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# Faith CONNECTIONS

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## First Church Invites Community to Three Sesquicentennial Musical Tributes

Few expressions convey 'celebration' more effectively and joyously than music. On **April 18** and **May 23**, First Church is offering special musical offerings in honor of its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the community is warmly invited to join in the celebration.

On Sunday, **May 23**, during the **9:00 & 11:00AM** worship, our Sanctuary Choir will perform an **anthem commissioned for the 150th anniversary** in honor of long time choir member, **Robert Neuschel**, by noted American composer, **Stephen Paulus**.

Sunday, **May 23**, 3:00<sup>PM</sup>, Jill S. Hunt, Director of Music/Organist of First Presbyterian Church and the Millar Brass Ensemble will perform a **BRASS AND ORGAN CONCERT** in the church's sanctuary. We are honored and thrilled to have the well-known and highly acclaimed Millar Brass Ensemble perform with Jill Hunt. The program will open with Charles-Marie Widor's *Salvum Fac Populum Tuum* for three trumpets, three trombones, snare drum, and organ, and will close with Marcel Dupré's *Poème Héroïque* for the same instrumentation. In between these pieces, we will hear music for brass alone and music for organ alone.

Immediately following the concert, all are invited to a gala reception to culminate the year-long First Church Sesquicentennial celebration.

Debuted in Düsseldorf on this exact date, **April 18**, 174 years ago, the *St Paul Oratorio* is based on the dramatic story of Saul, the zealous Pharisee who, after his epiphanous encounter with the risen Christ, turns from a fanatical enemy of Christians into the most influential teacher of the Christian faith. The composer's powerful musical symbolism will be performed by four combined choirs, a full orchestra and featured soloists.

## Saint Paul An Oratorio by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

MENDELSSOHN  
First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest Sanctuary Choir  
Lake Forest College Concert Choir  
Highland Park Presbyterian Church Choir  
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Wilmette, Choir

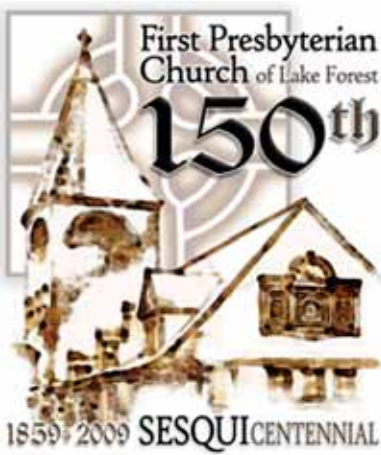


**Peter Van de Graaff, Baritone**  
**Kathleen Van de Graaff, Soprano**  
**Susan Bywater Noble, Soprano**  
**Grant Knox, Tenor**

**Conducted by Tom Tropp,**  
Director, First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest Sanctuary Choir

**Sunday, April 18, 2010**  
**3:00 p.m.**

**First Presbyterian  
Church of Lake Forest**  
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Dear friends,

**Christ has risen! Christ has risen indeed!**

With Easter acclamations and trumpet cadences barely quieted, we are summoned into the energetic work of Christ's mission.

And there is much good work to do:

On **Friday April 16** at noon, Presbyterian Women are reviving their annual "Treasure Tea" simply for fun and fellowship. Food and raffle prizes have been donated and the \$20 charge will go directly to mission partners supported by Presbyterian Women. Contact Kerry to sign up at [kspera@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:kspera@firstchurchlf.org).

On **Saturday April 17** at 6:00PM, the Deacons host their annual Auction, raising funds for mission in Lake County. Last year we raised \$58,000. Contact Kerry at [kspera@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:kspera@firstchurchlf.org).

On **Sunday April 18** at 9:00 and 11:00AM, we welcome former pastor **Terry Swicegood** back to the pulpit as part of our 150th anniversary. Terry served here 1988-1996. He currently serves as interim pastor at the Village Presbyterian Church in Northbrook.

At 3:00PM on **April 18** we enjoy a very special concert: Mendelsohn's "St. Paul Oratorio." This extraordinary piece will be presented by choirs and full orchestra (see front page). The free concert is also part of our Sesquicentennial celebration.

