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Faith CONNECTIONS

North Carolina recording artist, **David LaMotte**, will perform for a fund-raising concert to benefit Agape House, the campus ministry center at University of Illinois at Chicago, on Tuesday, October 23 at 7:30 PM

Underwritten by a partnership between First Presbyterian Church, partner churches in Chicago and a grant from the United Methodist district, a free-will offering will be received to support this important ministry. Agape House is at 809 W Roosevelt in Chicago.

For more information, contact Reverend Corey Nelson at cnelson@firstchurchlf.org or call the church office at (847) 234-6250.



RECOGNIZING
THE POWER OF CHRIST
TO TRANSFORM LIVES,
THE CORE MISSION OF FIRST CHURCH
PROMOTE CHRIST'S MESSAGE
PROVIDE A COMMUNITY OF SPIRITUAL NURTURE
& PROMOTE GOD'S VISION OF JUSTICE

Windy City Brass - Creating a Fanfare for Worship at First Church

The revered tradition of music in worship at First Presbyterian Church is ongoing in a newly formed partnership with The Windy City Brass. Tom Tropp, Director of the Sanctuary Choir became acquainted with the talented quintet of dual trumpets, horn, trombone and tuba and knew that their music would resound in the acoustical environment of First Church. Composed of talented musicians from across the Chicago area, the quintet debuted on Rally Sunday playing works of Johann Pezel and Giovanni Gabrieli, and joining with the choir for three movements from Haydn's *Creation*, as well as other works. Their music undergirds the impetus of worship which is to glorify God and to lift up our best not as entertainment but in awe, reverence, joy and gratitude that flows from the heart.

'AND WHEN THE BURNT OFFERING BEGAN,
THE SONG OF THE LORD BEGAN ALSO WITH THE TRUMPETS,
AND WITH THE INSTRUMENTS ORDAINED BY DAVID KING OF ISRAEL.
AND ALL THE CONGREGATION WORSHIPPED,
AND THE SINGERS SANG, AND THE TRUMPETERS SOUNDED:
AND ALL THIS CONTINUED UNTIL THE BURNT OFFERING WAS FINISHED.
AND WHEN THEY HAD MADE AN END OF OFFERING,
THE KING AND ALL THAT WERE PRESENT WITH HIM
BOWED THEMSELVES, AND WORSHIPPED.'

2 Chronicles: 27-29



Chris Joyce, Paul Lowry, Andrew King, Ben Dickinson and David Spangler's sound adds more than grace notes to worship. Their collective musical training and performance resumes include Masters of Music degrees, experience in a variety of professional ensembles and symphonies, solo competition first prizes, participation in music festivals, teaching and conducting experience. The musicians are intimately involved in the music world in the Chicago area.

Jill Hunt, Director of Music knows that Christmas and Easter are traditional liturgical seasons for sacred brass music because its distinctive fortissimo tones express both trilling joy and the gravity of mourning. Yet so many churches are competing for quality brass ensembles during these holidays that it is challenging to engage a group that is musically skilled and available. Therefore the new partnership between First Church and The Windy City Brass ensures that its music will enhance worship during high demand seasons as well as be incorporated into other worship services that explore the emotional breadth of the Old and New Testament stories.

Trumpets are referred to in the Bible over one hundred times and most often would have been ram's horns played in many sizes to render different pitches. The trumpet is associated with the arrival of a King, battle charges and retreats, praise and announcing the resurrection of the dead. Frequently used to personify victory and triumph brass instruments can also render pathos and struggle. The Windy City Brass' music will inject energy and authenticity into the telling of the stories in the yearlong sermon series, "Stories We Can't Live Without".

More information about the The Windy City Brass musicians can be found on their web site: <http://windycitybrass.com>



Dear friends,

You may have noticed some recent changes in worship. (Isn't that an understatement!) A few of you don't like them: I want to assure you that they're not permanent. Many of you do like them: I want to assure you that we'll continue to be creative!



Why are we doing this? In part so we can cover the ample amounts of Scripture that we're tackling each week. But it's more than utilitarian: we are trying to match the message of Sunday worship with the method. As the great architect Louis Sullivan famously said, "Form follows function."

So you'll be hearing a wider variety of musical styles.

