

# *join us at the table* creating community



**First Presbyterian Church**  
OF LAKE FOREST

**October 15, 2023**  
**9:30 AM**  
*Season of Pentecost*

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

## **Prayer for Worship**

Holy God, you set before us every day a bounty of good things. Bring us to your feasting table, hungry for your Word, eager to rebuild the cities you have made, and ready to receive strangers so that we celebrate at all times and in all places the peace which is life in you. Amen.

## **Prelude**

Darwall

Healey Willan

## **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

He's Got the Whole World

Traditional/arr. Aaron David Miller

*He's got the whole world in his hands.*

*He's got the itty bitty babies in his hands.*

*He's got the wind and the rain in his hands.*

*He's got ev'rybody here, in his hands.*

*He's got the whole world in his hands*

## \*Call to Worship

Leader: You have been called to the banquet.

**People: This is the feast.**

Leader: You have been summoned to the wedding.

**People: This is the feast of life and light.**

Leader: From the streets and the byways, God has invited us.

**People: We have come to the banquet that has no end. Alleluia! Amen!**

## \*Hymn of Praise NO. 363

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

TUNE: DARWALL'S 148TH

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

**You invite us to your feast, O God, and we do not come. You beg us to give thanks for life, and we fail in our thanksgiving. You have made for us a wonderful earth, and we neglect the gift. Forgive us for what we have done and for abandoning the pathway you desire for us. Be our guide and conscience. Turn our feet and hands to your will, that all we do might give glory to you. Amen.**

### Assurance of Forgiveness

The God of peace, who calls all creation to live in unity, hears our pleas. In the spirit of feasting and thanksgiving, in the mercy of Almighty God, we are forgiven! For the sake of Christ Jesus, our Savior, who died and rose from the dead to destroy the shroud of despair, rejoice!

## \*Passing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## Anthem

Yesu Kwetu Ni Rafiki (What a Friend We Have in Jesus)

arr. Mark Burrows

*Yesu kwetu ni Rafiki, Maombi asikia.  
(Translated: What a friend we have in Jesus. Take it in prayer.)*

*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!*

*Oh what peace we often forfeit,*

*Oh what needless pain we bear,*

*All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.*

## Word for Children

Following the Word for Children, those in preschool through 7th grade may leave for their Sunday School Faith Building classes. After worship, please pick up your children from their classrooms on the 2nd floor (rooms 213, 214, 215, 219).

## Prayer for Illumination

### First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 25:1-9

*(Old Testament, page 652 in pew Bible)*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

*(New Testament, page 198 in pew Bible)*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

"It's This, and More"

Rev. Nancy Dolan

## \*Hymn of Response NO. 30

O God, in a Mysterious Way

TUNE: DUNDEE

## Moment for Stewardship

Ryan Severson

## Invitation to the Offering



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## Offertory

Thy Perfect Love

John Rutter

*Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest,  
Thy perfect love close in my breast.  
That I thee love and never rest;  
And make me love thee all things best,  
And wound my heart in thy love free,  
That I may reign in joy evermore with thee.*

## \*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 Dedication** *(unison)*

God of compassion and generous love, we give you thanks for the riches of Earth, which sustain our lives and which you have created for our joy. We thank you for Jesus, whose life, death, resurrection, and ascension renews our strength and revives our hope. We give you thanks for the Holy Spirit, who comes among us, invites us to dine with each other and with you, and keeps us in faith. Bless these gifts for the sake of those in need and the work of your church. In peace, we pray our thanksgiving. Amen.

## **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. 804*

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

TUNE: MARION

## **\*Charge and Benediction**

### **\*Benediction Response**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter C. Lutkin

*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**

Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young

## Coming up...



**Welcome**  
**Rev. Jon Wasson**  
Sunday, October 22  
Worship at 9:30 AM  
Fellowship following in the South Parlor

### **Rev. Jon Wasson's First Sunday Sunday, October 22, 9:30 AM**

Join us as we welcome our new Senior Pastor, Rev. Jon Wasson, and his family, into ministry with us. Jon will be preaching on Sunday, October 22. Come to fellowship after worship and join us to celebrate Jon's arrival.



**Dinner and a Movie:**  
Disney  
**ENCANTO**  
Sunday  
October 15  
3:00 - 6:00 PM

### **Fall Dinner & Movie Night Today, 3:00 - 6:00 PM**

Children and middle schoolers are invited to join us this afternoon in the Great Room for a fun fall dinner and movie night! We'll start with pumpkin decorating, watch Encanto, and have a casual dinner together.



**Knitting Communities Together**  
**ART IMPACT PROJECT**

Monday, October 16  
6:00-8:00 PM  
Parish House

### **Knitting Communities Together Monday, October 16, 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

Art Impact's program, Knitting Communities Together, is hosting a knitting evening in the Parish House tomorrow. The group will be knitting items to donate to Fill A Heart 4 Kids; materials will be provided. Sign up at [signup.com/go/LzLRMRZ](https://signup.com/go/LzLRMRZ)

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**View our Weekly Schedule of ministries, and find details and Zoom links on our church website: [www.firstchurchlf.org/ministries](http://www.firstchurchlf.org/ministries)**

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## This Week's Calendar

### TODAY

- 8:00 AM Music Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
9:00 Nursery open, Room 212  
9:30 Worship, Sanctuary  
Sunday School, Room 213, 214, 215, 219  
10:30 Fellowship, Great Room  
10:45 Worship Ensemble Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
3:00 PM Fall Dinner + Movie Night, Great Room  
5:00 Middle School Youth Group, Youth Lounge  
7:00 Senior High Youth Group, Youth Lounge

### MON

- 10:00 AM Rummage Sale Debriefing Meeting, Youth Lounge  
5:30 PM Knitting Communities Together, Parish House/Zoom  
7:00 Session Meeting, South Parlor/Zoom

### TUE

- 9:15 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study Group, Parish House  
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor  
Adult Bible Study, Zoom  
5:30 Lakeminster Ringers, Bell Room 009  
7:00 Chancel Bell Choir, Bell Room 009  
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 Mom's Small Group, Youth Lounge  
Sanctuary Choir, Music Room

### FRI

- 7:00 AM Men of Corinth Bible Study, South Parlor/Zoom



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Rev. Nancy Dolan  
Dr. Robert McConnell  
Susan Noble  
Sanctuary Choir  
Cherub & Carol Choirs  
Rick Day, AV Support Lead  
Georgia Sottosanto-Sorenson, AV Support  
Ryder Gamrath, AV Support

## Serve, Learn & Connect

**For our weekly ministries and Zoom links**  
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### Share Joys & Concerns

Kristie Finley 224.544.1967

### Home Communion

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### Arrange a Wedding or Baptism

Sarah Secombe 224.544.1958

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Diane Quinn  
Paul Roeck  
David Strong  
Peter Vander Velde  
Anne Warnke *Clerk*  
Anne Winebrenner

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Peg Gronau  
Nancy Hamming  
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