



First Presbyterian Church

OF LAKE FOREST

February 20, 2022
Season of Epiphany

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

Preparation for Worship

Thomas à Kempis, "The Imitation of Christ"

*Love is a great thing, yea,
a great and thorough good;
by itself it makes everything that is heavy light;
and bears evenly all that is uneven.*

*It carries a burden which is no burden;
it will not be kept back by anything low or mean.*

*Though weary, it is not tired;
though pressed, it is not straitened;
though alarmed, it is not confounded;
but as a living flame it forces its way upwards,
and securely passes through all.*

Prelude

Prelude in A

Camille Saint-Saëns (1835–1921)

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.

In 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.

*Call to Worship

Frederick William Faber

Leader: There's a wideness to God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.

People: There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

Leader: There's is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.

People: There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

*Hymn of Praise NO. 436

God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

TUNE: O QUANTA QUALIA

*The Lord's Prayer *(unison)*

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.

Call to Confession

Hebrews 4:14–16

Remember that our Lord Jesus
can sympathize with us in our weakness,
since in every respect he was tempted as we are,
yet without sin.

Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace,
that we may receive mercy
and find grace to help in time of need.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Merciful God,

you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.

We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.

We have not loved you with a pure heart,

nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not done justice, loved kindness,

or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.

In your great compassion,
cleans us from our sin.

Do not cast us away from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Romans 5:5

Leader: Hear the good news!
Hope does not disappoint us,
for God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism.

Believe this good news and give thanks:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

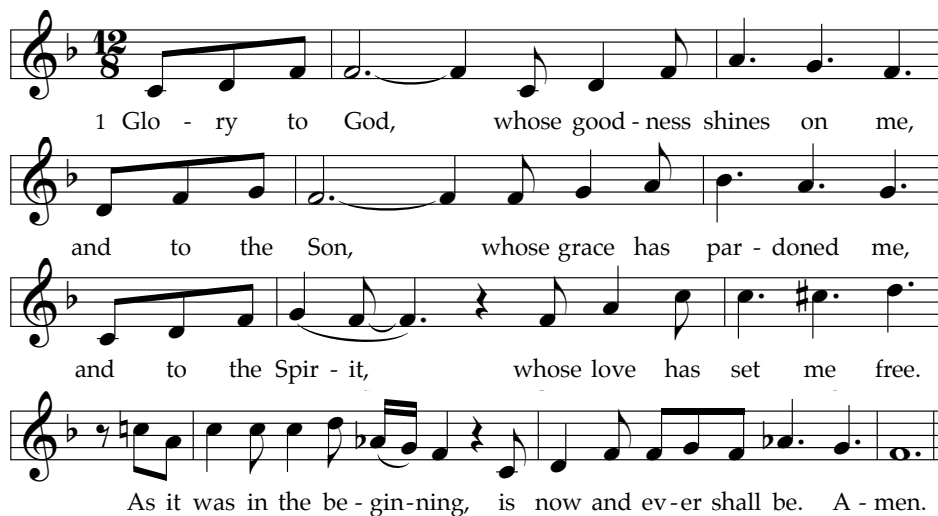
People: Amen.

*Sung Response NO. 582

At this time our ushers will collect your Joys & Concerns to be shared later in the service.

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

TUNE: GLORY TO GOD



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

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GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

* PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.

The Word For Children

Following the The Word For Children, preschool through 8th graders may leave for Faith Building classes. After worship, please pick up your children from their classrooms on the 2nd floor (rooms 213, 214, 215, and 219).

Prayer for Illumination

God of mercy,
you promised never to break your covenant with us.
Amid all the changing words of our generation,
speak your eternal word that does not change.
Then may we respond to your gracious promises
with faithful and obedient lives;
through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Lamentations 3:22-26

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

Luke 6:27-38

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to Christ.**

Sermon

"The Quality of Mercy"

Rev. Deborah Roberts

*Hymn of Response No. 30

O God, in a Mysterious Way

TUNE: DUNDEE

Sharing of our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayers

Offertory

Verleih uns Frieden

Felix Mendelssohn, 1831
text by Martin Luther

*Grant us thy peace, almighty Lord,
thou, source of every blessing.
Feeble and frail, trust we thy word,
all things in thee possessing.
In thee is our hope and safety.*

*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)*

Westminster Divines, 1647

O God,
You have so greatly loved us,
Long sought us,
And mercifully redeemed us.
Give us grace
That in everything we may yield ourselves,
Our wills and our works,
A continual thank offering to you;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn of Sending** *No. 435*

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

TUNE: IN BABILONE

***Passing the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

This Week's Calendar

TODAY

- 10:00 AM Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:15 Children's Faith Building, Room 213, 215, 219
Middle School: 5-8th Grade, Stuart Rm 214
- 4:00 PM Middle School Youth Group, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 Sr. High Youth Group, Youth Lounge

MON President's Day Holiday, Church Closed

TUE

- 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor
Adult Bible Study, Zoom
- 6:00 Lakeminster Ringers, Sanctuary
- 7:00 Women's Evening Bible Study, Zoom
- 7:30 Boy Scouts Troop 46, Fellowship Hall, Room 012

WED

- 10:00 AM Wed. Women's Bible Study, Zoom
- 4:15 PM Children's Carol Choir, Choir Room
- 4:30 Wed. Night Supper, Curbside at Food Depot
- 5:00 Children's Cherub Choir, Choir Room
Confirmation Class, Stuart Room 214
- 5:30 Children's Faith Building, Room 012
Chancel Bells, Sanctuary
- 7:00 Taize, Chapel
Explorations of Faith, Great Room/Zoom

THU

- 6:00 AM Daybreakers Men's Bible Study, S. Parlor/Zoom
- 7:00 PM APNC, South Parlor/Zoom
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

FRI

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



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The flowers in the niches are given by Dawn Skoien for the JOY & little 'LOVES' in her life: Sophie Dawn Stephens (just born February 10), Adeline Peeler who turned 3 on February 7, little Tess Bernardi who is 2 and little Beckett Peeler who is 1.

Pastor on call Pastor Kristie 847.942.4057
Pastor Clint's day off is on Monday.
Pastor Kristie's day off is on Friday.

Worship Participants

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Jim Cochrane
Sarah Seccombe
Dr. Tom Tropp
Sanctuary Choir
Jack Reeder, guest organist
Lakeminster Ringers
Rick Day
Alex McDowell, AV Support
Aaron Helms, AV Support

Serve, Learn & Connect

For our weekly ministries and Zoom links
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Share Joys & Concerns

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Laura Johnson
Bruce Keith
Sally McDonald
Brian O'Keane
Diane Quinn
Kendall Severson
Nina Stnad
Mary Watanabe *Clerk*
Anne Winebrenner

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Katy Borkowski
Dorothy Chantler
Mallory Ciarrocchi
Susan Daly
Wendy Darling
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