



First Presbyterian Church

OF LAKE FOREST

September 11, 2022
Festival Sunday

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

Prayer for Preparation

Matthew 22:37

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your mind.*

Prelude

Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Wesley/arr. David Cherwien, 2004

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

Praise His Holy Name!

Keith Hampton, 1998

*Sing till the power of the Lord come down.
Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name!*

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
was blind but now I see.*

*Must Jesus bear the cross alone
and all the world go free?
No, there's a cross for everyone,
and there's a cross for me.*

*Call to Worship

Leader: From the rising of the sun till its setting in the west,

People: God's holy name be praised.

Leader: On the lips of children, by babies at the breast,

People: God's holy name be praised.

Leader: In the visions of the old and the dreaming of the young,

People: God's holy name be praised.

Leader: In the banquet hall of heaven and the forgotten corners of our hearts,

People: God's holy name be praised.

Leader: Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord.

People: Amen. We praise the Lord!

*Hymn of Praise NO. 4

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

TUNE: GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

***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.**

The Word For Children

Following the The Word For Children, preschool through 7th graders may leave for Faith Building Classes. This week, the children will return to worship during the Doxology.

Call to Confession

The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus, who came into the world to save sinners. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

**Gracious God,
we confess what seems always with us:
broken things within us that seem never to mend,
empty places within us that seem always to ache,
things like buds within us that seem never to flower.
O God of love and grace,
help us accept ourselves;
lead us to do those good and true things
that are not compromised by anything within us.
As much as can be,
mend us, fill us, make us bloom.
For all these things, we will give you the glory;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.**

Sung Invocation NO. 544 (sing twice)

Bless the Lord

TUNE: BLESS THE LORD (TAIZÉ)

Musical score for 'Bless the Lord' in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The score consists of two systems of vocal lines (treble and bass clef) with lyrics. The first system has the lyrics 'Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.' The second system has the lyrics 'Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.'

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1984
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1984

Text and Music © 1984, 1998 Les Presses de Taizé (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

BLESS THE LORD (Taizé)
Irregular

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation;
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Sung Response NO. 583 (sing twice)

Glory to God

TUNE: GLORIA (TAIZÉ)

Musical score for 'Gloria to God' in 6/8 time, key of B-flat major. The score consists of two systems of vocal lines (treble clef) with lyrics. The first system has the lyrics 'Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!' The second system has the lyrics '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 the second system.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1979

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GLORIA (Taizé)

*Passing the Peace

Leader: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Recognition of our Plansoen Scholars Don Dempsey, Sean McNicholas

Gabriel Anzeze

Jovana Jovanivska

Maria Fernandez

Kamden Kuklinski

Alden Jackson

Massiel Sanchez

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

Philippians 4:4-7; 10-13

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Rejoice in the Lord Always
Philippians 4:4–7 (KJV)

Layton James, 2018

*Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.
Let your moderation be made known unto men. The Lord is at hand!
Be careful for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication
with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.
And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

Sermon

"Undistracted in Our Attitude"

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

*Hymn of Response NO. 804

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

TUNE: MARION

Sharing of our Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Petition, and Intercession

Offering

Jesus Calls Us

William H. Jude, arr. Emma Lou Diemer, 1979



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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.*

Recognizing our Servant-Volunteers

Leader: There are different gifts,

People: But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

Leader: There are different ways of serving God,

People: But it is the same Lord who is served.

Leader: God works through different people in different ways,

People: But it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all.

Leader: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

People: To use it for the common good.

Leader: Together we are the body of Christ,

People: And individually members of him.

Please stand when you hear your form of service being named.

*Closing Prayer *(unison)*

O God, what an abundance of gifts we have to offer: musical talent, the melody of laughter, the use of our hands in cooking, building, and care-giving; the use of our minds in teaching, mentoring, and leading; the use of our strength in spirit, financial resources, and the courage to act. God, may all these gifts be crowned with the giving of our hearts, that with compassion, patience and enduring love, we may be gifts to one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn of Sending NO. 321

The Church's One Foundation

TUNE: AURELIA

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response

Rejoice in the Lord Always
Philippians 4:4–7 (KJV)

Layton James, 2018

*And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

*Postlude

Crown Imperial: Coronation March

William Walton (1902-1982)

Plansoen Scholars 2022 – 2023

We welcome Gabriel, Maria, Alden, Jovana, Kamden, and Massiel to our community of faith here at First Pres!



Gabriel (Gabe) Anzeze
Senior
Economics and Politics



Jovana Jovanivska
Senior
Biology and Politics



Maria Fernandez
Senior
Sociology and
Anthropology with
Business Minor



Kamden Kuklinski
Senior
Neuroscience



Alden (AJ) Jackson
Senior
Philosophy



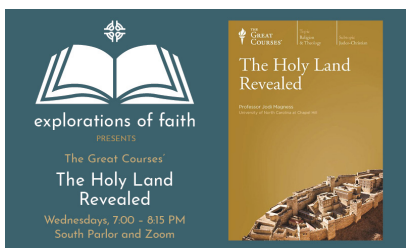
Massiel Sanchez
Senior
Psychology with
Sociology Minor

Coming up...



