

# First Presbyterian

## CHURCH OF LAKE FOREST

Nurturing a community of faith working through love.



# Welcome!

October 19, 2025



To all who are weary and seek rest,  
To all who mourn and long for comfort,  
To all who are lonely and desire friendship,  
To all who hunger and thirst for grace,  
and to all who will come,  
First Pres opens wide her doors and offers  
welcome in the name of Jesus Christ.

# Today's Service

## Ordinary Time

The times between Christmas and Lent and between Pentecost and Advent are known as "Ordinary Time," time outside the two great seasons of the liturgical calendar. The truth is there is nothing ordinary—if by ordinary we mean less important—about this time. During this time we are invited into faithful attention to what it means to live out daily what we say we believe.

The Revised Common Lectionary scriptures assigned for today are Jeremiah 31:27–34 and Psalm 119:97–104; Genesis 32:22–31 and Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5; Luke 18:1–8.

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## Prayer for Today

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*The Book of Common Prayer*

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## Visiting First Pres?



If you're new to First Pres, please scan this code to get in touch.

Join us for Coffee Hour following worship in the Great Room.

## Worship Participants

Rev. Jon Wasson  
Pastor/Head of Staff

Rev. Anna Langholz  
Associate Pastor for  
Congregational Life

Dr. Robert McConnell  
Director of Worship & Music

Dr. Stephen Alltop  
Organist

Sanctuary Choir

Cherub and Carol Choir

## Worship Flowers

The flowers in the niches are given in celebration of Susanna Noble and William Schuemann who were married yesterday."

## Prelude

Organ Sonata No. 2 in c, Op. 65  
Felix Mendelssohn  
III. Allegro maestoso e vivace

## The Welcome

### Introit

Love, Love  
American Traditional

Love, love, love, love  
Christians this is our call.  
Love your neighbors as yourself,  
For God loves us all.

### \*Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Leader: Shout joy to the Lord, all the earth,

**People: Serve the Lord with gladness, enter God's presence with joy!**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God,

**People: Our maker to whom we belong, our shepherd, and we the flock.**

Leader: Enter the temple gates, the courtyard with thanks and praise.

**People: Give thanks and bless God's name.**

Leader: Indeed the Lord is good!

**People: God's love is forever, faithful from age to age.**

### \*Hymn of Praise No. 485 (verses 1-3)

We Know that Christ is Raised

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

(silent confession...) **Most merciful God, we confess that we have failed to uphold the vows made at our baptism and have lived in ways unworthy of your calling. Forgive us, we pray, and by the power of your Spirit, turn our hearts to you and teach us to walk according to your covenant of grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Kyrie

John Arndt, David Gungor, Ian Cron,  
Ben Kilgore, and Evan Wickham



## Assurance of Forgiveness

### \*Gloria Patri No. 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

### \*Passing the Peace of Christ

**Leader:** The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## Baptism

Sepehr Akbari  
Katie Taubensee  
Samantha Waterloo

### Congregational Question

**Leader:** Friends, do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to journey with Sepehr, Katie, and Samantha by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Jesus, and to be a faithful member of Christ's church?

**People:** We do.

### \*The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## The Baptism

### Sung Response No. 485 verse 4

We Know that Christ is Raised

**A new creation comes to life and grows  
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.  
The universe, restored and whole, will sing  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Anthem

Psalm 148  
Flo Paris Oakes

Hallelujah!  
Moon and stars, morning sun,  
clouds and rain  
They all sing, they all sing  
Lift their voices to the King  
Praise his name, his holy name

Hallelujah!  
Orchard trees, cedars tall, forests green  
They all sing, they all sing  
Lift their voices to the King  
Praise his name, his holy name.

## Blessing of the Children

Leader: Holy God, we thank you for the gift of these children,

**People: And for their parents.**

Leader: We know that you have entrusted them to their parents,

**People: And also to our community.**

Leader: To care for them,  
to teach them,  
to be examples of Christ to them.  
Bless these children.

**People: And let us be a blessing to them.**

**All: Amen.**

Following the blessing, children in preschool through 4th grade will go to their Sunday School classrooms. Please pick up your children on the 2nd floor following worship.

## New Testament Lesson

Galatians 5:6  
New Testament, page 190 in pew Bible

## Sermon

Jon Wasson

"The Only Thing that Counts"

## \*Hymn of Response No. 697

Take My Life

## Prayers of the People



## 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.

## Invitation to the Offering



You may give online by scanning the QR code with your mobile phone,  
go to [firstchurchlf.org/give](http://firstchurchlf.org/give), or use your Church Center App.  
Thank you for your generosity!

