

**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](https://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](http://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](http://firstpresah.org/media/live-stream). To download or listen to a podcast of today's sermon (available soon), visit [firstpresah.org/media/podcast](http://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

“Forgiveness is the final form of love.”  
— Reinhold Niebuhr

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### SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

**FEBRUARY 4, 2018  
11:00 AM**

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**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.*

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## GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

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PRELUDE “Carillon de Westminster” *Louis Vierne*

WELCOME Alex Lang

### ✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather to worship and praise God.

**All: We gather to ask for God’s mercy.**

One: Our safety and security can be found in God.

**All: God will bathe us in steadfast love and forgiveness.**

One: Let us worship God.

✦ HYMN 611 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” Hymn to Joy

CALL TO CONFESSION Judy Hockenberry

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Great and loving God, we are desperate for your forgiveness. We are so enmeshed in our world that we cannot begin to count the sins in which we are complicit. We are overwhelmed by our shortcomings and our wrongdoings. Sometimes we are part of sin without even knowing the wrong we do. We need Jesus, the one sacrificed for our sin; the one who redeems us; the one who paid the final price. Forgive us, O God, and love us.**

### 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

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## HEARING GOD’S WORD

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Judy Hockenberry

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 7:11-17, 26-28  
(Pew Bible, p. 974) Judy Hockenberry  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM “You are a Priest Forever” *Stephen Decesare*  
“You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek. The Lord said to my Lord:  
‘Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool.’ You are a priest forever,  
in the line of Melchizedek. The scepter of your power the Lord will stretch forth from  
Zion: ‘Rule in the midst of our enemies.’ You are a priest forever, in the line of  
Melchizedek. ‘Yours is a princely power in the day of your birth; before the daystar,  
I have begotten you.’ You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.  
The Lord is sworn, and He will not repent; ‘You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.’ ”  
Chancel Choir and First Pres Brass

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 10:1-8  
(Pew Bible, p. 976) Alex Lang  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “The Final Appeal” Alex Lang

### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

### ✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Barman Declaration, 8.14)

**As Jesus Christ is God’s assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so, in the same way and with the same seriousness he is also God’s mighty claim upon our whole life. Through Jesus befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to God’s creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords — areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through Jesus.**

✦ HYMN 446 “How Blest, Those Whose Transgressions” Meirionydd

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## GIVING THANKS TO GOD

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Judy Hockenberry

### 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.**

### OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Offertory” *John Ness Beck*  
“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, Shall I come before Him with yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”  
Chancel Choir

### ✦ 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

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## GOING FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

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✦ HYMN 634 “To God Be the Glory” To God Be the Glory

✦ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE “A Festive Trumpet Tune” *Wagner, arr. Morrone*  
First Pres Brass and Organ

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

**Preaching:** Alex Lang

**Greeter:** Tom Carroll

**Ushers:** Jeff Leach (head usher), Kurt Ahlers, Barbara Martin, Frank Morrone

**Flowers: Linda and Dave Berkow**—In honor of our birthdays

**Betty Lou Bukowski**—Honoring the memory of Bob Bukowski’s parents, Truie and Peter Bukowski

**Sue Campbell**—In loving memory of Mike Campbell

**Nancy and Rob Lincoln**—In celebration of Raleigh Trude Lincoln’s fourth birthday

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

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

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

**First Pres Brass:** Eric Allen and Colin Stanhope, trumpet; Joan Morrone, horn; Todd Smith, trombone; Adam Stanhope, timpani