



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF LAKE FOREST

Nurturing a community of faith working through love.



Welcome!

May 24, 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

Day of Pentecost

Ten days after the ascension of Christ and fifty days after his resurrection, the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples on the day of Pentecost. Pentecost symbolizes a new beginning. It celebrates the unleashing of the Holy Spirit on the world and the empowering of the church to reach the world with the gospel. In celebrating Pentecost, the church expresses its gratitude for the faithfulness of Christ in fulfilling his promise to "send another" and celebrates the work of the Spirit in renewing all of creation.

The Revised Common Lectionary scriptures assigned for today are Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23.

Cover art: *Pentecostés*, Prado (El Greco, c. 1600).

Prayer for Today

Holy Spirit, the life that gives life: You are the cause of all movement. You are the breath of all creatures. You are the salve that purifies our souls. You are the ointment that heals our wounds. You are the fire that warms our hearts. You are the light that guides our feet.

— Hildegard of Bingen

Visiting First Pres?



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

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

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

Liz Farwell
Elder

Mindy Mooney
Deacon

The Baptism

Receiving the sacrament of baptism this morning is Charles Thomas Czerkawski, child of Maddie Tolmie Czerkawski and Chuck Czerkawski.

The Flowers

in the niches are given in celebration of this morning's baptism of Charlie Czerkawski from his grandparents Tracy & Dave Tolmie.



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

Preludium on *Hallelujah*
Bernard Bartelink

The Welcome

Introit

I Will Not Leave You Comfortless
Everett Titcomb

I will not leave you comfortless;
I will come to you yet again. Alleluia.
And your heart shall be joyful. Alleluia.
— John 14:18

*Call to Worship

Psalm 104

Leader: How numerous are your works, O Lord:

People: In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your creatures.

Leader: You send forth your spirit, and they are created.

People: And so you renew the face of the earth.

Leader: We will sing to the Lord as long as we live.

All: We will praise our God while we have being.

*Hymn of Praise No. 282

Come Down, O Love Divine

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(silent confession...) **Gracious God, you have sealed us with the Holy Spirit for the day of redemption, but we confess that by our sins we grieve your Spirit. 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, O Lord, and transform our lives in the purifying fire of your love, that we might set our minds on the things of the Spirit all the days of our our life; 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;
Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy.

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.**

Baptism

Charles Thomas Czerkawski

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 him 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.**

Blessing of the Children

Leader: Holy God, we thank you for the gift of these children,

People: And for their parents.

Leader: We know that you have entrusted them to their parents,

People: And also to our community.

Leader: To care for them,
to teach them,
to be examples of Christ to them.
Bless these children.

People: And let us be a blessing to them.

All: Amen.



Following the blessing, children in preschool through 4th grade may go to the Playground. Every child needs to be checked-in through Church Center before attending. If you haven't already, please scan the QR code to create a Church Center profile and then check-in your child(ren) for Sunday school at one of the check-in stations in the Great Room.

New Testament Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

New Testament, page 119 in pew Bible

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered

and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Anthem

Every Time I Feel the Spirit
African American Spiritual arr. William Dawson

Every time I feel the spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain my Lord spoke;
out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me; looked so fine
till I asked my Lord if all was mine.

Jordan river is chilly and cold;
it chills the body, but not the soul.
There ain't but one train upon this track;
it runs to heaven and right back.

New Testament Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:1-11
New Testament, page 174 in pew Bible

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Sermon

Jon Wasson

"Received, Not Achieved"

*Hymn of Response No. 432

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

Prayers of the People

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, or use your Church Center App. Thank you for your generosity!

Offertory

Prelude on *Down Ampney*
Henry G. Ley

*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. 295

Go to the World!

*Benediction

Choral Response

The Lord Bless You, and Keep You
Peter Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord lift his countenance upon you,
and give you peace, and give you peace.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious, and be gracious;
the Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.

— Numbers 6:24-26

*Postlude

Fantasia Super: Komm, Heiliger Geist BWV 651
Johann Sebastian Bach

Prayers

Joys & Concerns

We celebrate the baptism of Charles Thomas Czerkawski this morning.

For Stan Schupbach, Emily Savage, Ellie White and their families on the death of Sherry Schupbach on May 17.

For Cathy Dohnalek and her family on the death of her husband, Dan Donhalek.

For Renee Borkowski to find relief from kidney stones and for her mother who is transitioning to hospice.

For Paul Bergmann who is home recovering from a fall.

For Elinor Hite who has been in the hospital.

For Melissa Pant and her family on the death of her mother, Maureen Murphy.

For Nancy Klein and her family as they travel for continued successful treatments at the eye clinic May 16-24.

Community

For the ongoing work of our mission partner Independence Center in Waukegan. Founded in 1989 by a long-time member of First Presbyterian, IC provides resources to adults with a history of mental illness such as depression, bipolar disorder, anxiety and schizophrenia to help them live independently and productively.

Services offered include therapy sessions and counseling, life skills and vocational preparation, and assistance seeking and maintaining employment. IC operates five housing complexes and a Living Room Wellness/Crisis Intervention Center in Waukegan. Visit <https://icwaukegan.org/> to learn more.

Prayer Requests

We are a church that prays for each other, celebrating life's joys and supporting each other in times of need. Our staff prays together on Tuesday mornings and would like to include your prayers. For prayer requests please fill out a Joys & Concerns card, email us at pastoralcare@firstchurchlf.org or call 224.544.1962.

Prayer requests will be removed from this listing after two weeks.

Prayer Chain For confidential prayers, you may email prayerchain@firstchurchlf.org. Please know that your prayers will be held in strict confidence.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Church Holiday Hours

The church will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of the holiday.

Meal Train Ministry

Our Deacons' Meal Train is one simple way we care for one another at First Pres, bringing home-cooked meals to individuals and families going through illness or grief, caring for relatives, or welcoming a new child. Since launching earlier in the year, we're grateful to have already supported six families and invite additional volunteers to help serve this wonderful ministry, please register on Church Center.

Pastoral Care

For pastoral care when the church office is closed, email pastoralcare@firstchurchlf.org or call 224.544.1962 to leave a voicemail.

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 Church Center.

Summer Choir

June 14 & 28, July 5 & 12, and August 2

Love to sing? Looking for a simple way to participate in our Music Ministry this summer? Join the Summer Choir! We'll sing during worship on select Sundays this summer, helping lead the congregation in hymns and easy anthems. No Thursday rehearsals or robes are required—just come ready to sing.

We'll gather at 8:30 am for a brief rehearsal before the 9:30 am service on June 14 & 28, July 5 & 12, and August 2. Questions? Contact Robert McConnell at rmcconnell@firstchurchlf.org



Find First Pres in Church Center Scan here to log in and learn about everything happening in our congregation!



Announcements and Upcoming Events

Pursuing A Tech-Wise Life

June 1, 7pm

Join with others in our community to hear author Andy Crouch discuss the role technology plays in shaping our relationships at home, at work, and in our communities, and to offer practical steps for moving beyond distraction and reclaiming a more human-centered way of life in a tech-saturated world. Put on by our friends from the Lakelight Institute. To learn more and register scan the QR code or visit: <https://www.lakelight.com/events/pursuing-a-tech-wise-life>



Andy Crouch is the partner for theology and culture at Praxis, a venture-building ecosystem awakening redemptive imagination. His writings explore faith, culture, and the image of God in the domains of technology, power, leadership, and the arts. He is the author of five books (plus another with his daughter, Amy Crouch), including: *The Life We're Looking For: Reclaiming Relationship in a Technological World*, and *Culture Making: Recovering Our Creative Calling*. His work and writing have been featured in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, and Time.

Nursery Supervisor Needed

We are seeking a part-time Nursery Supervisor to lead and maintain our church nursery. This individual creates a welcoming, loving, and safe environment for infants and toddlers during Sunday worship services, oversees a small team of student workers, and reports to the Director of Children's Ministry. For more information contact Rachel Magnusson at rmagnusson@firstchurchlf.org.



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