Our music department offers many gifts: the Sanctuary Choir and Stephen Singers led by Tom Tropp, the organ and bell choirs led by Jill Hunt, the children's choirs led by Elizabeth Weismehl, and Eggs Benediction coached by Lesley Byers. In recent months we've also been moved by Lesley's jazz ensemble, Patrick Day's folk singing, Corey Nelson's "world music," the Arden family's praise songs, and the Windy City Brass ensemble.

And you'll be seeing a wider range of presentations of Scripture. Depending on the length and tone of the Bible stories, we might share it in segments with comment in between ... or in the style of a choral reading (as Patrick, Corey, and Don Dempsey did, not to be mistaken for "The Three Tenors") ... or with the bulk of it in "Cliff Notes" with a shorter passage read in full ... or in a drama with various parts.

And you'll be experiencing a wider diversity of order of worship. Most of the time we will "stick to the standard." But on occasion, if the focus warrants it, we will interrupt our usual flow to emphasize certain aspects of worship, such as confession, or our heartfelt prayers, or the offering of our gifts, or simply praise.

I hope you'll notice how carefully selected all of these elements are - to express the message, invite our responses, and integrate our hearts and heads. Above all, they are selected to glorify God, which is our hope and privilege every time we worship.

One final word: why have we put so much energy into worship? It grows out of our commitment to "proclaim Christ's message," our first Great End ... and our heartfelt goal that we touch as many people with that message as we can.

Every blessing,

Christine Chakoian



STEWARDSHIP 2008

This week you will be receiving your annual Stewardship Letter and Pledge Card for 2008. Along with the letter is an interpretative brochure outlining the three major areas that your annual pledge supports: (1) Worship and Faith Building; (2) Mission; and (3) Campus and Administration

Our budget for 2007 was \$ 2,452,000 and with your support we are projecting that this year's budget will be \$2,600,000, an increase of 9.4%.

In the brochure we have included a "proportional giving chart" as a guideline to help you look at your giving and challenge each giving unit to give accordingly in the 2.5% to 5% range in relationship to your household income.

"From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required." Luke 12:48



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 & 11:00AM Worship

Reverend Christine Chakoian

3rd Grade Bible Sunday

Eggs Benediction at 9:00 & 11:00

Children's Choirs at 9:00

Exodus 16-40

Exodus 20: 2-17

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REFORMATION SUNDAY

9:00 & 11:00AM Worship

Reverend Christine Chakoian

Windy City Brass & The Sanctuary Choir

at 9:00 & 11:00

Joshua, Judges, 1Samuel 1-7

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PROCLAIM CHRIST'S MESSAGE

STEPHEN SERIES® Caring Ministry WORKSHOP



A Half-Day Workshop Featuring:

- Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief
- An Introduction to the Stephen Series System of Lay Caregiving Ministry
- How to Care in a Distinctively Christian Way

On **Saturday, October 27, First Church** is hosting a **Stephen Series Caring Ministry Workshop** from **9:00AM - 1:00 PM.**

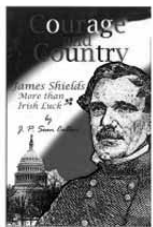
This workshop is an excellent opportunity to learn about the Stephen Series which has more than 9,000 congregations that provide pastoral care.

This is a ministry system that equips and mobilizes laypeople for effective caring ministry.

You will experience a sample of the training that our Stephen Ministers (lay caregivers) have received, and you will take home practical knowledge and skills on "Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief" and "How to Care in a Distinctively Christian Way." If you have thought about becoming a Stephen Minister or if you hear God calling you into this ministry, this workshop will help in your decision making.

The workshop is free to our congregation.
We hope to see you in Fellowship Hall!

Join Lunch Bunch on Friday, October 26



as we welcome **Dr. J. Sean Callan**, author of **COURAGE AND COUNTRY: JAMES SHIELDS, MORE THAN IRISH LUCK.** (Shields is the man who gave his name to our Shields Township.) Dr. Callan, a retired Lake Forest psychiatrist, has brought to life an important historical figure who has disappeared into the pages of history - but no more! Shields, a major

general in the Mexican War, was many things including a U.S. Senator from Illinois in 1852 and a protagonist of Honest Abe. Hear about this and many other fascinating facts. Lunch is at noon in the South Parlor. Cost is \$5 at the door. Please call Kerry at the church, (847) 234-6250, by Tuesday, October 23.

