



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF RIVER FOREST  
PRESENTS

# *Lighten Our Darkness*

AN AFTERNOON OF MUSICAL REFLECTION

with the First Pres Choir and special guests

**Elizabeth Harrison**, soprano

**David John Hailey**, baritone

featuring

*Gabriel Fauré's* **REQUIEM**

Directed by Jane Holstein

MARCH

SUNDAY

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AT 4 PM

2024

7551 QUICK AVENUE, RIVER FOREST, IL

# Concert Program

## Processional

### God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven



1. God who made the earth and heav-en, dark-ness and light,
2. And when morn a - gain shall call us to run life's way,
3. Guard us wak - ing, guard us sleep-ing, and when we die,
4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, throned in heav-en, all - ho - ly Son,



you the day for work have giv - en, for rest the night.  
may we still, what - e'er be - fall us, your will o - bey.  
may we in your might - y keep-ing all peace - ful lie.  
Ho - ly Spir - it, free - ly giv - en, blest Three in One:



May your an - gel guards de-fend us, slum-bersweetyour mer - cy send us,  
From the pow'r of e - vil hide us, in the nar-row path - wayguide us,  
When the last dread call shallwake us, then, O Lord, do not for-sake us,  
grant us grace, we now im-ploreyou, till we lay our crowns be-fore you,



ho - ly dreams and hopes at-tend us all through the night.  
nev - er be your smile de-nied us all through the day.  
but to reign in glo - ry take us with you on high.  
and in wor - thier strains a-dore you while a - ges run.

## Welcome

Pastor Donna Marsh

## O Light Divine

*Alexander Arkhangelsky*

O Light divine! The world rejoices as the morning breaks and shadows fly.  
All nature blends her myriad voices to greet the dayspring from on high.

O Light eternal, Love divine, let thy bright radiance around and in us shine.  
Light eternal, shine, O shine upon us. All glorious evermore,  
from age to age thou art the same unchanging Light.  
O Light divine! Break forth, O glorious Light. Our Light, our Life from on high.

**Cantique de Jean Racine**

*Gabriel Fauré*

O Lord of Hosts, how lovely are thy dwellings.  
My soul longs for thy courts, O Lord.  
My heart and flesh cry out, O Lord, for thee.  
O blest are they whose hope is forever in thee,  
who praise thy name, who sing their songs within thy holy house.  
O Lord, incline thine ear; look down.  
My spirit longs for thee.  
A sun and shield is the Lord of Hosts.  
In thee I trust. Look down and hear my prayer.  
O Lord, hear my prayer.

*from Psalm 84*

**Give Me Jesus**

*Traditional Spiritual  
arr. H. T. Burleigh*

O when I come to die, O when I come to die, O when I come to die, Give me Jesus.  
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus, you may have all this world give me Jesus.  
Dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry,  
dark midnight was my cry, Give me Jesus.  
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus, you may have all this world give me Jesus.

**Tell Out, My Soul**

*Jean Sibelius  
arr. Joel Raney*

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his Word;  
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his Word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and forevermore!

*Timothy Dudley-Smith*

### **Offering**

*This afternoon's offering will be divided equally between deferring the cost of this program  
and assisting in the cost of welcoming and resettling refugees in the area.*

### **Savior**

*Paul Detterman*

### **Requiem**

*Gabriel Fauré*

#### **Introit and Kyrie**

Grant eternal rest, we pray O Lord, and eternal light.  
Praise is yours, O God, in Zion, our vows to you will be fulfilled in Jerusalem.  
Hear us, Lord, hear the prayers of all who come to you:  
*Kyrie eleison – Lord, have mercy;*  
*Christe eleison – Christ, have mercy;*  
*Kyrie eleison – Lord, have mercy.*

#### **Offertory**

Lord Jesus Christ, King of Glory,  
deliver those who die, from the pain of Hell and from the endless pit.  
We praise you, O Lord, and bring a sacrifice of prayer.  
Accept our prayer for those we remember this day.  
Bring them from death to life, as you promised  
to Abraham and his descendants forever.

#### **Sanctus**

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, God of hosts!  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!

## Pie Jesu

Blessed Jesus, I pray that in your mercy  
you will give your gift of everlasting rest.

## Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant eternal rest.  
Hear us, O Lamb of God, we pray to you.  
O Savior of the world, grant eternal rest.  
Lamb of God, who takes away our sin, grant eternal rest,  
your gift of peace.  
Let everlasting light shine, O Lord,  
we pray with all your saints in endless glory,  
for you are merciful.

