Preparation for Worship

John 13:35

"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Gathering

The Welcome

Opening Prayer

*Songs of Praise

"Come Now Is The Time To Worship" -Brian Doerksen

Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship.

Come, just as you are before your God.

One day ev'ry tongues will confess You are God. One day ev'ry knee will bow. Still, the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now.

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus" -Charles Crozat Converse

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O What needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness; Take it to the Lord in prayer.

*The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

Children's Message: Kindergarten Bibles

Following the Children's Message, children may go to Children's Faith Building. Pickup is at Rooms 215 & 219 for preschool - 4th grade, and Room 214 for Middle School.

Hugh Robert Hamming Alexa Marie Knapp Connor Richard McNicholas Anne Charlotte Ratay Anne Cashman Sharp

Greyson James Sokolowski Abigail Louise Swaine Emerson Viergutz Colby Jane Zilka

Confession and Assurance

Leader: Friends, in Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

Song of Response

"Love Has A Name" - Kim Walker-Smith, Ran Jackson, Ricky Jackson

We will fix our eyes on the One who overcame. We will stand in awe of the One who breaks the chains.

Love has a name, love has a name: Jesus! Love has a name, love has a name: Jesus!

The Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reading from Scripture

Romans 12:9-18

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Rev. Clint Roberts Message

"Undistracted in Our Relationships" with Kathy Ragnar, Executive Director of Sarah's Circle

Joys & Concerns

Morning Prayers

Offering



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*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Closing Prayer (unison)

From the Scottish Celtic tradition

God, kindle within our hearts today a flame of love for our neighbours, for our foes, for our friends, for our people, for the brave, for the cowardly, for the thoughtless ones. O Son of the loveliest Mary, in all that we love may we serve you, from the lowliest thing that lives, to the name that is highest of all. Amen.

*Song of Sending

"I Give Myself Away" -William McDowell

I give myself away. I give myself away, so You can use me. I give myself away. I give myself away, so You can use me. Here I am, here I stand.

Lord, my life is in Your hands. Lord, I'm longing to see Your desires revealed in me. My life is not my own,

To You I belong. I give myself, I give myself to You.

*The Blessing

*Sending

Worship Participants

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts Rev. Kristie W. Finlev Jim Cochrane Susan Noble Kathy Ragnar, Sarah's Circle Christina Maldonado

Nathan Fivecoate Worship Ensemble Kendall Severson Rick Day Henry Thomas

Georgia Sottosanto-Sorenson

Congregational Meeting Today, September 25 at 11:30 AM

Session has called a congregational meeting to receive the report of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and to act upon its recommendation to seek a Co-Pastor to serve alongside Rev. Clinton G. Roberts.



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This Week's Calendar

TODAY

8:45 AM Nursery Open until 12:00 PM, Room 212

9:00 AM Worship, Sanctuary

9:15 AM Children's Faith Building, Rooms 215, 219 Middle School: 5-7th grade, Stuart Room 214

10:00 AM Fellowship, Great Room Lunch & Learn Sign-Up, Lobby

10:30 AM Worship, Sanctuary

10:45 AM Children's Church, Tower Room 213

11:30 AM Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary/Zoom Fellowship, Great Room

12:00 PM Rummage Sale Set-up Begins, Lower Level

5:00 PM Middle School Youth Group, Great Room

7:00 PM Senior High Youth Group, Great Room

8:00 PM Online Auction for Mission Ends

MON

9:30 AM Rummage Sale Set-up, Lower Level

TUE

12:00 PM Brown Bag Book Group, Zoom

1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor Adult Bible Study, Zoom

5:00 PM Rummage Unload, Sheridan Parking Lot

6:00 PM Lakeminster Ringers, Sanctuary

7:00 PM Women's Evening Bible Study, Zoom

WED

10:00 AM Wednesday Women's Bible Study, S. Parlor/Zoom

4:15 PM Carol Choir, South Parlor

5:00 PM Cherub Choir, South Parlor Confirmation, Stuart Room 214

5:30 PM Wednesday Night Supper, Great Room Chancel Bells, Sanctuary

6:00 PM Children's Faith Building, South Parlor

7:00 PM Explorations of Faith, South Parlor/Zoom Worship Ensemble Rehearsal, Sanctuary Taizé Service, Online

THU

6:00 AM Daybreakers Men's Ministry, Zoom

FRI

7:00 AM Men of Corinth, Great Room/Zoom 10:00 AM Rummage Chairperson Pre-sale 1:00 PM Rummage Volunteer Pre-sale

Pastor on call:

Pastor Kristie 847.942.4057

Pastor Clint's day off: Friday

Pastor Kristie's day off: Friday

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Coming Up...



Lunch & Learn: Rev. Leslie Sanders

Rev. Leslie Sanders of Hope Presbyterian Church will be joining us in both worship services as quest preacher on Sunday, October 9. At 11:45 AM, there will be a Lunch & Learn with Rev. Sanders in hope that we can learn ways that we can better come alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ who are right in the midst of mounting challenges. Limited seating sign up in the lobby today!



Online Auction for Mission

Bid on items hand-picked from exceptional Rummage donations and help raise funds for First Pres Mission Partners! Bidding begins on Friday, September 23 at 4:45 PM and closes Sunday, September 25 at 8:00 PM. You can preview items in person on Sunday before and after worship as well. FPCLFrummage.givesmart.com



Fall Sale for Mission

Saturday, October 1, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM No tents, just a curated collection from a few of our favorite departments to raise funds for Mission! We are looking for volunteers especially for sale day. Please call the church or email rummage@firstchurchlf.org to let us know!



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