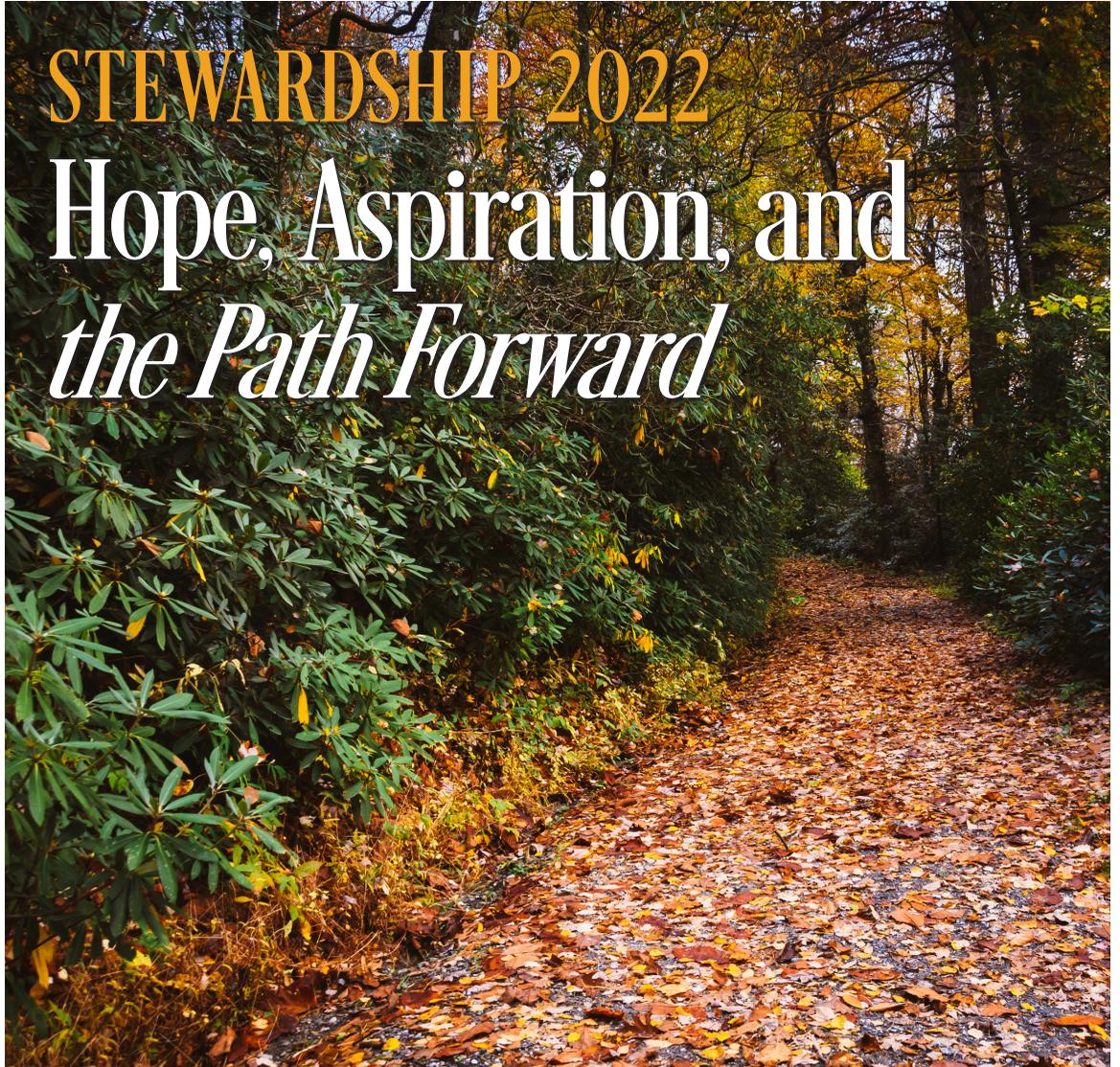




First Presbyterian Church  
OF LAKE FOREST

November 21, 2021  
*Christ the King*

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



STEWARDSHIP 2022

Hope, Aspiration, and  
*the Path Forward*

## Prayer of the Day

*Eternal God,  
you set Jesus Christ to rule over all things,  
and made us servants in your kingdom.  
By your Spirit empower us to love the unloved,  
and to minister to all in need.  
Then at the last bring us to your eternal realm  
where we may worship and adore you  
and be welcomed into your everlasting joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