On **Sunday April 25** at 9:00AM, we celebrate the "Blessing of the Animals" in our outdoor worship tent. Beloved pets (and equally beloved stuffed animals) are welcome for a celebration of God's creation and personal blessing. Worship in the sanctuary at 9:00 and 11:00 will prove equally festive. Worshipers are encouraged to wear casual clothes - even jeans - and then to **stay and help set up for our 60th Annual Rummage sale.**

On **Saturday May 1** at 7:00AM, the **Rummage Sale** opens its door. Last year the proceeds from the spring Rummage Sale netted \$113,000 for local mission. **Volunteers are needed.** Sign up at [www.firstchurchlf.org](http://www.firstchurchlf.org) or pick up a form in the church office.

The vitality of Easter doesn't end when the trumpets are quiet. In fact, it just begins.

Every blessing,

Reverend Christine Chakoian

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** - Once a year, the First Church family expands even further, as we welcome our furry friends to worship.

Join us **Sunday April 25** for the Blessing of the Animals service at 9:00AM. Held in the church parking lot, under the enormous rummage sale tent, this lively service allows us to give thanks for our pets, pray for those we have lost in the past year, and to bestow blessings on favorite stuffed animals and beloved pets. Traditional worship continues in the sanctuary at both 9:00 and 11:00AM.



## Sunday Worship

**SUNDAY, APRIL 18**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**9:00 & 11:00AM Worship**

Acts 9: 1-6, 7-20

Reverend Terry Swicegood  
Children's Choirs

**first @ five**

@ 5:00 in the sanctuary

fellowship & dinner @ 6:00

Reverend Corey Nelson

**SUNDAY, APRIL 25**

**9:00 & 11:00AM Worship**

Reverend Corey Nelson

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Luke 21: 1-24

**9:00AM Blessing of Animals**

Reverend Amy Pagliarella

**first @ five**

@ 5:00 in the sanctuary

fellowship & dinner @ 6:00

Reverend Corey Nelson

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# ALL MISSIONS POSSIBLE AMP

*Your mission.... should you choose to accept it... is to join AMP, All Missions Possible.*

What is AMP? It is a new group whose activities allow parents (and occasionally children) to do "hands on" mission work in the community while enjoying fellowship with other church families. We kicked off our year's focus on "hospitality" with parents and children filling 600 snack bags for Sidewalk Sunday School, a Zion-based program dedicated to serving nearby at-risk children and teens.



Our next "parents only" event on **May 8** begins at 5:30PM when we meet in the church kitchen to prepare food for Sidewalk Sunday School's new After School Tutoring Program, before treating ourselves to dinner at Inovasi in Lake Bluff. Wednesday May 12, those who are available can witness the fruits of our labors by serving the food at the new tutoring center in Zion followed by Wednesday night worship.



Future events will benefit groups such as PADS, Soup Kitchen, and the Food Pantry and Depository, and will always include a social/fellowship component. RSVP to Ruth Schneider at (847) 274-4249. We look forward to having you be a part of this exciting new opportunity!

## Spring Rummage Sale 60 years young!

Come to have fun, serve our neighbors and connect or reconnect with others by volunteering for the May 1, 2010 rummage sale.

*Help is needed* for set up beginning Sunday, April 25 from 1:00-5:00PM



through Sale Day on Saturday, May 1

from 7:00AM-4:00PM

and clean-up *after the sale* on May 1 from 4:00-8:00PM.

We have lots of cool stuff to display and sell. Workers shop early. Department chairmen and workers are needed. **Sign up on the church website [www.firstchurchlf.org](http://www.firstchurchlf.org)** or contact

Dawn Neal [dneal60@prodigy.net](mailto:dneal60@prodigy.net) (847)234-7632,  
Beth Jones [bethjones@comcast.net](mailto:bethjones@comcast.net) (847) 234-8070 or  
Laura Johnson [lauraj330@yahoo.com](mailto:lauraj330@yahoo.com) (847) 234-8257.

