



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF RIVER FOREST

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN RIVER FOREST OFFERS “REQUIEM” BY JOHN RUTTER
Good Friday Tenebrae (Service of Darkness) on April 7, 2023, at 7:00 pm**

RIVER FOREST, ILLINOIS, March 21, 2023—The First Presbyterian Church of River Forest will offer a Tenebrae Service (Latin for *Service of Darkness*) on Good Friday, April 7, beginning at 7:00 pm. Tenebrae offers a dramatic retelling of the suffering and death of Jesus through scripture, hymns, choral music, and eventual darkness.

Tenebrae is a service remembering the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ to atone for the sin of the world. With texts from the requiem mass, the psalms, and the Book of Common Prayer, the Rutter Requiem will be interwoven with Scripture that moves from the reality of death to Christ's promise of eternal life. The First Pres choir will be accompanied by organ and small orchestra, directed by Jane Holstein, director of music.

Pastor Paul Detterman said, “Over the course of the service, candles will be extinguished to mark Jesus’ journey to the Cross. We invite the community to share this reflection.”

This Good Friday service is open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. First Pres is wheelchair and hearing accessible. Please arrive early for the best seating. For more information, contact the church office at (708) 366-5822 or office@firstpresrf.org, or visit our website at www.firstpresrf.org.

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. First Pres, serving communities from Chicago to Elmhurst, is dedicated to growing as apprentices of Jesus Christ to reflect God’s love.