

join us at the table creating community



First Presbyterian Church
OF LAKE FOREST

October 22, 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 have made us in your image, and we belong to you alone. Therefore we offer ourselves to you, in service, love, and praise. Use us for the glory of your realm and the good of your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prelude

Aria
"Hornpipe" from Water Music

Cynthia Dobrinski
George Frideric Handel

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 Was Glad

C. Hubert H. Parry

*I was glad when they said unto me,
We will go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is builded as a city that is at unity in itself.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem,
They shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls,
and plenteousness within thy palaces.*

*Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, you have welcomed us, saying,
"I know you by name, and you have found favor with me."

**People: Lord, you have promised us,
"My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."**

Leader: Lord, you have blessed us, saying,
"I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you."

**People Lord, you have humbled us, saying,
"I will proclaim my holy name in your presence."**

All: Lord, show us your glory! We worship you!

*Hymn of Praise NO. 15

All Creatures of Our God and King

TUNE: LASST UNS ERFREUNEN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

(silent confession...) **What a debt we owe to you, O God. You have given us all things in Christ and yet we withhold from you the honor and glory that are yours. Instead, we pay tribute to empire, plot to entrap the innocent, mock your truth with empty praise, and put your patience to the test.**

Forgive us, O God, and by your grace restore in us the image of your face; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie

Craig Phillips

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice! Let the sea roar with laughter, the fields shout in celebration, and the forests sing with joy; in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*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.**

Following the Passing the Peace of Christ, 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).

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 45:1-7

(Old Testament, page 674 in pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

O Clap Your Hands
from Psalm 47

John Rutter

*O clap your hands together, all ye people:
O sing unto God with the voice of melody.*

*For the Lord is high, and to be feared: he is the great King upon all the earth.
He shall subdue the people under us: and the nations under our feet.
He shall choose out an heritage for us: even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved.*

*God is gone up with a merry noise: and the Lord with the sound of the trump.
O sing praises, sing praises unto our God: O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.
For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.*

O clap your hands together, all ye people.

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 22:15-22

(New Testament, page 24 in pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"A Better Question"

Jon Wasson

*Hymn of Response NO. 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

TUNE: CWM RHONDDA

***Affirmation of Faith** *(unison)*

From *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

Invitation to the Offering



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Offertory

Canzon Seconda

Giovanni Gabrieli

***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** *(unison)*

We trust you, Lord God, to multiply the blessings these gifts represent, as we pour out your love and grace on those who long to hear your word to them, to see your power at work within them, and to feel your comfort beside them, through the generous gifts of your Spirit. 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. 260*

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

TUNE: HYFRYDOL

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Nunc dimittis in G

Charles Villiers Stanford

*Lord, now lettest Thou thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared
before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.
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.*

***Postlude**

Toccata for Symphony No. 1

Charles-Marie Widor

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

MON

- 9:30 AM Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room

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 Lakeminster 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
7:00 Youth & Young Adult Faith Form. Mtg., Youth Lounge

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
Mom's Small Group, Youth Lounge

FRI

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



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The flowers in the niches are given in celebration as we welcome Rev. Jon Wasson and his family.

Pastor on call: Kristie Finley 224.544.1967

Worship Participants

Rev. Jon Wasson
Rev. Kristie W. Finley
Mike Adams
Dr. Robert McConnell
Jack Reeder
Sanctuary Choir
Chancel Bells
Bethany Vaughan, trumpet
Lizbeth Yanez, trumpet
Alex Ertl, trombone
Cole Davis, trombone
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

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Sally McDonald
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Diane Quinn
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David Strong
Peter Vander Velde
Anne Warnke *Clerk*
Anne Winebrenner

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Carolyn Bennett
Dorothy Chantler
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Emily Gilley
Peg Gronau
Nancy Hamming
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Cindy Johnson
Dick Johnson
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John McNicholas

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