Two Services starting Sunday, September 18!

We begin our new morning worship schedule next Sunday, September 18 at 9:00 and 10:30 AM, with fellowship in between. Childcare and Sunday School will be available at both services. More info on the church website: <https://firstchurchlf.org/new-worship-options-this-fall>



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 sseccombe@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

Church Website: www.firstchurchlf.org
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Weekly Ministries Schedule

SUNDAYS

Sunday Morning Faith Building Sundays during worship for ages 3 years old – 7th grade: children and youth leave for Sunday School (9:00 AM service) or Children's Church (10:30 AM service) following the Word for Children.

Youth Group Sundays, Middle School (5th-8th) & High School (9th – 12th) 7:00 PM: A space to question, worship, and build relationships with one another in an encouraging environment.

TUESDAYS

Brown Bag Book Group Tuesdays, 12:00 PM: Come to all, come to some. No stress, just good reads, and fruitful conversation. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Kristie at kfinley@firstchurchlf.org.

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

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

Lakeminster Ringers Tuesdays, 6:00 – 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

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.

WEDNESDAYS

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

Children's Carol Choir (2nd – 5th grade) Wednesdays, 4:15 – 5:00 PM, Music Room

Children's Cherub Choir (4 years old – 1st grade) Wednesdays, 5:00 – 5:30 PM, Music Room

Confirmation Class (8th grade) Wednesdays, 5:00 – 6:00 PM: A chance for your child to dive deeper into their faith and their relationship with God.

Chancel Bell Choir Wednesdays, 5:30 – 6:30 PM, Sanctuary

Children's Faith Building (for children ages 3 years old – 4th grade) Wednesdays, 6:00 PM: After children have supper, they are invited to faith building while parents and caregivers enjoy fellowship.

Taizé Prayer Service Wednesdays, 7:00 PM, Chapel: We will sing, pray, and read scripture with silence and in the comforting light of candles.

Explorations of Faith Wednesdays, 7:00 PM, South Parlor and Zoom: Different topics on faith exploration.

THURSDAYS

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

Sanctuary Choir Thursdays, 7:00 PM, Music Room

FRIDAYS

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

This Week's Calendar

TODAY

9:30 AM	Nursery Open, Room 212
10:00	Worship, Sanctuary
10:15	Children's Faith Building, Rooms 215, 219 Middle School: 5-7 th grade, Stuart Room 214
11:00	Festival Sunday Cookout New Member Lunch/Meeting, South Parlor
5:00 PM	Middle School Youth Group, South Parlor Youth Parents Social, Church Yard behind Cottage
7:00	Senior High Youth Group, Youth Lounge

MON

9:30 AM	Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room
6:30 PM	Finance Committee Meeting, South Parlor/Zoom

TUE

1:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor Adult Bible Study, Zoom
5:00	Staff Support Team Meeting, Parish House
6:00	Lakeminsters Ringers, Sanctuary
7:00	Women's Evening Bible Study, Zoom
7:30	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall

WED

10:00 AM	Wednesday Women's Bible Study, S. Parlor/Zoom
1:00 PM	Adult Faith Formation Committee Meeting, Zoom
4:15	Carol Choir, Music Room
5:00	Cherub Choir, Music Room
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 9AM Ensemble Rehearsal, Sanctuary Taizé Service, Chapel

THU

6:00 AM	Daybreakers Men's Ministry, South Parlor/Zoom
9:30	Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room
7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
7:30	Boy Scouts Committee Meeting, Parish House

FRI

7:00 AM	Men of Corinth, Great Room/Zoom
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Pastor on call Pastor Kristie 847.942.4057
Pastor Clint's day off is on Friday.
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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.

Worship Participants

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts
Jim Cochrane
Dr. Tom Tropp
Dr. Barry Wenger
Susan Noble
Lakeminsters Ringers
Rick Day, AV Support
Henry Thomas, AV Support

Serve, Learn & Connect

For our weekly ministries and Zoom links
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Share Joys & Concerns

Kristie Finley 224.544.1967

Home Communion

Kristie Finley 224.544.1967

Arrange a Wedding or Baptism

Sarah Secombe 224.544.1958

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Mission

Stewart Kerr 224.544.1968

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Renee Borkowski
Donna Coffin
Scott Crawford
Paul Darling
John Gescheidle
Lynnette Hinch
John Johnson
Laura Johnson
Sally McDonald

Mary Gould Moorhead
Brian O'Keane
Diane Quinn
Kendall Severson
Nina Strnad
David Strong
Sadie Strong
Mary Watanabe *Clerk*
Anne Winebrenner

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Bill Allen
Nancy Anderson
Carol Bagan
Dorothy Chantler
Mallory Ciarrocchi
Susan Daly
Wendy Darling
Peg Gronau
Nancy Hamming
Jeff Hinch
Cindy Johnson
Dick Johnson
Susan McDowell

John McNicholas
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Lisa Murray
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