



First Presbyterian Church

OF LAKE FOREST

September 18, 2022
10:30 AM
Season of Pentecost

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

Prayer of Preparation

From the Scottish Celtic tradition

God, kindle within our hearts today
a flame of love for our neighbors,
for our foes, for our friends, for our people,
for the brave, for the cowardly, for the thoughtless ones.

O Son of the loveliest Mary,
in all that we love may we serve you,
from the lowliest thing that lives,
to the name that is highest of all. Amen.

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on BEACH SPRING

arr. Aaron David Miller, 2006

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.

During 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.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Introit

Humble Service

Larry L. Fleming, 1984
Albert F. Bayly (1901–1984)

*Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.*

*Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit, send us power to our world to make it whole.*

*(What wondrous love is this, O my soul,
that Christ should lay aside his crown for my soul?)*

*As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.*

*Call to Worship

Leader: The world belongs to the Lord,

People: the earth and all its people.

Leader: How good and how lovely it is

People: to live together in unity.

Leader: Love and faith come together,

People: justice and peace join hands.

Leader: If the Lord's disciples keep silent,

People: these stones would shout aloud.

Leader: Lord, open our lips

People: and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

*Hymn of Praise NO. 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

TUNE: LOBE DEN HERREN

***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.**

Word for Children

Following the Word for Children, preschool through 7th graders may leave for Children Church. Middle Schoolers are invited to help lead Children's Church or remain in worship. Please pick up your children from room 213.

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

God our Creator, your kindness has brought us the gift of a new morning. Help us to leave yesterday, and not to covet tomorrow but to accept the uniqueness of today.

By your love celebrated in your Word, seen in your Son, brought near by your Spirit, take from us what we need to carry no longer, so that we may be free again to choose to serve you and be served by each other, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sung Invocation NO. 544 (sing twice)

Bless the Lord

TUNE: BLESS THE LORD (TAIZÉ)

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line begins with a whole note chord (F2, B-flat1, D2) followed by a half note (F2), a quarter note (B-flat1), and a quarter note (D2), then a quarter rest, a quarter note (F2), a quarter note (B-flat1), a quarter note (D2), a quarter note (F2), a quarter note (B-flat1), a quarter note (D2), and a half note (F2). The piano accompaniment begins with a whole note chord (F2, B-flat1, D2), followed by a half note (F2), a quarter note (B-flat1), and a quarter note (D2), then a quarter rest, a quarter note (F2), a quarter note (B-flat1), a quarter note (D2), a quarter note (F2), a quarter note (B-flat1), a quarter note (D2), and a half note (F2). The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line begins with a whole note chord (F2, B-flat1, D2), followed by a half note (F2), a quarter note (B-flat1), and a quarter note (D2), then a quarter rest, a quarter note (F2), a quarter note (B-flat1), a quarter note (D2), a quarter note (F2), a quarter note (B-flat1), a quarter note (D2), and a half note (F2). The piano accompaniment begins with a whole note chord (F2, B-flat1, D2), followed by a half note (F2), a quarter note (B-flat1), and a quarter note (D2), then a quarter rest, a quarter note (F2), a quarter note (B-flat1), a quarter note (D2), a quarter note (F2), a quarter note (B-flat1), a quarter note (D2), and a half note (F2).

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1984

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1984

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BLESS THE LORD (Taizé)

Irregular

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: We believe that God forgives and sets us free; and at the week's beginning, we commit ourselves to following where Christ calls and to loving one another.

People: **As God's forgiven and forgiving people, we will put on love, and serve one another as Christ has served us, to the honor and glory of God.**

*Sung Response NO. 583 (sing twice)

Glory to God

TUNE: GLORIA (TAIZÉ)

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 6/8 time, G major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!". There are asterisks above the first and third measures of each staff, indicating a repeat sign.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1979

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GLORIA (Taizé)

*Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Reading from the Scripture

Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him;

and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Come Down, O Love Divine

Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
Bianco da Siena, c. 1367

*Come down, O Love Divine; seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing.*

*O Comforter, draw near; within my heart appear,
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.*

*O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming.*

*And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.*

*And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace, till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.*

Sermon

"Undistracted in Our Service"

Rev. Clinton R. Roberts

***Hymn of Response NO. 767**

Together We Serve

TUNE: SAN ANSELMO

Sharing of our Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Petition, and Intercession

Offering

Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice

Healey Willan



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*Doxology

*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.*

*Closing Prayer

Leader: From where we are to where you need us,

People: Jesus, now lead on.

Leader: From the security of what we know to the adventure of what you will reveal,

People: Jesus, now lead on.