## Offertory

Blessed Are the Men Who Fear Him from *Elijah*  
Felix Mendelssohn

Blessed are the men who fear him, they ever walk in the ways of peace.  
Through darkness riseth light for the upright. He is gracious, compassionate; he is righteous.  
— Psalm 128:1, 112:1,4

## \*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.**

## Prayer of Dedication

### \*Hymn of Sending No. 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

### \*Charge and Benediction

#### \*Choral Response

For the Life That You Have Given

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own: here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.  
—Carl P. Daw Jr.

### \*Postlude

Engelberg  
David Cherwien

\* PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE.



# Prayers

## Joys

We celebrate the baptisms of Sepehr Akbari, Katie Taubensee, and Samantha Waterloo this morning.

We celebrate our congregation uniting in this season of stewardship to consider how the resources we pledge will reflect and amplify our faith working through love, both to our church family and to our many mission partners.

## Concerns

For Anne Hampson who is having surgery this week.

For Roger Burgis who is having back surgery this week.

For the family of Timothy Lloyd, who died on October 1, parents Diane and Bill, sister Carolyn, and partner Sarah VanDerveer.

For Todd Litzsinger and his family on the death of his father, Paul "Pops" Litzsinger on October 1. Visitation will be Thursday, October 23, 5-8pm in the Great Room. The service will be Friday, October 24, 11am in the Sanctuary.

## Community

For the ongoing work of our mission partner Beacon Place.

## Prayer Requests

We are a church that prays for each other, celebrating life's joys and supporting each other in times of need. Our staff prays together on Tuesday mornings and would like to include your prayers. For prayer requests please fill out a Joys & Concerns card, email us at [pastoralcare@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:pastoralcare@firstchurchlf.org) or call 224.544.1958.

Prayer requests will be removed from this listing after two weeks.

**Prayer Chain** For confidential prayers, you may email [prayerchain@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:prayerchain@firstchurchlf.org). Please know that your prayers will be held in strict confidence.

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

## October is Meet Your Deacon Month

Each Sunday throughout October, the Deacons will be hosting Fellowship. Please join us after worship and plan to meet your deacon. Unsure of who your deacon is? We will have staff available each Sunday throughout October to assist with introductions.

## Youth Group Today

Middle School Youth Group will meet today from 5–6 pm. High School Youth Group is from 7–8 pm. They both meet in the Youth Lounge.

## Cub Scouts Pack 26 on October 21

Cub Scout Pack 46 is hosting its first Pack Meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 21, 6:30–7:30pm at First Pres. This meeting will give you and your kids a real taste of the adventure, camaraderie, and fun that comes with being a Cub Scout. It will feature the super fun Bobcat Adventure, making it the perfect start to the Cub Scout journey.

## Pledge Sunday is October 26

On Sunday, Oct. 26, the Stewardship campaign kicks off, and we invite you to financially support our growing and vibrant church. Your generous donation will help us expand our ministries, outreach programs, and worship experiences for all generations. Join us during worship that morning and we will dedicate our pledges together as one community of faith working through love.

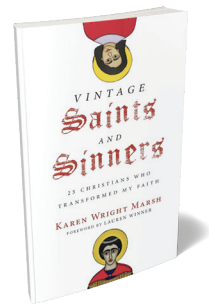
## Pastor's Book Club

This fall we're kicking off our Pastor's Book Club. We'd love for you to pick up one of these books, read along with us, and then join us for conversation. Books can be purchased online or through the Lake Forest Book Store.

### Vintage Saints and Sinners

by Karen Marsh

October 29, 7 pm



**Find First Pres in Church Center** Scan here to log in and learn about everything happening in our congregation!



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## All Saints Sunday

On Sunday, November 2, during worship, we will remember and honor the saints in our lives. If you have lost an immediate family member, and would like their name read, please contact Sarah Seccombe at [sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org).

## The Installation of Rev. Anna Langholz

You are invited to the installation of Rev. Anna Langholz as Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church on November 9 at our 9:30am worship service. Reception to follow in the Great Room.

## Please Wear a Name Tag!

As our church family grows with new staff, members, and guests, name tags are helpful for everyone and create a friendly environment. Make one for yourself at either entrance.

## Sunday School Volunteers

Teachers and assistants are needed in the Sunday School classrooms each week. No experience needed and training will be provided. To learn more, contact Rachel Magnusson at [rmagnusson@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:rmagnusson@firstchurchlf.org).

## Christmas Pageant Volunteers

Christmas Pageant is Dec. 14th. We are gearing up for a fun holiday season and it wouldn't be complete without our annual Christmas Pageant. Save the date for Sunday, December 14th for the pageant and Saturday, Dec. 13th for practice. We will need children and adult volunteers to make it happen! Sign-ups to come.

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