

Prayer Before Worship

Almighty God,
you sent Jesus, our good shepherd,
to gather us together.
May we not wander from his flock,
but follow wherever he leads us,
listening for his voice and staying near him,
until we are safely in your fold,
to live with you forever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gathering Song (see insert)
Graves Into Gardens -Brandon Lake

The Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship
Psalm 23:1,6; John 10:11; Revelation 7:1

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
People: I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
Leader: Jesus said: I am the good shepherd.
People: Christ lays down his life for the sheep.
Leader: The Lamb of God will be our shepherd;
People: he will guide us to the water of life.

*Song of Praise (see insert)
Friend of God -Israel Houghton and Michael Gungof

Children’s Message 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.

Following the Children’s Message, children may go to Faith Building.
Pick up is at rooms 215 & 219 for Preschool - 4th grade, and room 214
for Middle School.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: When we do not accept as our sisters and brothers in Christ
those who are different from us,
People: forgive us, O God.
Leader: When we oppose you by opposing those
who distrust our routines and challenge our assumptions,
People: forgive us, O God.
Leader: When we willfully disobey you and lose faith in your future,
People: forgive us, O God.
Leader: God, in your mercy,
restore us to newness of life.
**All: Bind together your church universal
through the coming of your Holy Spirit.
Empower us to witness with courage
to the presence of Jesus Christ among us. Amen.**

*Please stand if you are able

*The Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
(Please feel free to greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Reception of New Members


Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson
John 10:1-10 (New Testament, page 103 in pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to Christ.

Message
“The Good Shepherd”
Rev. Clinton Roberts

Offering
Psalm 23 (I Am Not Alone) -Joshua Sherman



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Verse 1
The Lord is my Shepherd
He goes before me
Defender behind me
I won’t fear
I’m filled with anointing
My cup’s overflowing
No weapon can harm me
I won’t fear

Chorus
Hallelujah I am not alone
He’s my Comfort always holds me close

Verse 2
He always guides me
Through mountains and valleys
His joy is refreshing
Restores my soul
Mercy and goodness
Give me assurance
That I’ll see His glory
Face to face

Bridge
Your Spirit lives within me
So I will walk in Your peace
Your Spirit lives within me
My victory my victory

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

*Song of Sending

*Affirmation of Faith (unison)
Psalm 23
The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

*Blessing

*Sending

Worship Participants

- Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

Rev. Kristie W. Finley

Rev. Jim Cochrane

Susan Noble

Christina Maldonado

Nathan Fivecoate
- Worship Ensemble

Henry Thomas, AV Support

Rick Day, AV Support Lead

Georgia Sottosanto-Sorenson, AV Support

Ryder Gamrath, AV Support

Gathering Song

Graves Into Gardens – Brandon Lake

Verse 1:
*I searched the world but it couldn’t fill me
Man’s empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough
Then You came along and put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love*

Chorus:
*Oh there’s nothing better than You
There’s nothing better than You
Lord there’s nothing
Nothing is better than You*

Verse 2:
*I’m not afraid to show You my weakness
My failures and flaws
Lord You’ve seen them all
And You still call me friend
’Cause the God of the mountain
Is the God of the valley
There’s not a place
Your mercy and grace won’t find me again*

Bridge:
*You turn mourning to dancing
You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory
You’re the only one who can*

Bridge:
*You turn graves into gardens
You turn bones into armies
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*Song of Praise

Friend Of God -Israel Houghton and Michael Gungof

Verse 1:
*Who am I that You are mindful of me
That You hear me when I call
Is it true that You are thinking of me
How You love me it’s amazing
(It’s amazing it’s amazing)*

Chorus:
*I am a friend of God
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I am a friend of God
He calls me friend
(REPEAT)*

Bridge:
*God Almighty Lord of Glory
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Field and Sandy Carton are excited to join First Pres and “to grow with and alongside First Pres as individuals and as a family.” Field grew up in Lake Forest, and Sandy in Chicago, and they moved to Lake Bluff in 2020. Sandy attended Fourth Presbyterian downtown, but his father had attended First Pres, so Sandy and Field decided to be married here and have their children baptized here. Sandy works in investment banking at Guggenheim Partners and outside of work enjoys family time and playing squash and tennis. He went to the University of Michigan as an undergrad and Dartmouth College for an MBA. Field grew up going to Holy Spirit Church and sang in the choir for the St. George’s Chapel in high school. She was a theology major at Boston College, and after college worked in fundraising at a Jesuit School in Chicago. Field and Sandy’s children are Grace (3 ½) and Tom (1 ½).



