

**First Church of Lombard
United Church of Christ**

November 17, 2024 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



Children in preschool through 5th grade begin worship with their families and will be dismissed to Sunday School shortly. For parents who need a quiet, calm place to go with smaller children, the Nursery is available across from the main office. The audio of the service -- as well as activities for infants and toddlers -- are accessible, but the room is not staffed.

PRELUDE

Beautiful Savior

arr. William Phemister

TIME OF SHARING & CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

GATHERING FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

***GATHERING SONG**

Holy, Holy, Holy (NCH #277)

*Holy, holy, holy, God the Almighty!
Early in the morning we praise your majesty.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! Saints adore you truly,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy seas;
Cherubim and seraphim bow before you only,
From the beginning, God eternally.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Though we know but dimly,
Though the eyes of humankind your glory may not see,
You alone are holy, you alone are worthy,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy, God the Almighty!
All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

***OPENING PRAYER (unison)**

We stand in your presence, O God, but fail to see the hem of your robe in our midst—much less your presence all around us. Open our lives to your mystery, power, and glory. Open our lives to you, O Holy One. Amen.

BAPTISM OF TEDDY RISLEY

BAPTISM SONG

Jesus Loves Me (NCH #327)

*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.*

Refrain:

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

*Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
Taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me." [Refrain]*

*Jesus loves me! Still today, walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live. [Refrain]*

Children in preschool through 5th grade are now dismissed to Sunday School; a teacher will be on-hand to guide them to their class. Sunday School students should be picked up by a parent or other responsible adult at 11:30 a.m. at the Resource Room (on the lower level).

THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

through an anthem

*No Hands But Yours
Voices of Peace*

Tom Sheldon

through scripture

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said,

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said, “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

through a sermon

Hemmed In

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN**

Blessed Be the Tie that Binds (NCH #393)

*Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the sharing of a common life is like to that above.*

*Before our God we come and pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.*

*We share each other's woes, Each other's burdens bear.
And often for each other flows a sympathizing tear.*

*When we are called to part it gives us inward pain,
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.*

INVITATION TO SHARE OUR GIFTS

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER SONG

Hear our prayer, O God (NCH #769)
*Hear our prayer, O God, Hear our prayer, O God;
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.*

*Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for
Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

RESPONSE

*Hear our prayer, O God (NCH #769)
Hear our prayer, O God, Hear our prayer, O God;
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.*

SENT FORTH TO PROCLAIM GOD'S GRACE

***PARTING SONG**

Here I Am Lord

*I, the Lord of sea and sky I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save
I have made the stars of night I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?*

Refrain:

*Here I am, Lord Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord If You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them, They turn away
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them, Whom shall I send? [refrain]*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide 'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them Whom shall I send? [refrain]*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

***As you are able, please stand in body or in spirit.**

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There will be a Church Council meeting on Monday, November 18th
at 7:00 PM in the North Conference Room.

NEWS AND NOTES

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INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

This year, First Church is hosting the community thanksgiving service on Sunday, November 24 at 4PM. This interfaith service will include music and prayers from various traditions celebrating all the reasons we have to give thanks. Please plan on attending and inviting your friends and neighbors to join us.

THANK YOU TO WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Thank you to Women's Fellowship for providing the funds for 2 new water fountains that are ADA compliant and have water bottle fillers. They are located outside of the Fellowship Hall and Hatfield Hall. Check them out and stay hydrated!

IT'S TIME TO VOTE... FOR BOOK DISCUSSION OPTIONS IN 2025!

The Beyond Words Book Discussion meets every other month, starting in January. Help decide what books the group will read and discuss in 2025 by heading to <https://tinyurl.com/BookDiscussion2025> to vote for your top FIVE choices for 2025!

BEYOND WORDS BOOK DISCUSSION MEETING IN NOVEMBER

Greetings Fellow Readers! FCL's Beyond Words Book Discussion will meet on Wednesday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *The Anthropocene Reviewed: Essays on a Human-Centered Planet* by John Green. All are invited, even if you don't finish the book! Copies are available in the church office for a cost of \$12 each. Please contact vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org to arrange pick-up of the book if you can't stop by on a Sunday morning or if copies are not available when you do!

