

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

“And after a long, lonesome and scary time,  
the people listened, and began to hear, and to see God  
in one another and in the beauty of the earth.  
And Old Turtle smiled. And so did God.”  
— from Old Turtle, by Douglas Wood

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**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
LAY PREACHING SUNDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 2, 2018  
10:30 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 “Aria” *Flor Peeters*  
Richard Clemmitt, organist

WELCOME Alex Lang

### ✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 8)

One: God’s name is majestic in all the earth.

**All: The work of God’s hands is awesome.**

One: The sun and the moon give testimony to the power of God.

**All: God has crowned us with glory that we might care for all creation.**

One: Let us worship God.

✦ HYMN 14 “For the Beauty of the Earth” Dix

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Awesome God, you have made the heavens and the earth. You have created all that is in our world. As small as we are in the vastness of creation, you care about us. Forgive us when we fail to care about ourselves and our neighbors. Forgive us when we fail to understand what it means to care for your creation. Forgive us when we use and abuse our natural resources. Create in us a desire and determination to live as good stewards.**

#### 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 Alex Lang

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 1:27-31  
(Pew Bible, p. 1) Alex Lang  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM “The Last Rose of Summer” *arr. Britten*  
“’Tis the last rose of summer left blooming alone; all her lovely companions are faded and gone; no flower of her kindred, no rosebud is nigh to reflect back her blushes, or give sigh for sign. I’ll not leave thee, thou lone one, to pine on the stem; since the lovely are sleeping, go sleep thou with them; thus kindly I scatter thy leaves o’er the bed where the mates of the garden lie senseless and dead. So soon may I follow, when friendships decay, and from love’s shining circle the gems drop away. When true hearts lie withered, and fond ones have flown, oh who would inhabit this bleak world alone?”  
Richard Clemmitt, piano; Adam Hendrickson, baritone

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 2 Peter 3:8-13  
(Pew Bible, p. 988) Jenny Dunn  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “Turtles, Polar Bears, and Us” Jenny Dunn

### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

### ✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Westminster Confession of Faith, 6)

**It pleased God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, for the manifestation of the glory of his eternal power, wisdom, and goodness, in the beginning, to create or make of nothing the world, and all therein, whether visible or invisible, in the space of six days, and all very good. After God had made all other creatures, he created man, male and female, with reasonable and immortal souls, endued with knowledge, righteousness, and true holiness after his own image, having the law of God written in their hearts, and power to fulfill it; and yet under a possibility of transgressing, being left to the liberty of their own will, which was subject unto change.**

✦ HYMN 20 “All Things Bright and Beautiful” Royal Oak

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## GIVING THANKS TO GOD

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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 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 “Don’t Go Near the Water” *Johnny Cash*  
“*Don’t go near the water children. See the fish all dead upon the shore. Don’t go near the water children cause the water isn’t water anymore.*

*From the fountains in the mountains comes the water running cool, clear, and blue.*

*It comes down from the hills, and it goes down to the towns and passes through.*

*When it gets down to the cities, then the water turns into a dirty gray. It’s poisoned and polluted by the people as it goes along its way. I was sitting on the bank of the lake at home fishing with my little boy. I said, ‘Have you got a bite yet, son?’ He said, ‘No sir, have you daddy?’ I said, ‘I believe I got a nibble.’ He said, ‘Daddy, if we catch a fish, can we cook him and eat him?’ I said, ‘Maybe we better not, son. They say that it may not be safe to eat the fish in this water anymore.’”*

Adam Hendrickson, guitar/voice

### ✦ 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 757 “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples” Kingsfold

✦ BENEDICTION TC Anderson

POSTLUDE “Chaconne” *Louis Couperin*

✦ Please stand as you are able.

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**Preaching:** Jenny Dunn

**Greeter:** Tom Carroll

**Flowers:** **Presbyterian Women**—In honor of those who serve

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

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

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