

WELCOME	TC Anderson
✦ CALL TO WORSHIP	
One: We are lost and lonely.	
All: We are God’s children.	
One: We are hungry and afraid.	
All: We are God’s children.	
One: Open your hearts to the stranger.	
All: Because we are all God’s children.	
✦ “MIGHTY TO SAVE”	Fielding & Morgan
✦ 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	
MATTHEW 2:7-14	
MESSAGE	“Stranger Things” Scripture: Leviticus 19:32-34 Alex Lang
SONG	“Loving the Alien” David Bowie
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	“Invisible” Clayton, Evans, Hewson, and Mullen Jr.
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING	
✦ “HERE I AM, LORD”	Daniel Schutte
✦ BENEDICTION	Alex Lang
✦ Please stand as you are able.	

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

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Organized in 1855



“True Hospitality is welcoming the stranger
on her own terms. This kind of hospitality can only
be offered by those who’ve found the center
of their lives in their own hearts.”
— Henri J.M. Nouwen

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018
9:00 & 10:30 AM

Choose love. Be the light. Change the world.



10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PRELUDE	“Fairest Lord Jesus” First Pres Brass and Piano <i>The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation for the worship of Almighty God.</i>	Ruth Elaine Schram
WELCOME		Alex Lang

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✦HYMN 687 “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” St. Anne

CALL TO CONFESSION	Judy Hockenberry
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you invite us to welcome the stranger. We are afraid. You invite us to feed and clothe the least. We are afraid. You ask us to practice hospitality. We are afraid. The stranger doesn’t look like us or talk like us. They might steal from us. We might be hurt by them. Forgive our self-righteous attitudes. Forgive our fear and anxiety. Forgive our compassion fatigue. Make us faithful and create in us the desire to welcome everyone in your name.

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

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COMMUNITY LIFE

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION	Judy Hockenberry
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FIRST SCRIPTURE READING	Matthew 2:7-14 (Pew Bible, p. 784) Judy Hockenberry
The Word of the Lord/ Thanks be to God!	

ANTHEM	“As Out of Egypt Israel Came”	W. A. Mozart
“As out of Egypt Israel came, God freed His heirs from bondage. They brought with them, these children of Jacob, all they owned by the grace of God. And God in His sacred wisdom and grace gave Israel her holy place. The kingdom and the glory.”		
Chancel Choir		

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING	Leviticus 19:32-34 (Pew Bible, p. 94) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/ Thanks be to God!	

SERMON	“Stranger Things”	Alex Lang
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TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Confession of 1967, 9.32)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His life as man involves the church in the common life of humanity. His service to all commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all sufferings of humankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of people in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on our inhumanity to others and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of our life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong.

✦HYMN 154 “Jesus Entered Egypt” King’s Weston

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Judy Hockenberry
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For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY	“Distant Land”	John Rutter
<i>“I see a distant land; it shines so clear. Sometimes it seems so far, sometimes so near. Come, join together, take the dusty road; Help one another: share the heavy load. The journey may be long: no end in sight; There may be hills to climb, or giants to fight: But if you’ll take my hand, we’ll walk together t’ward the land of freedom. I hear a distant song: it fills the air. I hear it, deep and strong, rise up in prayer: O Lord we are many; help us to be one. Heal our divisions: let thy will be done. I know the time will come when war must cease: A time of truth and love, a time of peace. The people cry, How long till all our world can join the song of freedom. I touch a distant hand and feel its glow, The hand I hoped was there: at last I know. Swords into plough shares: can it all come true? Friends out of strangers: start with me and you. I see another time, another place Where we can all be one, one human race. The walls will melt away, we’ll come together on the day of freedom.”</i>		
Chancel Choir and First Pres Brass		

✦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 772	“Live into Hope”	Truro
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✦BENEDICTION	Alex Lang
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POSTLUDE	“Rejoice, the Lord is King” First Pres Brass and Organ	Payne, arr. Morrone
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✦Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Alex Lang
Greeters: (10:30am) Bob Ahrens, Kristin Lindstrom
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
First Pres Brass: Eric Allen & Colin Stanhope, trumpet; Courtney Lewis, Phil Lewis & Joan Morrone, horn; Andy & Sam Sturgeon, trombone
Praise Band: Compass (9:00 am service)

WORSHIP NOTES