The Church Sings in Africa

Dr. Patrick Matsikenyiri

The Worship & Music and Mission committees are excited to encourage attendance at an afternoon workshop on African music. This workshop offers an opportunity to learn to proclaim the gospel in a way that is new to us. Contact Reverend Corey Nelson if you would like to attend this workshop at cnelson@firstchurch1f.org or (847) 234-6250



Recent decades have brought an outpouring of indigenous Christian music from countries throughout the world. This workshop is an opportunity to interact with and learn from a pre-eminent composer, arranger and director of African music. Patrick Matsikenyiri will introduce and lead singing of worship songs that have arisen from the African soil and experience. You will learn tips on using voice and percussion to bring the gift of African song to your congregation's worship.

Dr. Patrick Matsikenyiri was a key player in the founding of Africa University in Zimbabwe and served there as professor of music and choir director for many years. Since his retirement in 2002, he has been teaching at several U.S. institutions by invitation. His music is published in many hymnals and songbooks and sung in churches everywhere. Matsikenyiri has led workshops and worship services on African music throughout the world.

Sunday, November 4
2:00 to 5:00 PM

United Church of Rogers Park
1545 W. Morse Avenue, Chicago

FALL BLOOD DRIVE

save the date

Sunday, November 18

GIVE
BLOOD
Every Drop Counts

PROVIDE SPIRITUAL NURTURE

FIRST CHURCH MUSIC DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR FALL & ADVENT

This will be an exciting fall for the Sanctuary Choir, and they are hard at work to provide marvelous music to enhance the worship experience. As always, membership in the choir is open to all who love to lift their voices to the Lord. **Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings, from 7:30 to 9:30.**

- November 4** Anthem during worship at 9 and 11
Sanctuary Choir and Leyden High School Chamber Singers
Handel Coronation Anthem
Coronation Anthem #1 - "Zadok the Priest"
- November 25** Anthem during worship at 9 and 11
Sanctuary Choir
Handel Coronation Anthem
Coronation Anthem #4 - "Let thy hand be strengthened"
- December 1** Highland Park Presbyterian Church
Interfaith Choral Service and Concert 7:30 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir, Highland Park Presbyterian Church Choir,
Church of Latter Day Saints Choir,
Christmas Cantata of Daniel Pinkham and other Christmas Anthems
- December 9** Advent program during worship at 9 and 11
Sanctuary Choir
"The Wilderness", "Solomon's Prayer" and
"Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace"
composed by Samuel Sebastian Wesley



Adult spiritual growth can be nurtured by television.



"30 Good Minutes"

is a show that airs on **Sundays at 5:00PM** on WTTW Channel 11 (PBS).

This program, in its 54th season, gives voice to faith stories and ideas that enrich individual lives, engage people of all faiths, and encourage spiritual growth. The new series begins Sunday, October 7 with Reverend Tom Long speaking on Prayer. Our pastor, Christine Chakoian is a featured responder on several of the programs including October 21 with Benjamin Reaves speaking on Fear, November 25 with Julio Medina speaking on Community, January 13 with Wyvetta Bullock speaking on Prayer.

Each half hour presentation offers thought provoking ideas to enhance our life journey. More information available at http://www.thirtygoodminutes.net/tv_schedule_5100.htm

The First Church music department is currently planning a number of very exciting projects for the fall and Advent/Christmas season.

We are proud to be sponsoring the opening concert of the Callipygian Players' fifth season. Their concert, "**Buxtehude, Biber and Beyond**," will be in the chapel at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 4.

Director and violinist, Martin Davids will be joined by David Schrader, harpsichord, and Craig Trompeter, viola da gamba, for a performance of thrilling chamber music by Germanic composers of the Baroque Era. Known for their exciting interpretations and compelling playing on period instruments, the Callipygian Players will open their fifth season with beautiful compositions that show the diverse imagination of Seventeenth century Germany. Tickets may be reserved in advance at www.calplayers.org.

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PROMOTE GOD'S JUSTICE



WORK TRIP SPAGHETTI DINNER & TALENT SHOW

\$20.00 per person

...**Sunday, October 28**... 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall

The annual Spaghetti Dinner and Work Trip Talent Show are combining this year for a doubly joyous evening of preparation for mission and ministry! The senior high work trip will go to Camp Wonderland in Missouri in June 2008 for a week to do physical labor and to help with the handicapped campers. This mountain top experience for the youth and advisors (over 125 last year)

is supported by the whole church family. For the first time, two fundraisers are being combined into one fun evening.

The youth will cook and serve dinner. Our multi-talented youth follow it up with the Work Trip Talent Show. This is a great opportunity for younger children to see what they have to look forward to in high school youth group.

