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**First Presbyterian Church**  
OF LAKE FOREST

**September 10, 2023**  
**9:30 AM**  
*Festival Sunday*

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

## Prayer for Worship

From the beginning until now, loving God, we have turned away from you, following lesser ways, pursuing a lesser life than the life offered to us in Christ. Yet you will not abandon us. You call out, warning and wooing us to turn, to return to you. Even when we fall away from brothers and sisters in the church, you remain present with us. Help us to love as you love—wholeheartedly—until we are reconciled to you and to our neighbor. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

## Prelude

*Lobe den Herren*

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.*



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

Humble Service

Larry L. Fleming

*Lord, whose love in humble service  
Bore the weight of human need,  
Who upon the cross forsaken,  
Worked your mercy's perfect deed:  
We, your servants, bring the worship  
Not of voice alone, but heart;  
Consecrating to your purpose  
Every gift which you impart.*

*Still your children wander homeless;  
Still the hungry cry for bread;  
Still the captives long for freedom;  
Still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As you Lord, in deep compassion  
Healed the sick and freed the soul,  
By Spirit send power  
to our world to make it whole.*

*As we worship, grant us vision,  
Till your love's revealing light  
In its height and depth and greatness  
Dawns upon our quickened sight.*

## \*Call to Worship

Leader: Listen! The Lord calls out to us, offering life!

**People: Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God.**

Leader: Walk in the paths of God's commandments with delight.

**People: Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God.**

**With our whole heart, we will turn to you and live!**

## \*Hymn of Praise NO. 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

TUNE: LOBE DEN HERREN

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Leader: From evil, even when it masquerades as good,

**People: Merciful God, deliver us.**

Leader: From selfishness and vain desires,

**People: Merciful God, deliver us.**

Leader: From irresponsible behaviors, quarreling, and jealousy,

**People: Merciful God, deliver us.**

Leader: From hurtful disagreements and irreconcilable differences,

**People: Merciful God, deliver us. Turn us away from the death sin inflicts.  
Lead us into the abundant life Christ brings. Forgive us, we pray,  
and teach us to forgive, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Laying aside the works of darkness, we live in the light of Christ.

Gathered in Christ's name, surely he is among us, full of grace and truth.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and lifted up to new life.**

**Thanks be to God!**

### \*Passing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### Word for Children

*Children are invited to come forward to witness the baptism.  
Following the baptism, preschoolers through 7th graders may  
leave for their Sunday School classes*

# — The Sacrament of Baptism —

Receiving the sacrament of baptism today is  
**Blair Swanson Czerkowski**  
child of Maddie (Tolmie) and Chuck Czerkowski

## Congregational Question

Leader: Friends, do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture this child by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Jesus, and to be faithful member of His church?

People: **We do.**

## \*The Apostles' Creed *(unison)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sin; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Baptism

### The Welcome *(unison)*

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church.  
We are all members of the household of God and family through Jesus Christ.

### Sung Response NO. 188 *(stanza 1)*

Jesus Loves Me!

TUNE: JESUS LOVES ME

**Jesus loves me, this I know,  
For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong.  
They are weak, but He is strong.**

Refrain: **Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.**

# Prayer for Illumination

## Psalm 119: 33-40

The congregation is invited to sing the refrain, "Order My Steps" printed below, along with the choir, then speak the words of the Psalm together in unison.

### Order My Steps

Glenn Burleigh



Or-der my steps in your Word, dear Lord. Lead me, guide me, ev-er-y day. Send you a-noint-ing,



Fa-ther, I pray. Or-der my steps in your Word. Please or-der my steps in your Word.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,  
and I will observe it to the end.  
Give me understanding, that I may keep your law  
and observe it with my whole heart.  
Lead me in the path of your commandments,  
for I delight in it.  
Turn my heart to your decrees  
and not to selfish gain.

*Sung Refrain*

Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;  
be gracious to me according to your word.  
Confirm to your servant your promise,  
which is for those who fear you.  
Turn away the disgrace that I dread,  
for your ordinances are good.  
See, I have longed for your precepts;  
in your righteousness be gracious to me.

*Sung Refrain*

## New Testament Lesson

Romans 13:8-14

*(New Testament, page 162 in pew Bible)*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

Rev. Kristie W. Finley

## \*Hymn of Response NO. 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

TUNE: HOLY MANNA

## Invitation to the Offering

### Offering



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### Offertory

Come Down, O Love Divine

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*Come down, O Love divine,  
Seek Thou this soul of mine,  
And visit it with Thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
Within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.  
O let it freely burn  
Till earthly passions turn  
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming:  
And let Thy glorious light  
Shine ever on my sight,  
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.  
And so the yearning strong,  
With which the soul will long,  
Shall far out pass the power of human telling;  
For none can guess its grace,  
Till he become the place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.*

## **\*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 our salvation, we know what time it is—time to wake from sleep and to turn from selfishness. We offer now our time, our talents, and our resources to be used for your good purposes and all for love's sake. Through Jesus the Christ we pray. 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. 295*

Go to the World!