GET TO KNOW AMOS PROJECT BREAKFAST

Amos Project would like to invite any FCL member, especially new members, who would like to learn more about Amos Project, its history, current projects and how to get involved, to a Potluck Breakfast (provided by the Amos Team) on Sunday, November 24th at 9:00 AM in Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP by either signing up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer, or by contacting Jeri Shaw at jeri.shaw@me.com. We hope to see you there!

HOLIDAY BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER FOR THE YOUTH!

Mark Your Calendars! Sunday, December 15 will be the Holiday Bake Sale hosted by FCL's Youth Community! Plan now to come after worship to buy a plate (or several!) and help fund the 2025 Youth Community Summer Mission Trip!

PICK UP A DEVOTIONAL

"The Mess in the Messiah" is the intriguing title of the 2024 UCC Advent-Christmastide Devotional. Please help yourself to a copy on the tables in the foyer while they last.

RECOGNIZING OUR GREAT STAFF

We appreciate the way that our church staff serves our membership and the Christmas Season offers us a way to express our gratitude to them.

As in past years, the Church Council will be accepting contributions for a monetary gift that will be shared with all staff. Those contributions may be sent to the church, attention Church Council, or given to a member of the Council: Jason Cooper, Jeff Cook, Jon Walsh, Lisa White, Amy O'Callaghan, Eric Wilson, Garrett George, Tony Oakson, Paul Meyer and Barb Sorgatz.

Donations will be accepted starting November 17th and it is hoped that all contributions will be received by December 15th for distribution prior to Christmas.

The Church Council wishes to thank everyone for their generous support and their wish for a safe Christmas season filled with love and happiness.

WEDNESDAY EVENING ADVENT STUDY: THE WEARY WORLD REJOICES

Mark Your Calendars! FCL's Annual Advent Study starts Wednesday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. Members of both First Church of Lombard and First UMC of Lombard will gather at in the North Conference Room at First Church of Lombard (220 S. Main St.) to discuss "The Weary World Rejoices" by Kate Bowler; a free companion devotional is available at <https://tinyurl.com/AdventDevo2024>.

Contact PastorJill@firstchurchoflombard.org with questions; Zoom links will be sent the first week of December.

ADVENT GIVING BAG ITEMS NEEDED!

Once again, the Faith Exploration Team is collecting much-needed items for our friends who are experiencing homelessness and low income. During this time of need, consider giving to others by donating socks/gloves/scarves/hats, toiletries, personal hygiene items, nutritious snacks, etc. Items are needed by Sunday, December 1st but can be brought to the Narthex any time and placed in the box marked "Giving Bags." These Giving Bags will be assembled by the Youth Community on Sunday, December 8. Afterward, all are invited to pick up and give these bags to those in need while you are out and about prior to Christmas.

TOYS/GIFTS TO A GOOD HOME...

We (First Church of Lombard and Outreach House) are partnering with Love Christian Clearinghouse and Toy Express for the 12th year in a row to help families in need during our Christmas season. These toys/gifts are given to children throughout DuPage County who may not otherwise receive anything. Please consider donating toys or gifts for our Annual Toy Express Program. Simply bring the gifts to First Church, and drop them in the giant gift box, located in the narthex. Toys/gifts should be new, unwrapped, and age appropriate for children under 12 years old. You can donate these gifts from November 10th through December 8th

Love Christian Clearinghouse will collect the toys/gifts and deliver them to Toy Express in the name of First Church of Lombard/Outreach House.

If you have any questions, contact Lynda S. Wilson at church, 630-707-1868, or 630-512-8669, or lswilson@love-cc.org.

Thank you in advance, for your generous hearts!

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

BAPTISM

Today we celebrate the baptism of Teddy Risley, son of Bill and Kendra and brother to Jack and Ford.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for Tom Scott will be held at First Church of Lombard on Saturday, November 23rd at 11 AM in the Sanctuary.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to:

Maple Street Chapel Preservation Society
220 S. Main Street
Lombard, IL 60148

A link to his obituary can be found [HERE](#).