If you thought it was amusing to try to dunk Kristie (Director of Youth Ministries) and Patrick (Associate Pastor for Family Life) at the picnic, you won't want to miss this fun! Please make your reservation by contacting Kerry Spera kspera@firstchurchlf.org or (847) 234-6250 ext. 233.



Five Chinese ministers from the seminary in Nanjing, whom we have supported for several years, will be in Lake Forest on November 2-4. These Christian ministers

from mainland (and communist) China are coming here to learn new ways to bring the Word to their people. Interestingly, China actually has more Christians than the USA!! Their visit, we hope, will open our hearts to Christians from the rest of the world. The following help is needed: hosts, drivers from and to the airport, a guide to Chicago, participants in programs at the church, translators and folks to pray for them in their travels. Contact Jon Bayer at navybayers@comcast.net or (847) 735-0615

MEMORIALS

Anna Olson Christensen died this past April in Columbia, South Carolina at 101 years old. Anna was a member at First Presbyterian Church until she moved to Columbia in 1980 to be near her daughter. A graveside service was held Saturday, October 13 at 11:00AM at Lake Forest Cemetery, Dr. Donald Dempsey officiating.

Carol Bay Daniels died on October 3, 2007. Mrs. Daniels joined the church in 1967. She was a talented florist in the community. She will be missed by her husband Don, and their children Brad and Debbie Daniels, Linda and Dennis McDonald and Sandy and Peter Cochrane and grandchildren. A funeral service was held in the sanctuary on October 6, 2007, The Reverend Kent W. Kinney officiating.

Martha Bidwell Robinson died on September 29, 2007. She will be missed by her husband, Paul and their daughter Virginia and Warren Halls. A memorial service was held in the sanctuary on October 15, 2007, The Reverend Christine Chakoian officiating.

On **Sunday, October 21**, the long-standing tradition of presenting Bibles to the children of our congregation. Third-graders will be called forward, by name, during the 9:00 worship service to receive a Children's Bible. In Sunday School, the children learn the *Bible stories we can't live without* and it is our hope that this Bible will encourage a life-long love of reading the stories for themselves.

We are in the process of contacting all third graders to confirm who will be present to receive a Bible. If you do not receive a letter but have a 3rd grader who wishes to receive a Bible, please contact Amy Pagliarella at apagliarella@firstchurchlf.org or by calling the church.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 2007



DAVID AHO has been dedicated to his career in healthcare and is ready to dedicate more time to his spiritual self. An avid sportsman, he pursues golf, tennis, exercise and is a big baseball and football fan.

SUZANNE MARIE provides clinical and business consultation to healthcare institutions with a specialty in neuro-biological sciences and behavioral health. She enjoys tennis, golf, reading, Ravinia, continuous learning and spending time with friends and family. She and David are committed to a shared spiritual journey.

DIANE ALLEN

is a retired social worker who finds herself busier than ever with a never ending clinical hour.

She enjoys reading, environmental preservation, local government and family, family, family while striving to stay physically fit. She became familiar with First Church through the Centering Prayer group and Christine Chakoian's ministry.



BILL ALLEN lives a happy and productive life particularly in nurturing family relationships, following the teachings of Jesus in all areas of his life.

He enjoys spending time with family, sailing, golf and continued learning. He has found a church home here with a welcoming atmosphere and an inspiring pastor.



KARIL CURRAN's life is about nurturing others....trying to be the "mirror that reflects the light." She loves creative endeavors like cooking, music, watercolor, event planning and project creation. Children have a special place in her heart. She has found a spiritual community that is central to her and her family's well being.

CLAIRE CURRAN, high school junior, is looking forward to youth group.

MIKE CURRAN strives to be an active and positive member of society by modeling fair and compassionate behavior. He enjoys time with family and friends that allows everyone to relax and enjoy each other. First Church offers him a place to nurture and grow his faith where everyone is embraced, wherever they are in their journey.

BILL DANZ finds joy in helping to create a wonderful and spiritual life for his wife and daughter. He enjoys walks and hikes and other outdoor activities with his family. He was married here in 2005 and has felt called to membership by Reverend Dempsey.

TRICIA DANZ is a mother, wife, sister, daughter and optometrist. She loves spending time with her daughter Audrey and husband, especially walking, hiking, running and biking.

