



First Presbyterian Church

OF LAKE FOREST

December 26, 2021
First Sunday of Christmas

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

Prayer of Preparation

O God, into a realm of clerics and kings you sent your child to teach the wise and show the world what power there is in love. Keep us vigilant to hear the voices of those who speak your truth. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Prelude

Emma Gingold, pianist

The Welcome

*Call to Worship

Leader: God calls us now in this Christmas season to become new,

**People: To make room for our own nativity,
even where there is no room at the inn.**

Leader: Where we are busy—

People: Peace.

Leader: Where we are lost—

People: Salvation.

Leader: Where we are sad—

People: Joy.

Leader: Where we are bitter—

People: Love.

Leader: Let this hour be a time to hope for all these gifts of God. **Amen.**

*Hymn of Praise NO. 140

Once in Royal David's City

TUNE: IRBY

*Prayer of Adoration

Loving God, you have come to us, not with great signs and wonders, but as a babe who became a humble carpenter. You took on human form, not with the trappings of power and might, but among folk who fasted, prayed, and gave thanks in the midst of their poverty. You made your witness, not with devices of intimidation and coercion, but through an instrument of suffering and scorn. For your foolishness is wiser than human thought, your weakness is stronger than all human powers. Grant that we may hear and respond to your wisdom, O God. Amen.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

— The Sacrament of Baptism —

Rev. Kristie W. Finley

Receiving the sacrament of baptism are

Garrett John Cicero, child of Amy (Seidel) and Matthew Cicero

Molly Katherine Hamming, child of Katherine (Koepke) and David Hamming

Woody Oliver Seidel, child of Kinsey (Wood) and Mark Seidel

Renee Grace Standiford, child of Julie (Seidel) and Nicholas Standiford

Congregational Question

Leader: Friends, do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture these children by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Jesus, and to be a faithful member of his church?

People: **We do.**

The Baptism

The Charge

The Welcome

People: 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.*

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

Sharing of our Joys and Concerns

Offering

Prayer for Illumination

From our mother's womb you have known us, O God.
You call us to follow you through all our days
and seek us even when we wander.
As we advance in years,
clothe us with your love,
that we may grow in grace and find favor in your sight;
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in

your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to Christ.

Meditation

Rev. Kristie W. Finley

Carol Sing

*Please choose and request your favorite Christmas Carol to be sung by the congregation.
The Christmas section of the hymnal spans numbers 108 through 156.*

Pastoral Prayer 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.

***Doxology**

TUNE: OLD HUNDREDTH

*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.*

***Hymn of Sending** NO. 141

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

TUNE: PERSONENT HODIE

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Coming up...



Epiphany Star Sunday Sunday, January 2

As we begin a new year, pick up your personal "Star Word" for 2022 at worship. During the months ahead, see how God uses your Star Word to speak into your life situation and share your Star Story next year!



Renewal of Baptismal Vows January 9, 10:00 AM, Sanctuary

On Sunday January 9, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. We remember that, through Jesus, we join in the baptismal covenant too. On this Sunday, we renew the baptismal vows made by our parents and the ones we have made ourselves. This is a treasured service in the church where we come forward, are blessed by the pastors, and just as the waters of baptism are a visual sign of the covenant, we receive a glass bead which represents those waters.

**View our Weekly Schedule of ministries, and find details and Zoom links
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This Week's Calendar

TODAY

10:00 Worship, Sanctuary

MON The Church will be closed on Monday, December 27.

TUE

1:00 PM Adult Bible Study, Zoom
Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor

Wed

7:00 PM Taizé, Online only pre-recorded

THURS

No Events Scheduled

FRI The Church will be closed at noon.

7:00 AM Men of Corinth Study, Great Room/Zoom



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Pastor on call Pastor Kristie, 847.942.4057
Pastor Clint's day off is on Monday.
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Jim Cochrane
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Serve, Learn & Connect

For our weekly ministries and Zoom links
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Share Joys & Concerns

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Nina Strnad
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Anne Winebrenner

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Mallory Ciarrocchi
Dorothy Chantler
Susan Daly
Wendy Darling
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Sharon Haltom
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