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First Presbyterian Church
OF LAKE FOREST

November 12, 2023
9:30 AM
Season of Pentecost

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

Prayer for Worship

Ruth C. Duck

Most Holy God, we await the touch of your Spirit with eagerness. We ask that you enter the lives of each one of us today, refreshing and renewing and healing us with the power of your loving Spirit, that we may live with purpose and enthusiasm and courage after the manner of Jesus, who was truly whole. Amen.

Prelude

Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams
arr. Douglas E. Wagner

The Welcome

Jesus Christ and our faith community welcome you to worship today.

We are a community that prays for and with one another. If you wish, we invite you to fill out a Joys & Concerns card (in the pew rack) to share your prayer request.

If you are a visitor and would like us to get in touch with you, please provide your information on the back of the Joys & Concerns card. An usher will collect them later in the service.

During the service, you are invited to stand as you are able where an asterisk () is printed, and speak or sing in unison all passages in bold.*

Let us take a few moments of silence as we prepare our hearts to worship God.



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.

Choral Introit

I Want to Be Ready

Traditional Spiritual
arr. Betty Jackson King

*I want to be ready,
to walk in Jerusalem just like John.
O John, O John, what did you say?
Walk in Jerusalem just like John.
I'll meet you there on that great day,
Walk in Jerusalem just like John.*

*Call to Worship

Leader: Rejoice and be glad!

People: God is our salvation.

Leader: Rejoice and be glad!

All: For God is great.

*Hymn of Praise NO. 367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

TUNE: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

(silent confession...) **Holy and gracious God, you are all light and wonder and glory. You are our strength and our delight; you give us all we need to live. Yet we are distracted by all that glitters, continually grasping for more. Rather than trust in your provision, we chase after our own happiness. Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you. Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with grace, for we know that you are the source of life, the fount of all that is good. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

Kyrie

Craig Phillips

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

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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.**

Blessing of the Children

Children up to 4th grade are invited to come forward, and 5th through 7th grade are welcome to join them or stay seated for the blessing. All ages will go to their Faith Building classrooms afterwards. Please pick up your children on the 2nd floor following worship.

Anthem

He, Watching Over Israel from *Elijah*

Felix Mendelssohn

*He, watching over Israel, slumbers not nor sleeps;
Should'st thou, walking in grief, languish,
He will quicken thee.*

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 25:1-13

(New Testament, page 28 in pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"The Power of Attention"

Jon Wasson

*Hymn of Response NO. 475

Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing

TUNE: NETTLETON

*Affirmation of Faith *(unison)*

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
We strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Moment for Stewardship

Ryan Severson

Invitation to the Offering



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with your mobile phone, or go to firstchurchlf.org/give.
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Offertory

Gabriel's Oboe

Ennio Morricone
arr. Kevin McChesney

***Doxology** *(unison)*

*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 Thanksgiving and Dedication**

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

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.

***Hymn of Sending** NO. 643

Now Thank We All Our God

TUNE: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Peace I Leave with You

Amy Beach

*Peace I leave with you,
My peace I give unto you.
Not as the world giveth
Give I unto you.
Let not your heart be troubled.*

***Postlude**

Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Announcements

Stewardship Sunday

Sunday, November 19, is Stewardship Sunday, when we come together to pledge our financial support to our church. Your generosity makes our mission of sending well-equipped disciples of Jesus into the world possible!

Serve the congregation as a church leader!

The All Church Nominating Committee is assembling a slate for congregational election in February 2024. We ask that you prayerfully consider yourself or nominate others you believe are ready to lead and serve our church. For details and to complete a nomination form, go to firstchurchlf.org/acnc.

Nominations are due by Sunday, January 28.



First Pres Prayer Chain

The First Pres Prayer Chain Ministry is back! You can submit your prayers to prayerchain@firstchurchlf.org. Please know that your prayers will be held in strict confidence. We look forward to being there for you in celebrating life's joys and supporting each other in time of need.

Thanksgiving Community Service

November 23 at 10:00 AM,

Church of the Holy Spirit

Join us on Thanksgiving Day as we gather with our friends from St. James Lutheran Church and Church of the Holy Spirit for our annual community worship service.

Advent Wreath Making + Dinner

Sunday, November 26, 5:00 – 7:00 PM,

Fellowship Hall

Sign up for our annual tradition of Advent Wreath Making and Dinner! Join us in fellowship and make a special Advent wreath for your home. This is a church wide, all-ages event: bring grandparents, grandkids, family, and friends to share in the fun! firstchurchlf.org/adventwreath

Women's Christmas Tea

Monday, December 4, 5:45 PM

Save the date for the 21st Annual Women's Christmas Tea, an evening of tea, fellowship, and a Christmas program. Details and sign-up coming soon!

PADS Food Drive

Help us stock the food pantry for PADS (Providing Advocacy, Dignity, and Shelter)! If you would like to donate food and supplies, a list of items is displayed by the church office. You can drop off supplies in the bins provided until Sunday, December 17. Thank you for your generosity!

View our full church calendar, weekly schedule of ministries,
and more on our church website: www.firstchurchlf.org

Find us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube: [@firstchurchlf](https://www.facebook.com/firstchurchlf)

This Week's Calendar

TODAY

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| 8:00 AM | Music Rehearsal, Sanctuary |
| 9:00 | Nursery open, Room 212 |
| 9:30 | Worship, Sanctuary Sunday School, Rooms 213, 214, 215, 219 |
| 10:30 | Fellowship, Great Room |
| 5:00 PM | Middle School Youth Group, Youth Lounge |
| 7:00 | Senior High Youth Group, Youth Lounge |

MON

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| 9:30 AM | Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room |
| 5:00 PM | Finance Committee Meeting, Zoom |
| 7:00 | Session Meeting, South Parlor/Zoom |

TUE

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| 9:30 AM | Tuesday Morning Bible Study Group, Parish House |
| 1:00 PM | Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor Adult Bible Study, Zoom |
| 5:00 | Staff Support Team Meeting, Parish House/Zoom |
| 5:30 | Lakeminster Ringers, Bell Room |
| 7:00 | Children's Faith Formation Mtg., South Parlor/Zoom Chancel Bells, Bell Room |
| 7:30 | Boy Scouts Troop Meeting, Fellowship Hall/Rm 012 |

WED

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| 10:00 AM | Wednesday Women's Bible Study, S. Parlor/Zoom |
| 11:00 | Resource Grp: Caregivers of Terminally Ill, Bride's Rm |
| 2:00 PM | Mission Benefit Debrief Meeting, Deerpath Room |
| 4:15 | Carol Choir, Music Room |
| 5:00 | Cherub Choir, Music Room Confirmation Class, Stuart Room 214 |
| 5:30 | Adult Faith Form. Cmte. Mtg., Deerpath Room/Zoom Wednesday Night Supper, Great Room |
| 6:30 | Offering of Music and Prayer, Sanctuary |

THU

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| 6:30 AM | Daybreakers Men's Bible Study, Great Room/Zoom |
| 9:30 | Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room |
| 7:00 PM | Sanctuary Choir, Music Room Mom's Small Group, Youth Lounge |

FRI

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| 7:00 AM | Men of Corinth Bible Study, South Parlor/Zoom |
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Jack Reeder
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Sanctuary Choir
Rick Day, AV Support Lead
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Serve, Learn & Connect

For our weekly ministries and Zoom links
firstchurchlf.org/ministries

Share Joys & Concerns

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Mallory Ciarrocchi

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