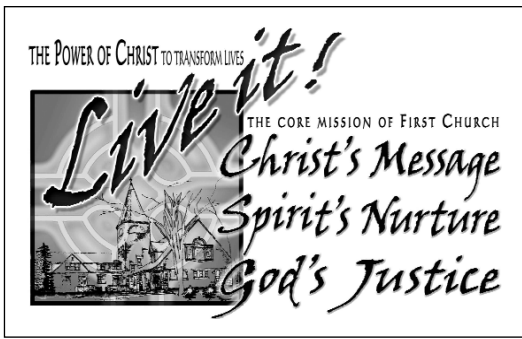
She has attended First Church for around 12 years and knows that this is the right time to become a member.



ANN DIXON strives to be a good Christian, to help others, to love and nurture family and friends and to take care of the earth. She especially enjoys time with her husband, Stewart, son and family while gardening, crosswords, computer, bridge and friends fill her days. Christine Chakoian and her sermons have brought joy to her and she has felt a warm welcome as a visitor to First Church.



NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 2007



FRAN KENT's life focus has been creating a happy and productive marriage, family and business including raising 4 wonderful daughters. Fran has enjoyed working with her family, restoring their historic Highland Park home for 27 years and serving Northwestern University as an active alumna. First Church has provided her with a new home where she can worship, meet like-minded people and participate in giving through the church.

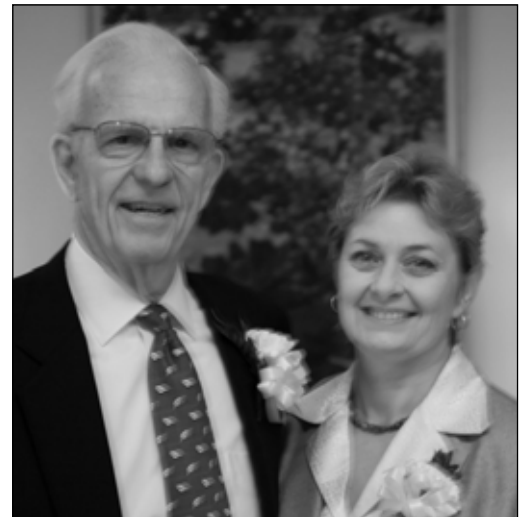


ELIZABETH LUTTIG works to create a Christian home. She enjoys worship, Bible study, fellowship and volunteering. Friends brought her to First Church when she and her family moved to this area.

MICHAEL LUTTIG is a judge and lawyer who enjoys family and friends. He has felt the church family calling him to membership at First Church.

DICK MILLER feels called to adult education in the business world especially in employee training and development. He enjoys men's Bible study, serving elderly church members and being a liturgist in worship. He was married here in 1996 when First Church became his church home. He returns after being in Rockford for 3 years.

BETH MILLER is a daughter, sister, mother, wife, attorney, homemaker and craftsperson. She enjoys family activities, travel and creative endeavors. She is returning to membership with her husband as they return to the Lake Forest community.



DEIRDRE TONER brings the beauty of God's earth into the lives of others through floral design, landscape design and art. She enjoys walking, hiking and meditation on the writings of Christian mystics. Her need to worship and participate in a community of faith bring her to First Church.

VIVIAN ZAHNISER remembers that each day is a gift regardless of the tasks that need to be dealt with. She enjoys reading, gardening and time with friends and family. Her husband's enjoyment of choir members and the warm welcome they have received by church members and staff draw her to First Church.

BOB ZAHNISER is a retired educator who enjoys music, travel and volunteerism. First Church's traditional worship service and focus on mission and service have called him to membership.



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ALL SAINT'S DAY

We remember those who have gone before us in the family of faith here at First Church on the first Sunday of November. This act of remembering brings our loved ones back into our consciousness. The names of church members who died between November 4, 2006 and November 4, 2007 are read aloud in worship during the singing of "For All the Saints."

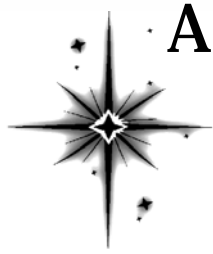
Single flowers, available from the ushers as you enter the sanctuary, are provided to anyone who would like to honor a loved one who died this past year. You are invited to walk up to the front of the sanctuary at any time during the singing of the last hymn and place your flower in the vase. You are welcome to honor someone close to you that is not a member of our church.

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Annual Women's Christmas Tea

SPONSORED BY THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Monday, December 10

at 7:00PM in Fellowship Hall