



# First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF LAKE FOREST

Nurturing a community of faith working through love.



# Welcome!

April 5, 2026



To all who are weary and seek rest,  
To all who mourn and long for comfort,  
To all who are lonely and desire friendship,  
To all who hunger and thirst for grace,  
and to all who will come,

First Pres opens wide her doors and offers  
welcome in the name of Jesus Christ.

# Today's Service

## Easter Sunday

All the hopes and expectations of Christians are realized in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, making today the most celebrated day of the liturgical year. This morning's service is a time of joy, celebration, and renewal!

The Revised Common Lectionary scriptures assigned for today are Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10.

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## Prayer for Today

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The Book of Common Prayer*

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## Visiting First Pres?



If you're new to First Pres, please scan this code to get in touch.

## Worship Participants

Rev. Jon Wasson  
Pastor/Head of Staff

Rev. Anna Langholz  
Associate Pastor for  
Congregational Life

Dr. Robert McConnell  
Director of Worship & Music

Dr. Stephen Alltop  
Organist

Sanctuary Choir

Martin Davids  
violin

Emi Tanabe  
violin

Elizabeth Hagen  
viola

Anna Steinhoff  
cello

Isaac Polinsky  
bass

Aaron DuBois  
trumpet

Sophie Urban  
trumpet



Our Sanctuary sound system is equipped to broadcast directly to Auracast (via Bluetooth, check your hearing aid's phone app) and T-Coil-equipped hearing aids. Assistive listening devices are also available from the ushers.



## Prelude

Concerto for Two Trumpets in C major, RV 537

I: Allegro

II: Largo

III: Allegro

Antonio Vivaldi

## Easter Acclamation

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen, indeed!**

(On this day, by ancient tradition, the Easter acclamation is given three times.)

## The Welcome

### Introit

Antiphon from *Five Mystical Songs*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing:  
My God and King.

The heav'ns are not too high,  
His praise may thither fly:  
The earth is not too low,  
His praises there may grow.

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing:  
My God and King.

The Church with psalms must shout,  
No door can keep them out:  
But above all, the heart  
Must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing:  
My God and King.

— George Herbert

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

**People: God's mercy endures forever.**

Leader: Open for us the gates of righteousness.

**People: We will enter them, and give thanks to the Lord.**

Leader: Jesus Christ, the stone that the builders rejected,  
has become the cornerstone.

**People: This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

## \*Hymn of Praise No. 232

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

(silent confession...) Resurrected Christ, there is nothing we can do to deserve the grace you give us. And yet you shower these mercies on us. You, who have taken away the sting of death, meet us where we are, in our doubt and fear, in our regrets and shame. Meet us here in this place and call us once again to trust in you. 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

### \*Gloria Patri No. 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

### \*Passing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## New Testament Lesson

Colossians 3:1-4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

## Anthem

The Angel Rolled the Stone Away

African American Spiritual arr. Stephen Cleobury

The angel rolled the stone away.  
It was early Easter morning,  
The angel rolled the stone away.

Mary came a-running  
About the break of day,  
Looking for Jesus;  
The stone was rolled away.

She sadly walked the garden,  
A shadow barred her way;  
'Please tell me, Mister Gard'ner  
Who rolled the stone away?'  
She waited for an answer,  
'Mary', he did say;  
'Rabboni! O my Master,  
You've rolled the stone away'

He's returned from darkness,  
And he is here to stay;  
Fear no more, my brothers,  
Angels rolled the stone away.

## Gospel Lesson

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

## Sermon

“Act V”

Jon Wasson

### \*Hymn of Response No. 238

Thine Is the Glory

Thine is the glory,  
risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes  
where thy body lay.

*Refrain:* Thine is the glory,  
risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us,  
risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us,  
scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth;  
death hath lost its sting. *Refrain*

No more we doubt thee,  
glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee;  
aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors  
through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan  
to thy home above. *Refrain*

## \*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.**

## Prayers of the People 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.**

## Invitation to the Offering



You may give online by scanning the QR code with your mobile phone, go to [firstchurchlf.org/give](http://firstchurchlf.org/give), or use your Church Center App. Thank you for your generosity!

## Offertory

*Worthy is the Lamb from Messiah*  
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. Amen.

— Revelation 5:12–14

## \*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.**

\* PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE.

## \*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

### \*Hymn of Sending No. 246

Christ is Alive!

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching every place and time.**

**In every insult, rift, and war  
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.**

**Women and men, in age and youth,  
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth,  
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

## \*Charge and Benediction

### \*Benediction Response

Hallelujah from *Messiah*

George Frideric Handel

Hallelujah!  
For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.  
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ;  
King of kings, and Lord of lords,  
He shall reign for ever and ever.