## Bakers Needed!

Our Rummage Sale is famous for the delicious teacakes and cookies that entice rummage volunteers. The leaders of the Worker's Café are inviting bakers of tasty cookies and tea breads to delight our palates again this year. "Bakers extraordinaire" are asked to sign up ahead of time for either six dozen cookies or three dozen cookies and three loaves of tea bread. Worker Cards will be given to the first thirty people who sign up to donate freshly baked goods. (If we have already reached our maximum number of bakers please consider working a four hour shift in another department To sign up contact Patti Tucker at [murph912000@yahoo.com](mailto:murph912000@yahoo.com) or (847) 615-2643. Many thanks to our wonderful bakers and rummage volunteers!



## RUMMAGE DROP OFF IS CLOSED April 16 through May 16

We thank the community for their generous donations throughout the year

**60th ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE  
May 1, 2010 7:00AM to 4:00PM**



## TIDBITS FROM ARCHIVES

From Session records dated April 3, 1903  
The Session did not resume its meeting February 15 to which date it had adjourned because Lake Forest was quarantined by the Board of Health and the church was closed by an order prohibiting all public assemblies.

## IN MEMORIAM

*Bertha H. (Haug) Dean* died at the age of 101 on April 1, 2010. Mrs. Dean worshiped at First Church with her daughter Barbara Vallaly since 2002. She will be missed by her friends and family. A memorial service is scheduled for April 24, 2010.

*Sarah "Sally" (Olert) Zimmer* died on April 5, 2010. Mrs. Zimmer joined the church in 2008. She moved back to the community after retirement, reconnected with old friends and became involved in the life of the church. She will be missed by her family, David (Jane) Zimmer, Sarah Lucile (Jim) Sleeper and grandchildren Lucile and Gabrielle Zimmer. A memorial service was held in the sanctuary on April 10, 2010 Reverend Christine Chakoian officiating.

## BIRTHS

We welcome *Harper Sophia Lim Anderson*, born to Amanda (Watanabe) and Jason Anderson. She joins brothers Gavin and Grayson and proud grandparents Mary and Gary Watanabe.

We welcome *Grace Weiller von Redding Pruett*, born on March 24, 2010 to James and Jennifer Pruett. She joins siblings Lainey and Jamie. We also welcome *Olivia Wethersfield Knott*, born on April 7, 2010 to Deborah (Thurman) and John Knott. Both children are joyously received by grandmother Betsey Thurman.

# High School Seniors Worship on May 2

Worship at 9:00 and 11:00 on Sunday, May 2 will be dedicated to **“A Service of Thanksgiving and Gratitude”** from the Senior High class of 2010 to the congregation. The Senior Youth will lead the service, reflecting on how the congregation, Nursery School teachers, Church School teachers, choir directors, Vacation Bible School teachers, mentors and youth group leaders have had an impact on them over the years of their life at First Presbyterian. Don't miss this meaningful service.

## A.W.O.L. A WORK OF LOVE

for 6th-8th graders  
Friday May 7—8



Join us as we travel to Fourth Presbyterian Church for an event to learn more about life for some residents of Chicago. Together we'll learn more about

poverty, including what it's like to be homeless, and what we can do to work towards ending homelessness.

We participated in this Presbytery event last year and found it very meaningful. If you attended last year, our Friday night experience will still address homelessness but with a different activity. Registration forms are in the front office, on the website—[www.firstchurchlf.org](http://www.firstchurchlf.org) or check with Kristie at [kfinley@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:kfinley@firstchurchlf.org) or Sarah at [ssecombe@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:ssecombe@firstchurchlf.org)

## Come to the Table – Communion Education for families

There is no “first communion” in the Presbyterian Church because parents decide when their children are ready to participate. While some families bring infants to the table, anticipating that children will participate before they can fully comprehend, others wait until their children articulate the meaning before participating in the Eucharist. So April's Family Faith Formation Gathering brings children AND parents together to learn about Holy Communion.

Education begins **Sunday, April 18 at 10:00AM** in Fellowship Hall west for all Sunday School children (preschool-grade 7). Parents are encouraged to join immediately following worship for shared learning and ideas to continue the conversation at home.