## Libera Me

Deliver me, O Lord, from death's everlasting fire  
on that great Day of Judgement, on that last dreadful Day,  
when the heavens will shake, and the earth will tremble,  
and you will come with your mighty flaming fire of judgement.  
Trembling, I will stand before you in fear and dread.  
Day of trial, Day of judgement, death and destruction, torment and distress.  
Day of anger, Day of vengeance, Day of mourning, of woe and bitter grief,  
grant eternal rest, we pray, O God, may your eternal light shine.

## In Paradisum

God's holy angels lead you to paradise:  
May saints in their glory receive you at your journey's end,  
guiding your steps into the Holy City–Jerusalem.  
Choirs of angels sing you to your rest and, with Lazarus,  
be raised to eternal life. May you for evermore rest in peace.

## Closing Prayer

# Hymn

## The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Has Ended



1. The day \_\_\_ you gave us, Lord, \_\_\_ has end - ed;  
 2. We thank you that \_\_\_ your church, un - sleep - ing  
 3. As to \_\_\_ each con - ti - nent \_\_\_ and is - land  
 4. The sun, \_\_\_ here hav - ing set, \_\_\_ is wak - ing  
 5. So be \_\_\_ it, Lord, your realm shall nev - er,



the dark - ness falls \_\_\_ at your be - hest.  
 while earth rolls on - ward in - to light,  
 the dawn leads on \_\_\_ an - oth - er day,  
 your child - ren un - der west - ern skies,  
 like earth's proud em - pires, pass a - way;



To you \_\_\_ our morn - ing hymns as - cend - ed;  
 through all \_\_\_ the world its watch is keep - ing,  
 the voice of prayer is nev - er si - lent,  
 and hour \_\_\_ by hour \_\_\_ as day \_\_\_ is break - ing,  
 but stand and grow \_\_\_ and rule \_\_\_ for - ev - er,



your praise shall hal - low now \_\_\_ our rest.  
 and nev - er rests \_\_\_ by day \_\_\_ or night.  
 nor dies \_\_\_ the strain of praise a - way.  
 fresh hymns of thank - ful praise a - rise.  
 till all \_\_\_ your crea - tures own \_\_\_ your sway.

## Jesus, So Lowly

Harold Friedell

Jesus, so lowly, Child of the earth:  
Christen me wholly, bring me new birth.

Jesus, so broken, silent and pale;  
be this the token love will not fail.

Jesus, so lonely, weary and sad;  
teach me that only love maketh glad.

Jesus, victorious, mighty and free;  
teach me how glorious death is to be.

Edith Williams



## Musicians

Elizabeth Harrison, soprano

David John Hailey, baritone

### The First Presbyterian Church Choir

#### Soprano

Debbie Detterman  
Lynne Hurdle  
Laura Juliano  
June Oliver  
Cheryl Rotundo  
Beth Siegel  
Annika Tenhor

#### Alto

Mary Ann Cooper  
Leah Gusching  
Jess Hwang  
Ruth Johnson  
Jill Panovich  
Kristen Schumacher

#### Tenor

Lin Hancock  
Rick Hibbert  
Bret Juliano  
Jim Kiel  
Josh Siegel  
David Weck

#### Bass

Paul Detterman  
Jim Hunt  
Gregg Johnson  
Jim Richards  
Ryan Schumacher

Jane Holstein, conductor

Joanna Nerius, viola  
Timothy Holman, viola  
Dorothy Deen, cello  
Molly Rife, cello

John Schreckengost, horn  
Mary Jo Neher, horn  
Julie Barnes Spring, harp  
Paul Detterman, organ

Josh Ring, organ & piano



## *You are welcome here*

First Pres is a real church for real people, a community growing together as apprentices of Jesus Christ to reflect God's love. That means:

- Christ is our center, everything we do is in service to him.
- We love each other, putting others' needs before our own.
- We worship from the heart, not in rote habit.
- We believe music has the power to build unity and draw us closer to God.
- The Word of God is our foundation; text directly from the Bible provides our teaching.
- We believe what we do, not what we say, should be visible demonstrations of God's love.

You are invited as we gather for worship, education, and much more. Events throughout the year include programs for parents and families, summer Bible camp, active mission service, Bible study, and random acts of kindness. Come see what we are all about.



**PALM SUNDAY |** March 24 at 10:15 am. In person & live stream.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY |** March 28 at 7:00 pm. In person only.

**GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE |** March 29 at 7:00 pm. In person & live stream.

**EASTER SUNDAY |** March 31 at 10:15 am. In person & live stream.