—Charles Jennens, based on Revelation 19:6, 16, Revelation 11:15

## \*Postlude

Toccata from Symphony No. 5 in F major  
Charles-Marie Widor

# Easter Flowers

## Given in Honor of

Dorothy & Art Chantler  
Dort & Art Chantler  
The Winebrenners who have led our children  
through their faith journey

## Given By

Mac, Brock, Emma, Logan, Sara, Tess, Lyla, and Cal  
Christian Cousin Association  
Amy & Andy Wells

## Given to the Glory of God by:

Kay McCurdy  
Suzanne McDonald  
Marcela Ruiz

## Given in Memory of

Lindsay Peeler  
Our Parents  
Rev. Gordon Butcher  
Richard & Barbara Levin  
Homer & Esteleen McDonald  
Don & Mona Strenger  
Henry & Frances Pratt Strenger  
Larry Crone  
Kevin T. Weir  
Mary & Marv Farwell  
Dr. Ed Hamming  
Richard M. Dudley  
My parents Patricia & Robert Schmidt  
Patricia Young  
Our mom & Nana Audrey Webster  
Our dad & Papa Jim Webster  
Our brother & uncle Scott Webster  
Our Abuelo Gustavo Munoz  
Roger Chamlin and Karen & William Rolander

## Given By

Her mom, Dawn  
Bob & Shirley Zinn  
Diane Quinn  
Rich Levin & Sally McDonald  
Don Jr., Jan, Gale & Rob  
Mary Oronato  
Chris & Katharine Reynolds  
Liz Farwell & Michael Reyes  
The Hamming and Nyhan Families  
Cindy Dudley  
Laurel Taylor  
Susan & Steve Jordan  
The Munoz Family  
The Rolander Family

Kimberly Barclay Combs	The Barclay and Combs Families
Laura L. Sibley	Frank & Terri Sibley
John Sibley	
Our mothers Louise Riber and Margaret Johnson	Nancy & John Johnson
James & Marilyn Lovell	Susan Lovell
Auntie Lindsay Peeler—our beautiful sister & aunt	The Bernardi Family
	Kristi, Matthew, Tess, Anna, and Claire
Beloved sister & Auntie Lindsay Peeler	Bethany, Tyrone, Sophie, Belle, and Little Lily Stephens
	William and Kenney Marlatt
Kathryn G. Marlatt	John & Mindy Rittner
Mindy's mother Jacqueline Niedzielka	
Michelle Bagan Morgan	Carol, Brad, Tia, Elyse, and Alaina Bagan
Audrey Counte Vanderaa	The Luce Family
Gilbert T. Vanderaa Jr.	
William F. Luce, Jr	
Larry Stephen Maxfield	
Norma Thorup Garrett	Her Loving Family
William & Helen Munson Alfred	Elaine & Jerry Loeser
Mildred & Michael Loeser	
Bing Zielka, my BBFF (best boy friend forever)	Jan Zilka
Bruce & Virginia Ross	Michael & Susan Michaelis
John Remington	His Loving Family
M. David Cain	Wyn, Joe, and David Cain Jr. Families; Ann, Ben, and Daniel Rattin
	The Bennett Family
Lindsay Peeler	
Hildo and Erick Hoogcarspel	
Herb & Marianne Faulks	Bruce & Patty Bennett
Libby Faulks	
Maggie Bennett	Mom & Dad, Elliot, Dustin, Annie & Molly
Grandpa Bill Redding	Will, Riley, and Elsie Redding
The McClures	The Lansings
The Stuarts	
The Harts	
Our son Christopher	Brian & Linda Martinat
Russell Anderson & Georgie Rauch	The Chantler, Uihlein, Drowne, and Crouch Families

Karol Karlblom	Bob Karlblom
Hildo & Erick Hoogcarspel	Trixie and Mom
Phyllis & Ken Boyer	The Hadler Family
Louise & Bart Hadler	
Langdon Raymond	Laura Landoe
Raymond Duyckinck	The Duyckinck Bennett Family
Christina Stanton	
Daniel & Mary Gescheidle	The Gescheidle Family
Larry Crone	Those who loved him
My brothers Bob and Johny Post	Susie Schlachtenhaufen
My parents Helen & Richard Post	Susie Schlachtenhaufen and Family
GrandMac Fiske	Julia, Jim, and all your grands with love
GrandTien Fiske	
Papa Bill Parker	Your Parker Pack with love
Mimi Parker	
Michael J. Gould	James Gould
Sally Currie	Julie Currie
My parents Edward & Dorothy Anderson	Nancy Hamming
Otis & Ann Hubbard	Wendy & John Hubbard
William Beihl	
Mary Kingsley	The Kingsley Family
Leonard Moss	
Waldo Lawrence Grossman, Jr	Frank & Jane Grossman
Sally Duckworth Hansen	
Louise and Nancy Kennedy-Lloyd	Jack & Trisha Lloyd
Edward FitzSimons	The FitzSimons & Harrison Families
Rebecca & Bill Peebles	Joe, Beverly, Joe, and Rebecca Raudabaugh
Pauline & Neil Raudabaugh	
Jan & Mack Reynolds	
William Klug, III	Karey and Lucy Walker

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

## Church Hours

The church will be closed Monday, April 6.

## Spring Rummage Sale for Mission

Saturday, May 2, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Shop clothing, art, accessories, home decor, furniture, and more while raising funds to support our mission partners! If you would like to volunteer for the sale, scan the QR code to fill out this year's volunteer form.



## Church Membership

Interested in learning more about First Pres and becoming more engaged with our church? For more information on becoming more involved in church ministries or becoming a member, contact Diane Quinn at [membership@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:membership@firstchurchlf.org).

## First Camp 2026

**Monday, June 8 – Friday, June 12**

**9:30 am – 11:30 am**

Sign up today for our 5-day camp for church families with kids between the ages of 3–6 years old to aid in the transition to Sunday School and Children's Choir. Led by Rachel Magnusson and parent volunteers, space is limited to 30 campers. Register your children and yourself as volunteer today on the Church Center App; registration closes on Friday, May 15.

## Faith Connections Newsletter

Sign up using the QR code here to receive our weekly Friday email with up-to-date information about special events and other activities at First Pres!



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