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This Week's Calendar

TODAY

8:45 AM Nursery open until 11:45 AM, Room 212
9:00 Worship, Sanctuary
9:15 Children's Faith Building, Rooms 215, 219
Middle School: 5-7th grade, Room 214
10:00 Fellowship, Great Room
10:30 Worship, Sanctuary
11:30 Fellowship, Great Room
12:00 PM Rummage Sale Setup
4:00 Middle School Youth Group, TBD
6:00 Senior High Youth Group, Away

MON

9:00 AM Rummage Sale Setup
7:00 PM Mission Committee Meeting, Zoom

TUE

9:00 AM Rummage Sale Setup
9:30 Tuesday Women's Bible Study, Manse
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor
4:00 Worship and Music Committee Meeting, Zoom
7:00 Women's Evening Bible Study, Zoom
Deacon Meeting, Away

WED

7:00 PM Worship Ensemble Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Taizé, Live Stream

THU

6:30 AM Daybreakers Men's Ministry, Great Room/Zoom

FRI

7:00 AM Men of Corinth Bible Study, Great Room/Zoom
10:00 Rummage Chair Pre-Sale
1:00 PM Rummage Volunteers Pre-Sale

SAT

8:00 AM Spring Rummage Sale for Mission

Pastor on call:
Pastor Clint Roberts
630.220.7814

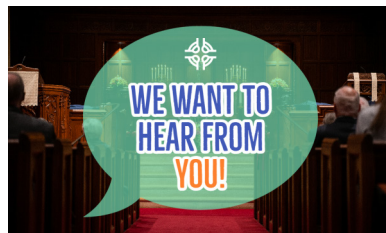
Elders

Paul Bergmann
Renee Borkowski
Donna Coffin
Scott Crawford
Paul Darling
John Gescheidle
Lynnette Hinch
John Johnson
Laura Johnson
Sally McDonald
Mary Gould Moorhead
Diane Quinn
Nina Strnad
David Strong
Sadie Strong
Mary Watanabe
Clerk
Anne Winebrenner

Deacons

Bill Allen
Nancy Anderson
Carol Bagan
Dorothy Chantler
Mallory Ciarrocchi
Susan Daly
Wendy Darling
Peg Gronau
Nancy Hamming
Jeff Hinch
Cindy Johnson
Dick Johnson
Susan McDowell
John McNicholas
Susan Milanak
Lisa Murray
John Noble
Tiffany Notz
Tricia Sweet
Sherry Trenchard
Bert Tucker
Joan Vie
Gale Strenger Wayne
Moderator
Scott Weston

Coming Up...



We want to hear about your Sunday worship experience!

We are gathering feedback from worship attendees of all ages. A survey will be emailed to you tomorrow morning, and paper copies will be available in the church office if you would like one. The survey will remain open throughout May, and we are looking forward to hearing from you!



Spring Rummage Sale for Mission

Saturday, May 6, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

The Spring Rummage Sale for Mission is on Saturday! Shop clothing, art, accessories, home decor, furniture, and more, while raising funds to support efforts locally and around the world.



Vacation Bible School: Stellar Register today!

June 14 – 16 from 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM
June 18 during Sunday School

This year's Vacation Bible School is out of this world, with themes of outer space, astronauts, star activities, and more! Registration is now open. For details and to register, go to firstchurchlf.org/vbs-2023.

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Home Communion
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Welcome
to Sunday Worship
April 30, 2023 | 9:00 AM
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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



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.