## High School Youth Group

High School Youth Group meets at its regular time, at 7:00PM in the Youth Lounge on April 18. Come on out for fun, learning and faith formation. On Sunday, April 25 the High School Youth get to help support the church's mission by assisting in Rummage Sale set-up. Meet outside the church office at noon wearing work clothes.

## Confirmation

**Confirmation Sunday is May 16 at the 9:00 service.**

Confirmands are busy discerning their next steps in their lives of faith. If you know a confirmand, ask them about Confirmation Class and how God has been forming them this year. Students will meet with the Session on April 19 to share their journeys and God's calling in their lives.

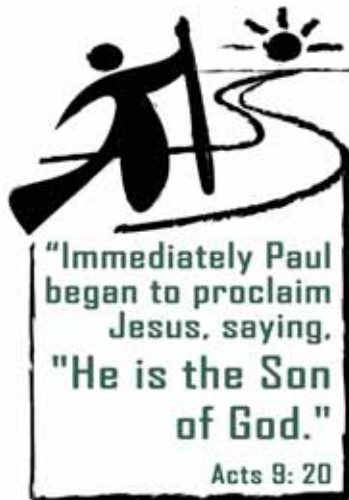
## First Pres Endurance Sports Team

Do you like to swim, cycle or run? If so, join the church's new Endurance Sports Team. The team will start off with a weekly road ride, the day and time of which have not yet been decided. If you are interested in breaking a sweat with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, please contact Erik Dailey at [edailey@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:edailey@firstchurchlf.org).

## 4th graders to “Fly Up” to Middle School Sunday School

Faith Adventure celebrates its “graduating” class as fourth graders begin a new adventure in Middle School Sunday School. On April 11 they were recognized with this milestone Fly-Up Sunday.

This new tradition is a chance to honor our fourth graders and to get them excited about all the faith building that will occur in upcoming programs such as VBS Worktrip and Sunday School with Youth Chapel. Children have outgrown their story Bibles and will receive Bibles appropriate for life-long reading; Fly-Up Sunday replaces Third Grade Bible Sunday.



**Mission Project**  
We show our support for Neal School by making Teacher Appreciation Day gifts. Children's contributions fund this project.



## Journey #6 PAUL: JOURNEY WITH JESUS

	Garden of Eden Room 212	Reach Out in Faith (Mission) Room 213	Thou Art Room 215	Holy-wood Room 216
April 11	2nd grade	1st grade	3rd grade	4th grade
April 18	3rd grade	2nd grade	4th grade	1st grade
May 9	4th grade	3rd grade	1st grade	2nd grade
May 16	1st grade	4th grade	2nd grade	3rd grade
Preschool Explorers...	Rm 207		Kindergarten Explorers...Rm 219	
5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> gd worship	⇒ Youth Chapel		⇒ 5 <sup>th</sup> gd..Rm 011	
Confirmation ... worship	⇒ Rm 012			
			⇒ 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> gd...Youth Lounge	




**Rev. Dr. Terry Swicegood returns to the pulpit at First Church on Sunday, April 18** as a part of our 150th celebration. Dr. Swicegood was Pastor/Head of Staff at First Pres from 1988 to 1996. He has served pastorates across the United States in Pennsylvania, Oregon, North Carolina, and Arizona. He is currently serving as the Interim Pastor at the Village Church in Northbrook, IL.

150th  
What makes First Church  
**Special...**

*First Church is special to me because although my family hasn't been going here for that long we have found friends and opportunities that have brought us closer to the church and God.*

Emily Young



## NEW MEMBER CLASS

If you are interested in learning more about membership at First Presbyterian Church, the next series of classes will be offered on Sunday, April 25, May 2 and May 9 from 10:00 am to noon. Based on the core mission of our church to Proclaim Christ's Message, Provide a Community of Spiritual Nurture and Promote God's Vision of Justice, participants in the class get to know each other, pastors and other church members through sharing faith journeys, discussions on biblical stories, history of the church, our mission and ministries and the meaning of church membership. We look forward to getting to know you. Contact Beth Gillies (egillies@firstchurchlf.org or 847-234-6250 ext 223) to register for class.

