



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF RIVER FOREST

A SOUND OF HOPE IN OUR COMMUNITY: NEW CARILLON BELLS AT FIRST PRES RIVER FOREST

RIVER FOREST, ILLINOIS, October 11, 2022—The First Presbyterian Church of River Forest (www.firstpresrf.org) today announced it will install new carillon bells dedicated to the life of River Forest resident and First Pres church member [Mike McAdam](#), who died in January of this year.

Mike, 33, a graduate of OPRF High School, played youth baseball, enjoyed Scouting, and loved the Chicago Cubs. Mike also loved music and participated in the worship team at First Pres every chance he had, even while suffering the increasing debilitation of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

“Music was such an important part of Mike’s life,” said Senior Pastor Paul Detterman. “Mike was never without an encouraging smile and words of hope. It is in that spirit we offer these bells to the community. Our hope is that when you hear the bells, they will elicit faith and hope,” Detterman said.

“Mike’s Bells,” as they will be called, will be installed this fall in the main tower of the First Presbyterian Church of River Forest and will mark the first time bells will sound from the church in over 40 years. Mike’s Bells will ring to mark special occasions throughout the year, and reflect the sound of hope which Mike embodied throughout his short life.

About First Presbyterian Church of River Forest

First Presbyterian Church of River Forest has been an integral part of the River Forest community since 1887. Currently at the corner of Quick and Lathrop Avenues in River Forest, First Pres serves communities from Chicago to Elmhurst. The church is a community dedicated to exemplifying God’s love in word and deed, by caring for one another, our neighbors, and the world.

For more information, contact First Pres at (708) 366-5822, or visit www.firstpresrf.org.



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