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Response

Dresden Amen

*Postlude

Variations on *Lauda Anima*

Christa Rakich

Variation 10

Joys & Concerns

Joys

We celebrate the baptism of Lucille Kathleen Hamming this morning with her family.

Concerns

For Dan Fleming, husband of Sydney Conklin Fleming, who is home recovering after spending 23 days in the ICU in Charlotte, NC, following heart surgeries.

For Tracy Putnam who is having a scan for his pancreatic cancer on Tuesday.

For Al "Jeep" Trefts home and recovering, and Vicki Trefts who has been moved to skilled nursing for continued wound care.

For Beth Miller as she continues cancer treatment.

Prayers for the Country and the World

Loving God, we offer prayers for the world and all that is in it. For those suffering in any way, in mind, body, or spirit, may they feel surrounded by your Spirit's presence. We offer prayers of joy for our sisters and brothers of the Roman Catholic Church on the selection of their new, Pope Leo XIV. In a world torn by war, keep us from the hate that hardens hearts. Guide our leaders and the leaders of all nations with your wisdom. Help us walk with humility as our constant companion. Move our hearts with compassion, justice, and love. 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

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Join our Music Ministry

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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

Family Yard Games

June 26, 4-6 pm

Join us at the manse Sunday, June 26, 4 - 6 pm for some family fun! We'll have outdoor games including Cornhole, Spikeball, an obstacle course, a craft station and a bounce house for toddlers. Bring the whole family! No sign up required.

Work Trip Anniversary

June 21, 3-6 pm

Calling all past work trip attendees and advisors! This June marks the 50th anniversary of the annual First Pres Work Trip, where youth go to work for a community in need. On Saturday, June 21st, all past work trip attendees and advisors will be honored during a celebration at The Lake Forest Club from 3-6 pm. Sign up at firstchurchlf.org/upcomingevents.

Sign up for our newsletter!

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Next Chapter

May 15, 4:00 - 5:30 pm, South Parlor

Are you getting ready for the next chapter of your life? Join as we gather to talk about the desires, fears, losses, and possibilities of starting a new phase in life. Whether you are becoming an empty nester, starting a new job or mourning the loss of a partner, let's explore what that feels like and where God is in the midst of it all. No registration required. Questions? Contact Kristie Finley at kfinley@firstchurchlf.org.

Ringin' in Spring

May 18, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Join the bell choirs at First Pres on Sunday, May 18, for an afternoon of joyful ringing! Joined by friends from across Chicagoland, the ringers at First Pres will present a short concert, performing outside of worship for the first time since 2021. They will play pieces old and new, and close with several pieces commissioned by Lakeminster Ringers. A small reception will follow.

Jon Guerra Concert

June 8, 7pm

Singer-songwriter Jon Guerra will be coming to our sanctuary to perform for an intimate evening of devotional music, featuring songs from his new album, *Jesus*. For more information and how to get tickets visit firstchurchlf.org/upcomingevents

Faraja School Update

June 1, following worship

Join Jon Wasson and Dave Tolmie in the South Parlor following worship to learn more about their recent visit to Tanzania and an update about our missin partner, Faraja School.

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

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