



Festival Sunday

SEPTEMBER 11, 10:00 AM

Bring a friend, dress casually, and worship with us in the Sanctuary. Following worship, join us for a cookout!



Sunday Worship

9:00 and 10:30 AM

starting September 18 in the Sanctuary

Childcare and children's programs at 9:00 and 10:30 AM
Fellowship in between services

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As Fall begins, may God's grace and peace be with you!

You are warmly welcomed and cordially invited to share in these blessings as First Pres. begins a new season of worship and fellowship, learning, and serving. Check out our new Sunday schedule and join us at 9:00 AM or 10:30 AM for a more contemporary or traditional worship experience of your choosing. Childcare and children's programs are provided at both services with coffee and fellowship in between.

In a challenging world filled with competing priorities, may Christ's invitation to "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens" anchor you firmly in faith and hope, and love.

-Pastor Clint Roberts

What's New at First Pres this Fall?

Sunday School and Children's Church Sundays during worship

The 9:00 AM service will have traditional Sunday School, a time of Bible lessons and exploration using a new Spark curriculum. At the 10:30 AM service we will be engaging the young ones with the curriculum, *Young Children and Worship*, created by Sonja M. Stewart and Jerome W. Berryman. The curriculum teaches children Faith Formation through stories of the Bible, with the Maria Montessori method at its root, and introduces children to the rhythms and structure of worship. Questions? Please contact Susan Noble at snoble@firstchurchlf.org.

Festival Choir

A great opportunity to sing with our choir on selected Sundays! No weekly commitments—just come to two Thursday rehearsals prior to a Festival Choir Sunday. Upcoming dates: Festival Sunday (September 11) and All Saints Sunday (November 6). If you are interested and want more information, please contact Tom Tropp, Director of Music and Arts, at ttropp@firstchurchlf.org.

Coming Together for Prayer

A monthly gathering to pray together and explore creating our own prayers. No expertise required, just an open heart to speak with God. We will gather in the Chapel at a mutually agreed upon time. Contact Pastor Kristie Finley at kfinley@firstchurchlf.org.

The All Church Advent Devotional returns!

Last year's Advent devotional had such a wonderful response we are bringing it back this year! We once again invite you to submit your reflections to create an All Church Advent Devotional. As we did last year, we are starting the process early in the fall. The signup of scriptures and dates will be on the church website starting Wednesday, August 31.

Become more engaged with the church community!

Are you interested in learning about First Pres and becoming more engaged with the church community? We are excited to offer gatherings starting in September. Let us know if you would like to be kept informed on dates and details by contacting Diane Quinn at engagement@firstchurchlf.org.

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Church-wide Exploration

"Undistracted" by Bob Goff

This Fall, we will be exploring *Undistracted: Capture Your Purpose, Rediscover Your Joy* by Bob Goff, together in worship as a sermon series and in various small groups. Books will be available for purchase.

Bob Goff reassures readers that they can harness today's distractions, follow Jesus' example, and find focus, purpose, and joy through inspiring and entertaining stories. *Undistracted* shows us what it looks like to live a beautiful and purposeful life rather than drifting aimlessly from one season to the next.



Sermon Series

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| Sep. 11 Undistracted in Our Attitude | Oct. 2 Undistracted in Our Faith |
| Sep. 18 Undistracted in Our Service | Oct. 9 Rev. Leslie Sanders GUEST PREACHER |
| Sep. 25 Undistracted in Our Relationships | Oct. 16 Undistracted in Our Purpose |



Explorations of Faith

Join Pastor Clint on Wednesdays at 7:00 – 8:15 PM to watch and discuss The Great Courses' *The Holy Land Revealed* by Jodi Magness, a Kenan-distinguished Professor for Teaching Excellence in Early Judaism. All are welcome — in person or by Zoom. If you have any questions, contact Sarah Seccombe at sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org.



The Third Quarter and Beyond

Come explore spiritual development for those in the third or fourth quarters of life. We do not stop developing at a certain age, we are always growing. Join us monthly as we delve into its meaning, beginning by reading Arthur Brooks' *From Strength to Strength: Finding Success, Happiness and Deep Purpose in the Second Half of Life*. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Kristie at kfinley@firstchurchlf.org.



The Artist's Way

Join a creative cluster using Julia Cameron's *The Artist's Way: A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity*. A fabulous tool to help you find your creative voice, using daily writing and small group interaction. Those interested will decide on a mutually agreeable day and time. Even if you are out of town, Zoom can keep us connected. If interested, contact Pastor Kristie at kfinley@firstchurchlf.org.

Fall at a Glance

Kindergarten Bible Sunday Sunday, September 25

Join us in worship when we present the Storybook Bibles to the Kindergartners to support them through their faith journey!

Guest Preacher: Rev. Leslie Sanders Sunday, October 9

Rev. Leslie Sanders will be preaching on October 9, followed by a Lunch and Learn in the Great Room about his ministry in the Englewood community.

Trunk or Treat Saturday, October 29

Dress up in your costumes, and join us in the Deerpath parking lot for a fun-filled evening for all ages! To decorate your trunk, sign up on the church website!

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Katie Day Sunday, October 30

Katie Day will be preaching on October 30, followed by a Lunch and Learn in the Great Room about gun control and church preparedness.

All Saints Remembrance Sunday Sunday, November 6

On All Saints Sunday, we remember and honor our loved ones in worship.

Recognition of our Veterans Sunday, November 13

Join us in worship to recognize the veterans in our community and their service to our country on Veterans Sunday.

