

## Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Gathering Song

Your Love Never Fails -Anthony Skinner and Chris McClarney

## The Welcome and Opening Prayer

### Call to Worship

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: maker of heaven and earth**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

**People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: Worship the Lord with gladness.**

**Come into God's presence with singing!**

### \*Song of Praise *(see insert)*

Good Good Father -Anthony Brown and Pat Barrett

## 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. Pickup is at rooms 215 & 219 for Preschool - 4<sup>th</sup> grade, and room 214 for Middle School.*

## Confession and Assurance

Leader: Hear the good news!

**People: Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Believe the good news!

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**Thanks be to God!**

## \*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.)*

## Prayer for Illumination

### Reading from the Old Testament

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Reading from the New Testament

Matthew 5:21-26

You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to Christ.**

## Message

"I Will Put My Law Within Them"

Rev. Clinton Roberts

## Offering

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah *(see insert)*

Hymn no. 65



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## Joys & Concerns

### Pastoral Prayer and Closing Prayer *(unison)*

**Almighty God,**

**you gave the law to guide our lives.**

**May we never shrink from your commandments,**

**but, as we are taught by your Son Jesus,**

**fulfill the law in perfect love;**

**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### \*Song of Sending *(see insert)*

Your Grace is Enough -Matt Maher

### \*The Blessing

### \*Sending

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## Worship Participants

Rev. Clinton Roberts  
Rev. Kristie Finley  
Susan Noble  
Christina Maldonado  
Nathan Fivecoate

Worship Ensemble  
Rick Day, AV Support Lead  
Henry Thomas, AV Support  
Georgia Sottosanto-Sorenson, AV Support  
Ryder Gamrath, AV Support

## \*Song of Praise

Good Good Father -Anthony Brown and Pat Barrett

*I've heard a thousand stories  
Of what they think You're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper  
Of love in the dead of night  
You tell me that You're pleased  
And that I'm never alone*

*You're a Good Good Father  
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It's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am  
It's who I am  
It's who I am*

*I've seen many searching for answers  
Far and wide  
But I know we're all searching for answers  
Only You provide  
You know just what we need  
Before we say a word*

*You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us*

*Love so undeniable I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think  
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Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Hymn no. 65

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty.  
Hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more;  
feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield;  
be thou still my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
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Your Grace is Enough -Matt Maher

*Great is Your faithfulness O God  
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart  
You lead us by still waters into mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart*

*So remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise O God*

*Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me*

*Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation  
And all Your people sing along*

*Yeah Your grace is enough  
Heaven reaches out to us  
Your grace is enough for me  
Your grace is enough  
I'm covered in Your love  
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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, Stuart Room 214  
**10:00** Fellowship, Great Room  
**10:30** Worship, Sanctuary  
**10:45** Children's Church, Tower Room 213  
**11:30** Fellowship, Great Room

#### MON

**9:30 AM** Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room

#### TUE

**9:30 AM** Tuesday Women's Bible Study, Parish House  
**1:00 PM** Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor  
Adult Bible Study, Zoom  
**6:00** Lakeminsters Ringers, Sanctuary  
**6:30** Boy Scouts, Fellowship/Room 012  
**7:00** Women's Evening Bible Study, Zoom

#### WED

**10:00 AM** Wednesday Women's Bible Study, S. Parlor/Zoom  
**4:15 PM** Children's Carol Choir, Music Room  
**5:00** Children's Cherub Choir, Music Room  
**5:30** Wednesday Night Supper, Great Room  
Chancel Bells, Sanctuary  
**6:00** Children's Faith Building, South Parlor  
**7:00** Explorations of Faith, South Parlor/Zoom  
Worship Ensemble Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
Taizé Service, Live Stream

#### THU

**6:30 AM** Daybreakers Men's Ministry, South Parlor/Zoom  
**9:30** Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room  
**6:00 PM** Adult Faith Formation Meeting, South Parlor/Zoom  
**7:00** Sanctuary Choir, Music Room  
**7:30** Boy Scouts Committee Meeting, Parish House

#### FRI

**7:00 AM** Men of Corinth, Great Room/Zoom

**Pastor on call:**  
Pastor Kristie  
847.942.4057

### 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  
Kendall Severson  
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...