Leader: To refashion the fabric of this world until it resembles the shape of your kingdom,

People: Jesus now lead on.

Leader: Because good things have been prepared for those who love God,

People: Jesus now lead on.

***Hymn of Sending** NO. 740

Lead Me, Guide Me

TUNE: LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Humble Service

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*Making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.*

***Postlude**

Final on Song 22

Charles Villiers Stanford, 1852-1924

Congregational Meeting
Sunday, September 25 at 11:30 AM

Session has called a congregational meeting to receive the report of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and to act upon its recommendation to seek a Co-Pastor to serve alongside Rev. Clinton G. Roberts.

Join us for a special worship service to celebrate
Dr. Barry Wenger
and his ministry at First Pres

Sunday, October 16
at 10:30 AM

A reception in the
Great Room will follow



From Barry:

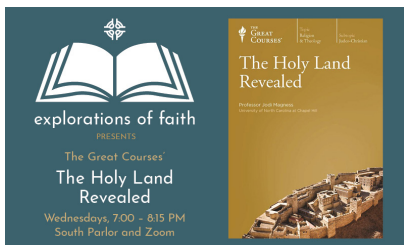
I thank the Worship and Music Committee with Dr. Tom Tropp and their process a little over seven years ago in hiring me for the position of Organist and Director of Bells. I have cherished my work at First Presbyterian Church, and I will forever hold you all in my heart and in my prayers. I have grown in music and faith with you in worship through the Lakeminster Ringers, Chancel Bells, Sanctuary Choir, and Children's Choirs. For that I am ever thankful.

Coming up...



Online Auction for Mission

FPCLFrummage.givesmart.com
Bid on items hand-picked from exceptional Rummage donations and help raise funds for First Pres Mission Partners! Bidding begins on Friday, September 23 at 4:45 PM and closes Sunday, September 25 at 8:00 PM. You can preview items in person on Sunday before and after worship as well.



Explorations of Faith: The Holy Land Revealed

Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:15 PM, South Parlor
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 ssecombe@firstchurchlf.org.



Fall Sale for Mission

Saturday, October 1, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM No tents, just a curated collection from a few of our favorite departments to raise funds for the Mission Partners. **We are looking for volunteers especially for sale day!** Please call the church office or email rummage@firstchurchlf.org to let us know.

View our Weekly Schedule of ministries, and find details and Zoom links on our church website: www.firstchurchlf.org/ministries

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This Week's Calendar

TODAY

8:45 AM	Nursery Open until 11:45 AM, Room 212
9:00	Worship, Sanctuary
9:15	Children's Faith Building, Rooms 215, 219 Middle School: 5-7 th grade, Stuart Room 214
10:00	Fellowship, Great Room
10:30	Worship, Sanctuary
10:45	Children's Church, Room 213
11:30	Fellowship, Great Room
5:00 PM	Middle School Youth Group, Fellowship Hall
7:00	Senior High Youth Group, Youth Lounge

MON

6:30 PM	New Members Meeting, Great Room/Chapel
7:00	Session Meeting, South Parlor/Zoom

TUE

12:00 PM	Brown Bag Book Group, Parish House
1:00	Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor Adult Bible Study, Zoom
6:00	Lakeminster Ringers, Sanctuary
6:30	Buildings & Grounds, South Parlor/Zoom
7:00	Women's Evening Bible Study, Zoom
7:30	Boy Scouts/Board of Review, Fellowship Hall/012

WED

10:00 AM	Wednesday Women's Bible Study, S. Parlor/Zoom
4:15 PM	Carol Choir, Music Room
5:00	Cherub Choir, Music Room Confirmation, Stuart Room 214
5:30	Wednesday Night Supper, Great Room Chancel Bells, Sanctuary
6:00	Children's Faith Building, South Parlor
7:00	Explorations of Faith, South Parlor/Zoom 9AM Ensemble Rehearsal, Sanctuary Taizé Service, Chapel

THU

6:00 AM	Daybreakers Men's Ministry, South Parlor/Zoom
7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir, Music Room

FRI

7:00 AM	Men of Corinth, Great Room/Zoom
4:45 PM	Online Auction for Mission begins



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Pastor Clint's day off is on Friday.
Pastor Kristie's day off is on Friday.

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Rev. Kristie Finley
Jim Cochrane
Dr. Tom Tropp
Dr. Barry Wenger
Susan Noble
Sanctuary Choir
Rick Day

Serve, Learn & Connect

For our weekly ministries and Zoom links
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Sadie Strong
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Anne Winebrenner

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