



First Presbyterian Church

OF LAKE FOREST

November 26, 2023
9:30 AM
Christ the King

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

Prayer for Worship

God of majesty, you love us with an everlasting love and show us the way to justice and peace. In Jesus Christ you have reconciled the whole world to you and claimed us as your own, that we may live as his body on earth and, with all the saints, enter into your glory on the last day. Amen.

Prelude

This Day, Full of Joy

Johann Sebastian Bach

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.

Choral Introit

Petite Fantasia

Phyllis Treby Hentz



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.

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord God is our shepherd.

People: We are the people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand.

Leader: God will seek the lost, feed the hungry, and strengthen the weak.

All: But the proud and power-hungry will be fed with justice.

*Hymn of Praise NO. 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

TUNE: LYONS

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

(silent confession...) **Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne. Amen.**

Kyrie

Craig Phillips

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

mer - cy. Lord, 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.**

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

My Eyes for Beauty Pine

Herbert Howells, text by Robert Bridges

*My eyes for beauty pine,
My soul for Goddës grace:
No other care nor hope is mine,
to heaven I turn my face.*

*One splendour thence is shed
From all the stars above:
'Tis named when God's name is said,
'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.*

*And every gentle heart,
That burns with true desire,
Is lit from eyes that mirror part
Of that celestial fire.*

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 25:31-46

(*New Testament, page 29 in pew Bible*)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Known Expectations"

Kristie Finley

*Hymn of Response NO. 203

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

TUNE: CHEREPONI

*Affirmation of Faith

From *Our World Belongs to God*, st. 1-2

Leader: As followers of Jesus Christ,
living in this world—
which some seek to control,
but which others view with despair—
we declare with joy and trust:

People: **Our world belongs to God!**

Leader: From the beginning,
through all the crises of our times,
until his kingdom fully comes,
God keeps covenant forever.

All: **Our world belongs to God!**

God is King! Let the earth be glad!

Christ is Victor; his rule has begun. Hallelujah!

The Spirit is at work, renewing creation. Praise the Lord!

Invitation to the Offering



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

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Offertory

Rejoice

Cynthia Dobrinski

***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. 268*

Crown Him With Many Crowns

TUNE: DIADEMATA

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter

*The Lord bless you and keep you:
The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you, and give you peace.
Amen.*

***Postlude**

Trumpet Tune in D major

David Johnson

Announcements



ADVENT 2023

The Light Has Come

Monday, December 4
Women's Christmas Tea
5:30 PM Tea, 7:00 PM Program

Thursday, December 7
Women's Caroling
5:00 PM

Sunday, December 10
Lessons & Carols
9:30 AM

Wednesday, December 13
Christmas Sing-Along & Supper
5:00 PM Supper, 6:00 PM Carols,
6:30 PM Dessert

Sunday, December 17
Christmas Pageant
9:30 AM

Wednesday, December 20
Longest Night Service
7:00 PM

Sunday, December 24
Christmas Eve Worship
3:00, 5:00, and 9:00 PM

Festival Choir for Lessons and Carols

Festival Choir rehearsals have begun for our Lessons and Carols service on Sunday, December 10. The service tells the Christmas story in scripture and in song. There are two more rehearsal dates if you would like to join us! Contact Jack Reeder (jreeder@firstchurchlf.org) for more information.

Thursday, November 30, 7:00-8:00 PM

Thursday, December 7, 7:00-9:00 PM

Women's Christmas Tea

Monday, December 4, 5:45 PM

RSVP to join us for the 21st Annual Women's Christmas Tea, an evening of tea, fellowship, and a Christmas program, supporting Mothers Trust Foundation. Details and sign-up on firstchurchlf.org/christmastea

Giving Tree

In this season of giving, we encourage you to participate in the Giving Tree ministry! The tree holds names and wishes from those in the Casa Central Chicago InTact program. Select an ornament, and return new, wrapped gifts with their tag by Monday, December 4.

Christmas Sing-Along & Supper

Join us for an evening of supper and Christmas carols. Supper will begin at 5:00 PM in the Great Room, and we will move to the Sanctuary at 6:00 PM and sit around the piano for a Christmas carol sing-along. Fellowship and festive treats will follow in the Great Room. Sign-ups are helpful but not required: firstchurchlf.org/singalong

Serve the congregation as a church leader!

The All Church Nominating Committee is assembling a slate for congregational election in February. 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.

**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

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	Advent Wreath Making + Dinner, Fellowship Hall Middle School Youth Group, Youth Lounge
7:00	Senior High Youth Group, Youth Lounge

MON

9:30 AM	Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room
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TUE

9:30 AM	Tuesday Morning Bible Study Group, Parish House
1:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor Adult Bible Study, Zoom
5:30	Lakeminstor Ringers, Bell Room
7:00	Chancel Bells, Bell Room
7:30	Boy Scouts Troop Meeting, Fellowship Hall/Rm 012

WED

10:00 AM	Wednesday Women's Bible Study, S. Parlor/Zoom
11:00	Resource Grp: Caregivers of Terminally Ill, Bride's Rm
4:15 PM	Carol Choir, Music Room
5:00	Cherub Choir, Music Room Confirmation Class, Stuart Room 214
5:30	Wednesday Night Supper, Great Room
6:30	Offering of Music and Prayer, Sanctuary

THU

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 Sunday School Moms Night of Fellowship, S. Parlor

FRI

7:00 AM	Men of Corinth Bible Study, Zoom
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Rev. Kristie W. Finley
Dr. Robert McConnell
Jack Reeder
Sanctuary Choir
Rick Day, AV Support Lead
Georgia Sottosanto-Sorenson, AV Support
Ryder Gamrath, AV Support

Serve, Learn & Connect

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

Share Joys & Concerns

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