



**9:00 AM WORSHIP**

**WELCOME** Adam Hendrickson

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Draw near to God.  
All: **Our hearts yearn for God.**  
One: Listen for God.  
All: **The voice of God comes in the wilderness of life.**  
One: Be still and know God here.

✦ **“OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART”** Paul Baloche

✦ **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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** TC Anderson

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**MATTHEW 16:24-26**

**MESSAGE** “The Guru” Alex Lang  
Scripture: Matthew 7:24-27

**SONG** “Fix You”  
*Martin, Buckland, Berryman, & Champion*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** TC Anderson

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.  
Amen.

**SHARING OUR GIFTS** “I Can See Clearly Now” Johnny Nash

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

✦ **“AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)”**  
*Tomlin, Newton, & Giglio*

✦ **BENEDICTION** Alex Lang

✦ Please stand as you are able.

**Compass:** Ellen Anderson, vocals; TC Anderson, guitar/vocals; Dan Berg, guitar; Amy Carroll, keyboard; Kevin Carroll, bass; AJ Coleman, drums; Adam Hendrickson, guitar/vocals; Beth Osborn, vocals

**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. 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**

For worship in the Sanctuary, large print bulletins, large print hymn packets, and hearing amplifiers (some with T-Coil lanyard adapters) 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*



“To fall in love with God is the greatest romance;  
to seek him the greatest adventure;  
to find him, the greatest human achievement.”  
— St. Augustine

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY  
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**FEBRUARY 2, 2020  
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

Choose bve .Be the light.Change the w orld .

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# 10:30 AM WORSHIP

## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Three Songs of Praise" *arr. S. Drummond Wolff*

- I. Praise the Almighty
  - II. Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good
  - III. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
- First Pres Brass and Organ

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

WELCOME Alex Lang

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✦ HYMN 275 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Ein' Feste Burg

CALL TO CONFESSION Judy Hockenberry

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of Mercy, we long to be connected to you yet we fail to do the things that keep us connected. Following you to the cross is too hard. Listening for you in the stillness is not something we do easily. Obeying your commandments makes life seem more difficult. It is easier to do our own thing, make our own rules. Yet, then our lives are empty. Forgive us, merciful God, and restore us so that we are willingly and lovingly connected to you.**

### SILENT CONFESSION

...in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

### ✦ RESPONSE (Hymn 582)

**Glory be to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

### ✦ PASSING THE PEACE

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### COMMUNITY LIFE

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## HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Judy Hockenberry

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 16:24-26  
(Pew Bible, p. 798) Judy Hockenberry  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "Come Follow Me" *Joseph Martin*  
*"Take up thy cross and follow. Come, faithful seeker of the Light, my voice is calling in the night. Walk with me; I'll be your guide. Follow me. Come, weary pilgrim, take my hand. I'll lift you up and help you stand. All who seek the promised land, follow me, come follow me. All who hunger, all who suffer, all who sorrow, all who would be free, follow me. The path is steep, the road is long, but with my love I'll keep you strong; then my grace will lead you home. Come follow me. Come follow me, O faithful one, until the final race is won, until the great Amen is sung! Follow me, come follow me, until the great Amen is sung! I am the Way, the Truth, the Life. Follow me."*  
Chancel Choir and First Pres Orchestra

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 7:24-27  
(Pew Bible, p. 788) Alex Lang  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "The Guru" 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 707 "Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord" Hall

## GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Judy Hockenberry

### LORD'S PRAYER

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**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Timeless One" *Phillip Keveren*  
*"Morning breaks, evening falls, Rivers end where the sea begins. Autumn leaves give way to winter wind, but the spring waits to warm the earth again. You are Alpha, Omega, Lord of all. Every season is guided by Your hand. From beginning to ending, You are God. Dust to dust, we will trust You, Timeless One. You were there in the void, By Your Word, gave the earth its form. Now You're here, You dwell within my heart, Filled with wonder and awe of who You are. We will wait for You in our anxious hour. We will trust in You, God of majesty and power."*  
Chancel Choir and First Pres Orchestra

### ✦ DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### ✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

✦ HYMN 463 "How Firm a Foundation" Foundation

✦ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE "Holy Is God the Lord" *Felix Mendelssohn*  
First Pres Brass and Organ

✦ Please stand as you are able.

**Preaching:** Alex Lang

**Ushers:** (9:00 am) Bob & Liza Churchill  
(10:30 am) Buzz Detrick

**Flowers:** Jerry Bolin—In loving memory of my wife, Sue  
Sue Campbell—In loving memory of Mike Campbell  
Bill, Liz, and Emily Thompson—In memory of Liz's mom,  
Ruth E. Huntley

**Pastors:** Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson

**Director of Music and Worship:** Adam Hendrickson

**Associate Director of Music and Organist:** Christopher Urban

**Praise Band:** Compass (9:00 am service)

**First Pres Orchestra:** Eric Allen & Colin Stanhope, trumpet; Phil & Courtney Lewis, horn; Andy & Sam Sturgeon, trombone; Adam Stanhope, percussion; Carol Stolley, violin, Jane Horswill, viola; Rachel Worth Olson, bass, Michelle Fielder, oboe

## WORSHIP NOTES