## Prelude

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come  
With Peals of Thanks and Praise

arr. Barbara Baltzer Kinyon, 1988  
Michael Ryan, 2012

## The Welcome

### Introit

This Is the Day

Mark Burrows

*Refrain: This is the day that the Lord has made.*

*Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

*This is the day that the Lord has made.*

*Let us rejoice, let us rejoice, and be glad in it.*

*This is a day for worship, this is a day for song,  
a day to praise our gracious Lord, who loves us all life long.*

*Refrain*

*This is a day for sharing, this is a day for prayer,  
a day to talk with one who listens,  
the one who's always there.*

*Refrain*

## \*Call to Worship

Leader: Be glad and rejoice, for God has done great things!

**People: A harvest of abundance surrounds us.**

Leader: Praise God for all the bounty we enjoy.

**People: Give thanks for every good and perfect gift.**

Leader: We know that God is with us Lord.

**People: We trust God to supply what we most need.**

## \*Hymn of Thanksgiving NO. 367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

TUNE: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

## \*Call to Confession

Colossians 1:20

In Christ, God came to reconcile all things,  
making peace through the blood of the cross.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

## \*Prayer of Confession

*Righteous God,  
you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.  
We confess that we have not bowed before him,  
and are slow to acknowledge his rule.  
We give allegiance to the powers of this world,  
and fail to be governed by justice and love.*

*In your mercy, forgive us.  
Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all,  
that we may be loyal ambassadors,  
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**\*Sung Invocation** NO. 270, (stanza 2)

O Lord, You Are My God and King

TUNE: JERUSALEM

***How rich in grace are you, O Lord,  
full of compassion, merciful,  
your anger always slow to rise;  
your steadfast love you show to all,  
for you are good in all your ways;  
your creatures know your constant care.  
To all your works your love extends;  
all souls your tender mercies share.***

**\*Declaration of Forgiveness**

Colossians 1:13–14

Leader: God has rescued us from the power of evil  
and claimed us for the realm of Jesus Christ,  
in whom we have redemption.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Sung Response** NO. 270, stanza 1

O Lord, You Are My God and King

TUNE: JERUSALEM

***O Lord, you are my God and King,  
and I will ever bless your name;  
I will extol you every day,  
and evermore your praise proclaim.  
You, Lord, are greatly to be praised;  
your greatness is beyond our thought;  
all generations shall tell forth  
the mighty wonders you have wrought.***

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## **Anthem**

Thankful Am I

Elaine Lockwood

*Thankful am I for all God gives to me.  
Thankful am I for all God gives to me.  
I'm thankful for my home and for my family.  
Thankful am I for all God gives to me.  
Gracias le doy a Dios por cuan me da.  
Gracias le doy a Dios por cuan me da.  
Gracias le doy por mi hogar y por mi familia.  
Gracias le doy a Dios por cuan me da.*

## **Children's Offering**

Following the Children's Offering, preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> graders may leave for Faith Building classes. After worship, please pick up your children from their classrooms on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (rooms 213, 214, 215, and 219).

## **Prayer for Illumination**

Sovereign God,  
let your Word rule in our hearts  
and your Spirit govern our lives  
until at last we see the fulfillment  
of your realm of justice and peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Old Testament Lesson**

Isaiah 61:1-4

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,

the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.  
They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Lesson

Matthew 25:31-40

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'"

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to Christ.**

## Epistle Lesson

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

"The Path Forward"

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

**\*Hymn** NO. 475 (please turn to page 9)

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

TUNE: NETTLETON

## Sharing our Joys and Concerns

### 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.

### "Hope, Aspiration, and Path Forward"

Dave Tolmie  
Stewardship

## Offering

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. B. Kinyon, 1988

***During the Offering, you may use the Pledge Cards and envelopes to offer your household's support to the ministries and mission of First Presbyterian Church in 2022. Place your pledge and offerings in the basket on the Chancel steps as you leave worship today, or you may use the Offering Boxes located outside the Sanctuary doors.  
Thank you for your support!***

## **\*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.*

## **\*Offertory Prayer** *(in unison)*

Our offerings measure our faithfulness to you, mighty God. They witness to the importance we place on sharing your Word, ministering to one another, and reaching out to make a difference in your world. As we have been influenced by your love in Jesus Christ, help us to communicate that love by what we do and say. Let us become as lamps brightening a cloudy day, as light breaking forth at dawn. To that end, we dedicate ourselves with our gifts. Amen.

## **\*Hymn of Sending** *NO. 643*

Now Thank We All Our God

TUNE: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

## **\*Charge and Benediction**

## **\*Postlude**

Now Thank We All Our God

Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750  
(from Cantata No. 79)

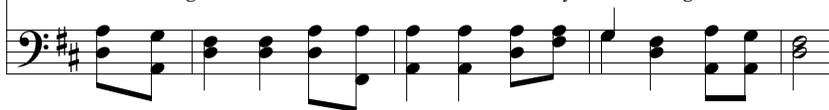
# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



- 1. All:** Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
**2. Choir:** Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;  
**3. All:** O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love!  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.



TEXT: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt.  
MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813

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Coming up...



### **Thanksgiving Community Service**

Thursday, November 25, 10:00 AM, St. James Lutheran

Join with Holy Spirit Episcopal and St. James Lutheran Church (1380 Waukegan Road, Lake Forest) for Thanksgiving Day at 10:00 AM. Rev. Clinton Roberts is preaching.



### **Advent Wreath Making Open House!**

Sunday, November 28, 2:00 – 5:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

Join us for our annual Advent Wreath Making and fellowship, open house style for 2021, and make a special Advent wreath for your home!

Sign up for your wreath supplies on [firstchurchlf.org/adventwreath](http://firstchurchlf.org/adventwreath).



### **Women's Christmas Tea**

Monday, December 6, 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Join us for the annual Women's Christmas Tea's program, with speaker Megan McKenna of Boys & Girls Club of Lake County, and bring home a Tea-inspired favor! To support our Tea's mission partner, we invite you to bring gift cards, pre-packaged snacks for the Boys & Girls Club of Lake County. Register online at [firstchurchlf.org/christmastea](http://firstchurchlf.org/christmastea).

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**View our Weekly Schedule of ministries, and find details and Zoom links on our church website: [www.firstchurchlf.org/ministries](http://www.firstchurchlf.org/ministries)**

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## This Week's Calendar

### TODAY

- 9:00 AM Christmas Tea Registration, Hospitality Hallway  
10:00 Worship, Sanctuary  
10:15 Children's Faith Building, Second Floor  
Middle School Sunday School, Stuart Room  
4:00 PM Middle School Youth Group, Stuart Room  
7:00 Senior High Youth Group, Youth Lounge

### MON

- 7:00 PM Mission Committee, Zoom

### TUE

- 1:00 PM Adult Bible Study, Zoom  
Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor  
7:00 Women's Evening Bible Study, Zoom

### WED

- 10:00 AM Wed. Women's Bible Study, South Parlor/Zoom  
7:00 PM Taize, Pre-recorded

### THURS

Thanksgiving Holiday, Church Closed

### FRI

Thanksgiving Holiday, Church Closed

- 7:00 AM Men of Corinth Study, Zoom



## Give

Give online or fulfill your pledge:  
scan the QR code  
or go to [FirstChurchLF.org/give](https://FirstChurchLF.org/give).

**Pastor on call** Pastor Clint, 630.220.7814  
Pastor Clint's day off is on Monday.  
Pastor Kristie's day off is on Friday.

## Worship Participants

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts  
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Sarah Seccombe  
Dr. Tom Tropp  
Dr. Barry Wenger  
Susan Noble  
Cherub Choir  
Carol Choir  
Chancel Bells  
Alex McDowell  
Carolyn Boatfield, Plansoen Scholar  
Caleb Lauby

## 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 Baptism

Sarah Seccombe 224.544.1958

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### Mission

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Paul Darling  
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Diane Quinn  
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Nina Strnad  
Mary Watanabe *Clerk*  
Anne Winebrenner

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Katy Borkowski  
Mallory Ciarrocchi  
Dorothy Chantler  
Susan Daly  
Wendy Darling  
Peg Gronau  
Sharon Haltom  
Nancy Hamming  
Jeff Hinch  
Hildo Hoogcarspel  
Cindy Johnson

Dick Johnson  
Susan McDowell  
John McNicholas  
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