## LUNCH BUNCH

At Lunch Bunch on Friday, April 23, we will hear about *Someone You Should Know - our third pastor, James H. Taylor (1864-1875)*. Member **Don Spooner** will tell us about the accomplishments of this great man, many of which are still in evidence today. He was also the first hired Lake Forest College faculty member. Lunch is at noon in the South Parlor. Cost is \$6.00 at the door. Call Kerry at (847)234-6250, ext. 233

## FOCUS on Jill Hunt Director of Music/Organist

With only seconds to spare, Jill Hunt sprints on many Sundays from the choir loft to the sanctuary and back again. She deftly orchestrates both the music and musicians, while performing on the organ. Her varied talents make her an incomparable Director of Music/Organist. *'My job is all-encompassing,'* she happily admits. *"I am changing hats many times, but I love the variety. I think music communicates on every level--there is always somebody who needs comfort or is moved to connect with music."*

After two stints in Lutheran churches, Jill Hunt found her musical home here in 1995.

Jill's duties include coordinating all music and staff. She plays our 44 rank Casavant organ, directs the bell choirs and assists with the children's choirs.

A native of Oklahoma, Jill took up the organ at an early age, taught by an older brother. By 7th grade, she was filling in at her home church for the 8:30AM service! She went on to earn her bachelors and masters in music.

Working from a computer spreadsheet, Jill surveys over 2000 pieces of music each week to select the right one. She also meets with the worship planning committee.

*"I take pleasure in trying to coordinate the music based on the hymn, working it into the prelude and postlude."* Jill points with pride to a superb musical team with Tom Tropp, Susan Noble, Lesley Byers and recently Owen Marks (first@five).

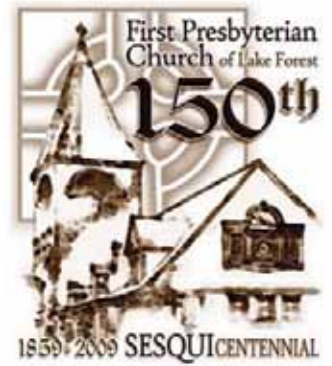
A new grandmother to 2 month old Levi, Jill has two married sons, Bryan and Jason. Her passion for music has taken her to France where she has played cathedral organs on which many great 20th century works were composed.

Jill loves music ministry citing the chance to share in the profound moments in people's lives.



From teaching people how to play handbells, soothing a child in the cherub choir, to selecting the right pieces for a wedding or midnight service, Jill Hunt communicates with music.





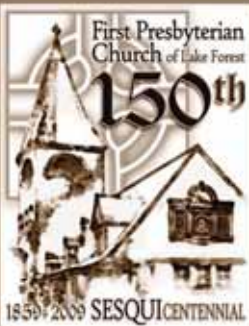
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APRIL 15, 2010

SUNDAY WORSHIP  
 AT  
 9:00 & 11:00 AM  
 AND  
 5:00 PM

SUNDAY SCHOOL  
 AT 9:00 AM

Rummage  
 Sale  
 May 1, 2010  
 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM



The Core Mission of  
 First Presbyterian  
 Church of Lake Forest

•  
 PROCLAIM CHRIST'S  
 MESSAGE

•  
 PROVIDE A  
 COMMUNITY OF  
 SPIRITUAL NURTURE

•  
 PROMOTE GOD'S  
 VISION OF JUSTICE



*Back by popular demand, Presbyterian Women invite you to the*

*Spring is an exciting time for fellowship in preparation for the All-Church Auction, Rummage Sale and mission giving.*

*Come see the fabulous fashions to be found at the Rummage Sale*

*Friday, April 16  
 at noon in Fellowship Hall*

*Reservations with Kerry at [kspera@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:kspera@firstchurchlf.org) or 847.234.6250  
 \$20<sup>00</sup> for Lunch, Fashion Show & Raffle ticket*

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