Coffee and a Cause September 1, October 6, November 3

Participate in a mission project while enjoying coffee with young families. Join us in the Great Room from 9:00 – 10:30 AM. Check the church website closer to the dates for details on each mission project! firstchurchlf.org/coffee-and-a-cause

Online Auction for Mission begins Sunday, September 25

Bid on items specially hand-picked from exceptional Rummage donations. All funds raised will go towards First Pres Mission Partners.

Fall Sale for Mission Saturday, October 1

Save the date: October 1 for the Fall Sale for Mission featuring clothing and shoes for all ages, jewelry, toys, art, holiday, and some of our favorite departments, French and Bond! Funds raised go to our Mission Partners.

Poverty Simulator Saturday, October 22, 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

First Pres, along with the Church of the Holy Spirit and the Alliance for Human Services, is hosting a Poverty Simulator to help us better understand some of the challenges those experiencing poverty are facing, and celebrate their resilience.

Musical Organ Tour Sunday, December 18 after worship

Join Dr. Barry Wenger in the Choir Loft for a musical tour of the Casavant Organ.

Sunday Worship

9:00 and 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

Live-streamed on firstchurchlf.org, Fellowship in the Great Room between services

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Live

Wednesday Night Supper
5:30 – 6:45 PM, Great Room

Suppers are the center of our Wednesday Night Live. Join us for a catered meal and fellowship!
\$5 free-will offering

4:15 – 5:00 PM Children's Carol Choir
5:00 – 5:30 PM Children's Cherub Choir
5:00 – 6:00 PM Confirmation Class
5:30 – 6:30 PM Chancel Bell Choir
6:00 – 6:30 PM Children's Faith Building
7:00 PM Taizé Prayer Service
7:00 PM Explorations of Faith

Taizé Prayer Service

7:00 PM in the Chapel
starting September 14
Live-streamed on
firstchurchlf.org, Facebook

Contemplative worship in the Taizé tradition returns. We will sing, say prayers, read scripture, with silence in the comforting light of candles.

Adult www.firstchurchlf.org/learn/adult

Adult Bible Study Tuesdays, 1:00 PM, Zoom: For information and the Zoom link, please contact Cynthia Hessemer.

The Artist's Way Co-ed Class Schedule TBD by participants: Find your creative voice using Julia Cameron's *The Artist's Way: A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity*. Contact Pastor Kristie at kfinley@firstchurchlf.org.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Tuesdays, 1:00 PM, South Parlor: Learn how to knit or crochet with friends! All ages and skill levels welcome.

Women's Evening Bible Study Tuesdays, 7:00 PM, Zoom: An evening Bible study designed for conversation. Contact Deb Roberts, Liz Gescheidle, or Lynnette Hinch.

Women's Wednesday Bible Study Wednesdays, 10:00 AM, South Parlor: A Pastor-led Bible study on the upcoming texts for Sunday Worship.

Explorations of Faith Wednesdays, 7:00 PM: An Adult Faith Formation program featuring different topics on faith exploration.

Daybreakers Men's Ministry Thursdays, 6:00 AM, South Parlor and Zoom: Join Pastor Clint for a discussion among men on faith application.

Men of Corinth Fridays, 7:00 AM, Great Room and Zoom: Members take turns leading the lesson each week following the lectionary.

Youth & Young Adult www.firstchurchlf.org/learn/youth

Middle School (5th – 8th Grade) Sunday School during worship; Youth Group Sundays, 5:00 PM: The group meets for a variety of activities to build community and learn more about God and each other, and to build the deep relationships that keep youth grounded in their faith and prepare them for high school and beyond.

Confirmation Wednesdays, 5:00 PM: Traditionally offered to current 8th graders, the program is a chance for your child to dive deeper into their faith and their relationship with God through weekly gatherings, service projects, and retreats to question, reflect, and claim their own faith.

9th – 12th Grade Youth Group and Work Trip Sundays, 7:00 PM: A space set apart for high school age youth to question, worship, and build relationships with one another in a supportive and encouraging environment. The group also engages in events like seasonal retreats, service projects, and the annual Work Trip, dubbed by our youth as "the best week of the year!" This week-long trip teaches youth crucial life skills through hands-on experience building decks, roofing houses, and more while also building community and deepening faith.

Children www.firstchurchlf.org/learn/childrens-faith-formation

Sunday Morning Faith Building Sundays during worship for ages 3 years old through 4th grade: children leave for Faith Building (9:00 AM service) or Children's Chapel (10:30 AM service) following the Word for Children.

Nursery Open for children up to 3 years old during Sunday Worship.

Wednesday Evening Faith Building Wednesdays, 6:00 – 6:30 PM for ages 3 years through 4th grade: After children have supper, they are invited to faith building and fun while parents and caregivers enjoy fellowship.

Music www.firstchurchlf.org/learn/music

Lakeminstor Ringers Tuesdays beginning September 6, 6:00 – 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

Chancel Bell Choir Wednesdays beginning September 7, 5:30 – 6:30 PM, Sanctuary (Join Wednesday Night Suppers at 6:30 PM!)

Children's Carol Choir Wednesdays, 4:15 – 5:00 PM beginning September 14, Sanctuary Choir Room: for children in 2nd – 5th grade

Children's Cherub Choir Wednesdays, 5:00 – 5:30 PM beginning September 14, Sanctuary Choir Room: for children ages 4 years old – 1st grade

Sanctuary Choir Thursdays, 7:00 PM beginning September 1, Sanctuary Choir Room

For details and questions on our ministries and events, please contact the church at 847.234.6250 or info@firstchurchlf.org.