

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF RIVER FOREST
PRESENTS

LET IT SHINE

SPIRITUALS OF LIGHT & HOPE

with the First Pres Choir and special guests

David John Hailey, baritone

Trombone Quartet

Alleluia Singers

Directed by Jane Holstein

MARCH

SUNDAY | **2** | AT 4:00 PM
2025

7551 QUICK AVENUE, RIVER FOREST, IL

CONCERT PROGRAM

Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho

Frank Siekmann

Trombone Quartet

Welcome

Pastor Donna Marsh

This Little Light of Mine

Joel Raney

When the world grows dark around you, there's a way to make things right.
Just reach out and help a neighbor.
Reach down deep in your heart and turn on the light.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
No more walkin' in darkness. I'm gonna let it shine!
We've got to love our brother. We've got to let our light shine through.
We've got to love our sister. That's what the Bible tells us to do.
God sent his Holy Spirit to light the way for me and you.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!
Heavenly sunlight, heavenly sunlight, flooding my soul with glory divine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!



Deep River

Lloyd Larson

Deep river, my home is over Jordan. Deep river, Lord,
I want to cross over into campground.
Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast, that promised land where all is peace?
Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide
forever flowing by the throne of God? Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful,
the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey, I want Jesus to walk with me.
In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking, I want Jesus to walk with me.
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Upon the mountain when my Lord spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me, it looked so fine, 'till I asked my Lord if all was mine.
Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
The Jordan River is chilly and cold, it chills my body but not the soul.
There ain't but one train that's on this track; it runs to heaven and then right back.
Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.



My God Is a Rock

Alice Parker/Robert Shaw

David John Hailey, soloist

My God is a rock in a weary land, shelter in a time of storm.
Stop 'n' let me tell you 'bout de Chapter One, when the Lord God's work was jes' begun,
stop 'n' let me tell you 'bout de Chapter Two, when de Lord God's written his Bible through.
Stop 'n' let me tell you 'bout de Chapter Three, when de Lord God died on Calvary!
An' my God is rock in a weary land, shelter in a time of storm.
Stop an' let me tell you 'bout de Chapter Four, when the Lord God visit 'mong de po',
stop an' let me tell you 'bout de Chapter Five, when de Lord God brought de dead alive.

*Stop an' let me tell you 'bout de Chapter Six, he went in Jerusalem an' healed de sick.
O my God is a rock in a weary land, he's a shelter in a time of storm.
Stop, let me tell you 'bout de Chapter Sev'n, died and ris'n an' went to heav'n,
Stop, let me tell you 'bout de Chapter Eight, John seen him standin' at the Golden Gate.
Stop 'n' let me tell you 'bout de Chapter Nine, Lord God turned de water to wine,
stop 'n' let me tell you 'bout de Chapter Ten, John says he's comin' in de world again.
My God is a rock in a weary land, shelter in a time of storm.*

Steal Away

Lloyd Larson

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus!
Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here.
My Lord, he calls me, he calls me by the thunder;
the trumpet sounds within my soul;
I ain't got long to stay here.

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home.
Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home.
I looked over Jordan, and what did I see, comin' for to carry me home?
A band of angels comin' after me, comin' for to carry me home.
If you get there before I do, comin' for to carry me home,
tell all my friends I'm comin' there too, comin' for to carry me home.
Sometimes I'm up, sometimes I'm down, comin' for to carry me home;
but still my soul feels heavenly bound, comin' for to carry me home.



Freewill Offering

**Down by the Riverside
Goin' Home**

*Frank Siekmann
Rosalind Hall*

Trombone Quartet

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Moses Hogan

David John Hailey, baritone



Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho

Lloyd Larson

Joshua fit the battle of Jericho, Jericho, Jericho.
Joshua fit the battle of Jericho, an' the walls come tumblin' down.
You may talk about the man of Gideon, you may talk about the man of Saul,
but there's none like good ol' Joshua, an' the battle of Jericho.
Then up to the walls of Jericho he marched with spear in hand,
"Now go blow them ram horns," Joshua cried, "for the battle is in my hand."

We Shall Overcome (with congregation)

We shall overcome, we shall overcome, we shall overcome someday!
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe that we shall overcome someday!

We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand someday!
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe that we shall overcome someday!

We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace, we shall live in peace someday!
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe that we shall overcome someday!

God will see us through, God will see us through, God will see us through someday!
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe that we shall overcome, we shall overcome,
we shall overcome someday, someday!

I'm Goin' Up a Yonder

Walter Hawkins

If anybody asks you where I'm goin', where I'm goin' soon,
So if you wanna know where I'm goin', where I'm goin' real soon,
I'm goin' up a yonder, I'm goin' up a yonder to be with my Lord.

If I can take the pain, the heartache that it brings,
there's comfort that in knowing I'll soon be home.
If God gives me grace I'll run this race
and soon I'll see my Savior face to face.

I'm goin' up a yonder, I'm goin' up a yonder to be with my Lord.
If anybody asks you where I'm goin', where I'm goin' soon,
So if you wanna know where I'm goin', where I'm goin' real soon, goin' home.

PARTICIPATING TODAY

Rev. Donna Marsh, Pastor
Jon Ebersole, Commentator

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHOIR

Dr. Jane Holstein, Director
Dr. Josh Ring, Associate

Sopranos

Lynne Hurdle
Laura Juliano
Jessica McAdam
June Oliver
Cheryl Rotundo
Beth Siegel
Annika Tenhor

Tenors

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

Altos

Mary Ann Cooper
Jess Hwang
Ruth Johnson
Jill Panovich
Kristen Schumacher

Basses

James Hunt
Gregg Johnson
Mark Jurewicz
James Richards
Ryan Schumacher

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Trombone Quartet:

James Richards, Laura Juliano, Emmy Rozanski, Josh Ring

Josh Ring, piano

Nathan Lain, bass guitar

SPECIAL GUEST

David John Hailey, baritone

Dr. David John Hailey, Jr. began his pastorate at First Baptist Church of Oak Park in March 2019. A native of North Carolina, David John attended Campbell University where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Church Music, Duke Divinity School where he earned a Master of Theological Studies, and returned to Campbell University to attend the Divinity School where he completed his Doctor of Ministry degree.

WELCOME TO FIRST PRES! *First Pres is a community dedicated to growing as apprentices of Jesus Christ to reflect God's love. We are happy to have you worship with us today. If you are a visitor, we invite you to fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate.*



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LENT AND EASTER AT FIRST PRES RIVER FOREST

ASH WEDNESDAY | March 5 at 7:00 pm. In-person only.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS & STUDY | March 12-April 9 at 6:00-7:30 pm. In-person only.

PALM SUNDAY | April 13 at 10:15 am. In-person & livestream.

MAUNDY THURSDAY | April 17 at 7:00 pm. In-person only.

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE | April 18 at 7:00 pm. In-person & livestream.

EASTER SUNDAY | April 20 at 10:15 am. In-person & livestream.

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.
- What we do should be a visible demonstration 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.



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