#### Ash Wednesday February 22

##### Distribution of Ashes

**7:30 – 8:30 AM and 12:00 – 12:30 PM** Drive-by ashing in the parking lots  
**7:00 PM** Ash Wednesday Evening Worship in the Sanctuary

##### Ash Wednesday Evening Worship & Supper

Join us for a simple supper in the Great Room at 5:30 PM, followed by an Ash Wednesday service in the Sanctuary at 7:00 PM. No registration required.

#### Women's Retreat: Registration is open! February 24-25

We will gather for dinner on Friday evening, and come together Saturday morning for art and contemplation.  
Registration: [firstchurchlf.org/womens-retreat-2023](http://firstchurchlf.org/womens-retreat-2023)

#### Children's Musical February 26

Join us in worship when the Children's Choirs present Life of the Party: The Story of Mary and Martha, Music by Allen Pote and Words by Tom S. Long. The musical is about hectic family lives, making time for Jesus, and trusting God when things get tough. There will be a single service at 10:00 AM.

#### Annual Meeting of the Congregation February 26, following worship

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be in the Sanctuary on Sunday, February 26, with the purpose of receiving the budget and electing church officers. There will also be a Zoom option if you are not able to attend in person. The link will be emailed to all active members on Sunday morning.

#### Praise & Prayer: An Evening of music Friday, March 10

You are invited to an evening of music featuring our Worship Ensemble on Friday, March 10, 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Come casual! Childcare available.

### Serve, Learn & Connect

#### For our weekly ministries & Zoom links

[firstchurchlf.org/ministries](http://firstchurchlf.org/ministries)

#### Share Joys & Concerns

Kristie Finley 224.544.1967

#### Home Communion

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#### Arrange a Wedding or Baptism

Sarah Seccombe 224.544.1958

#### Engagement & Membership

Diane Quinn  
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Stewart Kerr 224.544.1968

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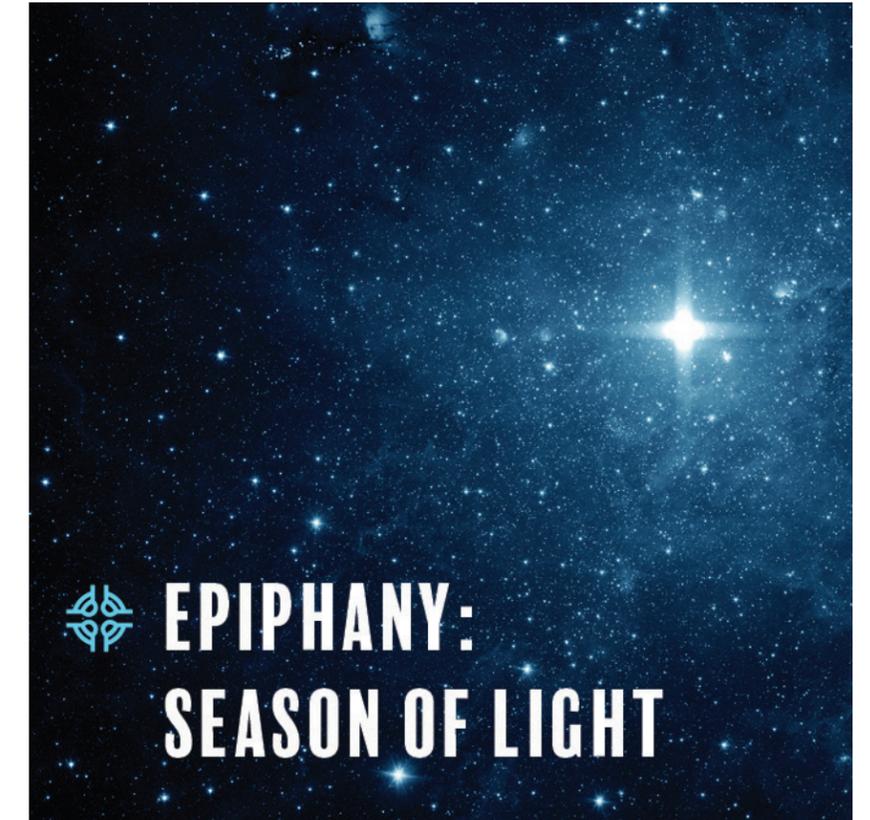


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*Welcome*  
*to Sunday Worship*

**February 12, 2023 | 9:00 AM**  
**SCOUT SUNDAY**

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