TUNE: SINE NOMINE

## **\*Charge and Benediction**

### **\*Benediction Response**

Humble Service

Larry L. Fleming

*Making known the needs and burdens  
Your compassion bids us bear,  
Stirring us to ardent service,  
Your abundant life to share.  
Lord, whose love in humble service  
Healed the sick and freed the soul.*

## **\*Postlude**

# WORSHIP NOTES



As you attend worship, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.

write or draw something you heard in the sermon

Favorite song today was:

What are we learning about God from this passage?

Words you heard but don't know...



## Coming up...



### **Celebrate Mission: An Evening in the Garden**

Join us in celebrating Mission and raising funds for our neighbors, near and far, on Saturday, September 16. An evening of fellowship, live music, appetizers, and drinks, featuring an auction for unique experiences and a tour of Westmoreland Farm. You can preview the auction items and purchase your tickets online at [fpclfmision23.givesmart.com](http://fpclfmision23.givesmart.com).



### **Wednesday Night Live**

Kick-off is this Wednesday, September 13, with the start of children's choir rehearsals, confirmation class, supper, and a music and prayer offering in the Sanctuary at 6:30 PM.



### **Coffee and a Cause**

**Thursday, September 14, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM**

Join us in the Great Room for a parent get together while also dedicating time to service work. September's Coffee and a Cause supports Keeping Families Covered. We are collecting diapers and creating feminine care kits.

For more details visit: [firstchurchlf.org/coffee-and-a-cause](http://firstchurchlf.org/coffee-and-a-cause)

## Coming up...



### Lunch and Learn Sunday, September 24, 10:45 AM

Michael P. McGillicuddy, LCSW and founder of Untying Knots, presents "If We're Better Together, Why are We So Far Apart?" Join us for a lunch presentation and workshop for making discussion of diverse topics less difficult. Childcare will be provided. RSVP at [firstchurchlf.org/michael-mcgillicuddy](http://firstchurchlf.org/michael-mcgillicuddy)



### Fall Sale for Mission

The Fall Sale for Mission is on Saturday, October 7! 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM. No tents, just a curated collection from a few of our favorite departments to raise funds for the First Presbyterian Mission Partners.

### First Pres Job Opening

First Presbyterian Church is looking for an "on call" custodian to assist in daily facility and maintenance operations of the church. Must have the ability to lift 50 pounds and the flexibility to be available on days, nights, or weekends to support church activities and maintenance staff. Monthly hours could consistently include Sunday evenings or intermittent coverage throughout the year due to the custodial staff absences. Monthly hours would vary due to church activities and staff scheduling. If you are interested and would like more details about the position, please contact the Director of Business Operations, Jan McNicholas, at [jobs@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:jobs@firstchurchlf.org). Should you know of someone who might be interested, we encourage you to please pass this opportunity along to the candidate. Looking to fill this position immediately!

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## This Week's Calendar

### TODAY

- 8:30 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
9:00 Nursery Open, Room 212  
9:30 Worship, Sanctuary  
Sunday School, Rooms 219, 215, 214, 213  
10:30 Festival Sunday Brunch  
5:00 PM Middle School Youth Group, Youth Lounge  
Youth Group Parent Meeting, South Parlor  
7:00 Senior High Youth Group, Youth Lounge

### MON

- 9:30 AM Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room  
6:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting, South Parlor/Zoom

### TUE

- 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor  
5:00 Staff Support Team Cmte. Mtg., Parish House/Zoom  
7:00 Children's Faith Formation Mtg., S. Parlor/Zoom  
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  
4:00 PM Worship/Program Planning Mtg., Deerpath Rm  
4:15 Carol Choir, Music Room  
5:00 Cherub Choir, Music Room  
Confirmation Class, Stuart Room 214  
5:30 Wednesday Night Supper, Great Room  
Chancel Bells, Sanctuary  
6:30 Offering of Music & Prayer, Sanctuary  
7:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

### THU

- 6:30 AM Daybreakers Men's Bible Study, Great Room/Zoom  
9:30 Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room

### FRI

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



## Give

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**Flowers in the niches** are given in honor of the baptism of Blair Swanson Czerkawski, daughter of Madeline Tolmie Czerkawski and Chuck Czerkawski and grandparents Dave and Tracy Tolmie.

**Pastor on call:** Kristie Finley 847.942.4057

## Worship Participants

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](https://firstchurchlf.org/ministries)

### Share Joys & Concerns

Kristie Finley 224.544.1967

### Home Communion

Kristie Finley 224.544.1967

### Arrange a Wedding or Baptism

Sarah Seccombe 224.544.1958

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