

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

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*



SUMMER WORSHIP

“You have to expect spiritual warfare whenever you stand up for righteousness or call attention to basic values. It’s just a matter of light battling the darkness. But the light wins every time. You can’t throw enough darkness on light to put it out.”
—Thomas Kinkade

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 26, 2018
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 “Allegretto” *Charles Stanford*
Richard Clemmitt, organist

WELCOME Judy Hockenberry

✦CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 84)
One: All are welcome in the house of the Lord.
All: Our hearts sing and our hope is strengthened.
One: Let us worship God.

✦HYMN 664 “Morning Has Broken” Bunessan

CALL TO CONFESSION TC Anderson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Hear our prayer, O God, and forgive us when we fall short by omission and by commission. We are your children and you have given us all we need to stand firm in our world. Too often, however, we conform to the standards of the world and fail to live into your standards. Remind us who we are called to be. Remind us that we have strength and tools to withstand the grasp of worldly things and worldly ideas. Teach us to follow you more closely and forgive us when we fall from your path. Strengthen our resolve to do as you will us to do.

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 Psalm 84
(Pew Bible, p. 472) TC Anderson
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM “Old Time Religion Medley” *arr. Smith & Patty*
Kris Ward, hand bells; Carol Frieburg, piano

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 6:10-20
(Pew Bible, p. 952) Judy Hockenberry
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “Stand Firm” Judy Hockenberry

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Belhar Confession, 10.3)
We believe that the unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, share of one soul and one mind, that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity; and that true faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership of this church.

✦HYMN 840 “It Is Well with My Soul” Ville Du Havre

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Alex Lang

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 “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot” *arr. Nancy Hascall*
Kris Ward, hand bells; 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 307 “God of Grace and God of Glory” CWM Rhondda

✦BENEDICTION Judy Hockenberry

POSTLUDE “Toccata” *J. S. Bach*

✦Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Judy Hockenberry
Greeters: Tom Carroll, Pam Miller
Ushers: Kurt Ahlers (head usher), Peter Bukowski, Carrie Costello, Don Howard, Ruth Howard, Karen Hughes, Bill Thompson
Flowers: **Rob and Nancy Lincoln**—In celebration of Knox Linton Lincoln’s first birthday
Pastors: Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson
Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson
Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban