

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/FPCAHL, 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 fpcal.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 fpcal.org/webcast. Also visit the Webcast Archives page at fpcal.org. To download or listen to a podcast of today's sermon (available soon), visit the fpcal.org/podcast.

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

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



SUMMER WORSHIP

“God isn't about making good things happen to you,
or bad things happen to you. (God is) all about you making
choices—exercising the gift of free will.

God wants you to have good things and a good life,
but (God) won't gift wrap them for you.

You have to choose the actions that lead you to that life.”

— Jim Butcher

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 13, 2017
10:30 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 “In the Garden” *arr. Dan Miller*
“Aria” *Leon Nelson*
Leon Nelson, organist

WELCOME TC Anderson

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

One: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
All: to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,
One: to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.
All: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.
One: How great are your works, O Lord! Let us worship God!

✠HYMN 645 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” Mit Freuden Zart

CALL TO CONFESSION Alex Lang

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God, our fears and prejudices run deep. Sometimes we can only see our own point of view. We stick with those who are like us, rarely venturing outside our comfort zones. We do not hear those crying for justice and true peace. We blame those who are suffering and in need, instead of standing by them. We deny the power of your gospel to unite us with those who are different from us. Lord, give us eyes to see and ears to hear. Open us to new possibilities of life for all of your people, and use us to enact the new life given in Christ.

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 Alex Lang

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 29:11
(Pew Bible, p. 639) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM “Psalm 62” *Stuart Townsend & Aaron Keyes*
“My soul finds rest in God alone, my rock and my salvation, a fortress strong against my foes, and I will not be shaken. Though lips may bless and hearts may curse, and lie, like arrows, pierce me, I’ll fix my heart on righteousness; I’ll look to Him who hears me. Find rest my soul in God alone amid the world’s temptations. When evil seeks to riches come, and riches go, don’t set your heart upon them. The fields of hope in which I sow are harvested in heaven. I set my gaze on God alone, and trust in Him completely, with every day pour out my soul; and He will prove His mercy. Though life is but a fleeting breath, a sigh too deep to measure, my King has crushed the curse of death, and I am His forever.”
Jane Schieber, alto; Carol Frieburg, piano

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Micah 6:8
(Pew Bible, p. 757) TC Anderson
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Was I Predestined to Preach This?" TC Anderson

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 738 “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” Maryton

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

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 “This is My Father’s World” *English Melody*
“This is my Father’s world, and to my list’ning ears; All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas—His hand the wonders wrought. This is my Father’s world, the birds their carols raise. The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker’s praise. This is my Father’s world: He shines in all that’s fair; In the rustling grass I hear Him pass. He speaks to me everywhere. This is my Father’s world: Oh, let me ne’er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father’s world, the battle is not done: Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and Heav’n be one.”
Jane Schieber, alto; Carol Frieburg, piano

✠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 TC Anderson

POSTLUDE “Trumpet Allemande” *Anthony Holborne*

✠Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: TC Anderson
Greeter: Bill Hamilton
Ushers: Dave Crim (head usher), Frank Morrone, Kaori Ozaki, Jan Richardson, Kazue Sono, Andy Wendle
Flowers: **Sue Campbell**—In memory of Mike Campbell on our anniversary
Walter, Marilyn, and John Meyer—In memory of our parents: Walter J. and Dorothy H. Meyer
Pastors: Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson
Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson
Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban