

LENT 2023:
seeking



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF LAKE FOREST

Lent

*"Arise, my beloved and come away;
for now the winter is passing;*

*The flowers appear on the earth;
the time for singing has come."*

-The Song of Songs

The sacred season of Lent is a time of holy transition: the days grow longer; the sun climbs higher; the air grows warmer as winter changes into spring.

How will your spirit reflect the change of the seasons? The growing brightness? The return of the green? What is it that you're seeking? Is now the time to 'come away' from the darkness of winter and give voice to the melody in your heart?

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Those who follow me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Come journey with us this Lenten season. Let the blessings of these lengthening days warm your heart and light your path.

-Pastor Clint Roberts



ash wednesday *FEBRUARY 22*

distribution of ashes

7:30 – 8:30 AM Drive-by ashing in the parking lots
12:00 – 12:30 PM Drive-by ashing in the parking lots
7:00 PM Ash Wednesday evening worship

ash wednesday evening worship & supper

Join us for a simple supper in the Great Room at 5:30 PM,
followed by an Ash Wednesday service in the Sanctuary at 7:00 PM
No registration required.



weekly lenten services

wednesdays in lent

STARTING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

7:00 AM IN THE SANCTUARY

A 30-minute worship service with testimonies
followed by a continental breakfast in the Great Room

holy week



APRIL 2 – 7

We invite you to visit our **Prayer Stations** and **Labyrinth**, designed for all ages, for reflection and prayer throughout Holy Week.

As we **seek** this Lenten season, engage with our interactive Prayer Stations, and reflect on questions to deepen your faith. We encourage you to stay curious, open, and nimble, and hope you will soften your assumptions and expand your perspectives as you seek answers to the big questions about our lives and our faith.

Please feel free to walk the labyrinth on the South Lawn at any time, or begin or end your journey through the prayer stations with a contemplative walk.

palm sunday *APRIL 2*

The Palm Sunday services (9:00 and 10:30 AM) will involve the combined forces of the Worship Ensemble and Sanctuary Choir in a musical start to Holy Week that will be both celebratory and evocative.



maundy thursday *APRIL 6*

Join us for **Dinner Church** in the Great Room at 6:00 PM. We gather around the table for supper, worship, and communion as we reflect on the Last Supper of Jesus and his disciples.

Please register on the church website by Tuesday, April 4
firstchurchlf.org/maundy-thursday



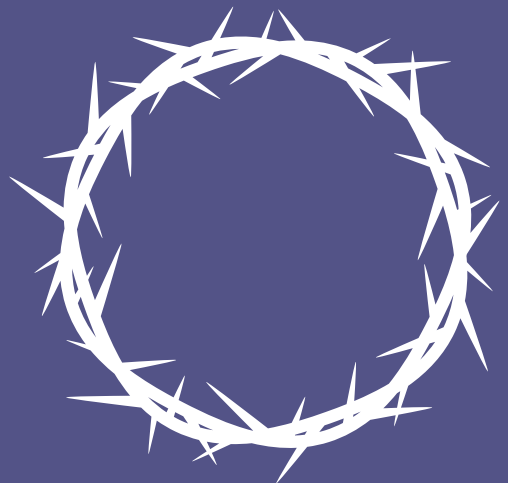
good friday *APRIL 7*

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

12:00 PM in the Sanctuary

TENEBRAE

7:30 PM in the Sanctuary



easter sunday *APRIL 9*

SUNRISE OUTDOOR SERVICE, 7:00 AM

Worship in the Memorial Garden

EASTER SERVICES, 9:00 AND 11:00 AM

Worship in the First Pres Sanctuary

EASTER EGG HUNT, 10:15 AM

Meet us on the Parish House Lawn for an Easter egg hunt, and don't forget your baskets!



upcoming events this lenten season

CHILDREN'S MUSICAL *Sunday, February 26*

The Children's Choirs are presenting *Life of the Party: The Story of Mary and Martha*, Music by Allen Pote and Words by Tom S. Long. The musical is about hectic family lives, making time for Jesus, and trusting God when things get tough. There will be a single service at 10:00 AM.

PRAISE & PRAYER: AN EVENING OF MUSIC *Friday, March 10*

You are invited to an evening of music featuring our Worship Ensemble on Friday, March 10, 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Come casual! *Childcare available.*

EASTER POP-UP SALE *Sunday, March 12*

Join us after worship services for a Rummage Easter Pop-Up Sale! Shop seasonal items, bunny things, spring fashions, and select items from other departments. All proceeds of the sale support our church's mission partners.

THIS SPRING AT FIRST PRES

Coffee and a Cause Thursday, March 2 anytime between 9:00 – 10:30 AM

The service activity for March will be sorting and stickering books for Kindergarten – 2nd Graders and donating them to Reading Power.

Details: firstchurchlf.org/coffee-and-a-cause

Confirmation Sunday Sunday, April 16 at 10:00 AM *single service*

We celebrate and welcome our Confirmation class in worship.

Earth Day Lunch and Learn Sunday, April 23

Rev. Nick Babladelis will be guest preaching in our 9:00 and 10:30 AM worship services, followed by a Lunch and Learn on theology and ecology.

Spring Rummage Sale Saturday, May 6 at 8:00 AM

Shop treasures, furniture, clothing, accessories, toys, and more while supporting our mission partners in our Annual Spring Rummage Sale!

Festival Sunday Sunday, May 21 at 10:00 AM

Join us in worship to celebrate the end of another wonderful program year!

Summer Worship begins on Sunday, May 28, 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary

**For more details on any of our programs and ministries,
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