We ask that you continue to hold Tom's friends and family in your prayers.

IN OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

DUPAGE UNITED

DuPage United will be holding an Assembly on Sunday November 17 from 3:30 - 4:30pm at Trinity Episcopal Church 130 N West St. Wheaton.

Let Kevin Lattner know you will attend at kl550lh@yahoo.com or 630-415-6381.

TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

Join a contemplative and celebratory service with the Anima Glen Ellyn Children's Chorus to pray for peace and empowerment for our nonbinary, trans, and queer human family. Wednesday, November 20 at 7pm at St Mark's Episcopal Church, 393 N Main St, Glen Ellyn, IL. LGBTQIA folks and allies welcome.

HAVE MUGS TO SPARE?

Nico Warmowski is trying to save a tree by getting folks to reuse mugs instead of paper cups when they use our apartment complex's coffee machine. We are looking for 2-3 dozen mugs to leave in our common area. We are also going to see if the mugs get washed and returned or if they disappear. Contact Steve warmowski@icloud.com or 217.473.5517 with questions, and leave mugs in the box at coffee hour.

INTERFAITH BOOK CLUB

Connect with those across faiths to build bridges of understanding through discussions of chosen books! The Interfaith Book Club will meet on Saturday, December 7th at 2 PM at The Mecca Center MPR at 16W560 91st St., Willowbrook, IL 60527.

Please register for this event at: meccacenter.org/events.

Any questions, please contact Jeri Shaw at jeri.shaw@me.com

TEEN PARENT CONNECTION HOLIDAY SHARING PROGRAM

This giving season, consider donating to Teen Parent Connection's Holiday Sharing Program. Through the support and generosity of our community, we are able to spread holiday joy by providing brand new toys and gifts to over 100 young families.

Scan this QR code for 2024 wish lists.



Please have items delivered to 475 Taft Ave., Glen Ellyn, IL by December 13th.

HOPE AFTER OVERDOSE SUPPORT GROUP

NAMI DuPage is offering a warm, supportive group for those grieving a loved one lost to overdose, offering hope and sense of community. The meetings are held the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6PM at Nami DuPage (room 120) located at 115 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton. Contact Jeri Shaw at jeri.shaw@me.com with any questions.

REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

Illinois Community for Displaced Immigrants (ICDI) is grateful for the donations received to assist refugees. Financial and material donations help immigrants living throughout the Chicago area.

At this moment, they are in need of the following items:

- ❖ Men's winter **washable** coats- S, M & L sizes.
- ❖ Children's winter hats & gloves – S & M sizes.
- ❖ Anything soccer.
- ❖ Cleaning supplies, especially laundry detergent.
- ❖ Gift cards for groceries.

You can bring them to First Church and place them in the blue bin in the Narthex, right outside of the Sanctuary doors.

As donations of clothing and other supplies continue to come in, ICDI is in need of volunteers to sort and organize donations. The shifts are Monday - Friday 9 am - 12 pm at Elmhurst Presbyterian Church - 367 Spring Rd, Elmhurst, IL 60126. Contact Jeri Shaw at jeri.shaw@me.com to volunteer.



Volunteers for Sunday, November 17, 2024	Volunteers for Sunday, November 24, 2024
<u>Liturgist</u> Deb Rodak	<u>Liturgist</u> Deb Rodak
<u>Ushers</u> Barb Kelly Rick Kelly	<u>Ushers</u> Jason Cooper Dave Ivey
<u>Coffee Hour</u> Deb & Greg Young	<u>Coffee Hour</u> Christine Esposito Larry Hebert Kevin Lattner
<u>Sound</u> Thomas Hammerschmidt	<u>Sound</u> Andrew Eckhart
<u>Video Streaming</u> Eric Wilson	<u>Video Streaming</u> Charlie Peterson

Church Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Monday & Wednesday

Available by appointment

Friday & Saturday

CLOSED

STAFF

Rev. Dr. Jill Terpstra - Senior Minister
Val Sutton - Director of Educational Ministries
Janette Rodriguez - Director of Music Ministries
Lawrence Underwood - Children and Youth Music Coordinator
Charlie Peterson - Porter
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