

WELCOME, GUESTS!

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

Please sign the Friendship Pad, pass it along the pew, and introduce yourself to those around you after the service. Stop by the Welcome Center in the Narthex (lobby) to pick up information that will acquaint you with our church services and programs. You are also invited to join the conversation on Facebook, at facebook.com/firstpresah, and Twitter, at [@FirstPresAH](https://twitter.com/FirstPresAH). We look forward to connecting with you again.

CHILD CARE

Children of all ages are warmly welcomed and encouraged to participate in worship. Child care is available (infants through age four) in the Christian Education Wing (8:45 am – 11:45 am).

CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

From September through May, Sunday morning Christian education classes are held for all ages. These include classes for preschool, elementary, middle school, and high school students, as well as education and discussion groups for adults. To learn more, visit firstpresah.org or call the church office at 847-255-5900.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

Large print bulletins, large print hymn packets, and hearing amplifiers are available from the ushers.

IMPORTANT WORSHIP REMINDERS

Please silence cell phones and refrain from taking photos or recording the worship service. Services are webcast live at firstpresah.org/media/live-stream. To download or listen to a podcast of today's sermon (available soon), visit firstpresah.org/media/podcast. Past sermons and other educational broadcasts are available through the Media section of our website.

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

*A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
Organized in 1855*



HERITAGE

“The main theme of the Bible is the restoration
of humanity and, through humanity,
of the whole of creation to its original harmony.
— Bede Griffiths

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**JANUARY 7, 2018
11:00 AM**

Choose love. Be the light. Change the world.

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*The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation
for the worship of Almighty God.*

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PRELUDE “Choral Meditation on ‘Morecambe’ ” *Robert Elmore*
“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” *Carolyn Hamlin*

WELCOME Alex Lang

✠CALL TO WORSHIP (John 1:1-5, adapted)
One: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God.
All: He was in the beginning with God.
One: What has come into being in him was life,
All: the life was the light of all people.
One: Let us worship God.

✠HYMN 396 “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” Holy Manna

CALL TO CONFESSION TC Anderson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Merciful God, we come to worship you at the beginning of this new year with hearts full of hopes, dreams, and resolutions. We long to be better people. We want to follow you more closely. We yearn for our faith to be stronger. Yet, we forget your unconditional love and your promises to make all things new. We fail to see you in the faces of those around us. We pay attention to the voices of our world and fail to heed the voice of the Messiah. Forgive us, O God, and restore us so that we may live as new creation.

SILENT CONFESSION
...in Jesus’ name we pray. **Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

✠GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.**

✠PASSING THE PEACE
One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

COMMUNITY LIFE

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION TC Anderson

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Mark 13:1-8
(Pew Bible, p. 825) TC Anderson
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 21:1-7
(Pew Bible, p. 1007) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “The New Jerusalem” Alex Lang

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles’ Creed)
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

✠HYMN 517 (vv. 1, 2, 3) “Here, O Our Lord, We See You” Morecambe

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

OFFERING Judy Hockenberry

OFFERTORY “God Shall Wipe Away All Tears” *Jerry Kirk*
“And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away, and there was no more sea. And I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. There shall be no more death! God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. There shall be no more death! There shall be no more sorrow! There shall be no more crying! No Pain! For the former things have passed away, forever and ever! For God himself shall be with them, and be their God forever and evermore. Amen.”
Chancel Choir

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Judy Hockenberry/TC Anderson

THE INVITATION

THE THANKSGIVING
One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP
(All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please partake of the bread as it is served. We will hold the cup and drink together. There are wafers provided on each tray that are free of these common food sensitivities: gluten, wheat, casein, dairy, nut, egg, corn, yeast, soy, low/no sodium.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GOING FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

✠HYMN 516 “For the Bread Which You Have Broken” Kingdom

✠BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE “Trumpet Recessional” *Martha Sobaje*

✠Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Alex Lang
Flowers: Priscilla, Kate, Cindy, and Joe—In loving memory of Joe Heerens
Pastors: Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson
Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson
Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban