



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME

TC Anderson

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 22)

One: Our ancestors trusted in God;
All: they cried out to God and they were saved.
One: We are invited to trust in God;
All: when we cry out to God we will be saved.
One: Let us praise the Lord together.

✦ **“THIS IS AMAZING GRACE”**

Riddle, Farro, & Wickham

✦ **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 20:24-28

MESSAGE

“The Margins”
Scripture: Mark 7:31-37

Alex Lang

SONG

“God Help the Outcasts”

Menken & Schwartz

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

“Make Me A Servant”

Kelly Willard

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦ **“GOD OF JUSTICE”**

Tim Hughes

✦ **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**

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






“There is a plan and a purpose, a value to every life,
no matter what its location, age, gender or disability.”
— Sharron Angle

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**OCTOBER 14, 2018
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Let There Be Peace on Earth" *arr. Arnold Sherman*
Chancel Hand Bell Choir; Nick Pulikowski, director
The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation for the worship of Almighty God.

WELCOME Alex Lang

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✦ HYMN "God Is the Lord of Everything" *arr. John Behnke*
Congregation is invited to sing the refrain when directed:
"Come, sing your praises to the Lord;
Let them resound both loud and long.
Let them come from the heart, be sincere and true,
For God's love abounds for me and you."

CALL TO CONFESSION Judy Hockenberry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Mercy, we cry out to you for help in times of need. We readily admit that we do not understand your ways. We feel helpless and hopeless in many situations. Fill our hearts with compassion. Teach us to welcome those who live on the margins. Forgive us when we push others out in an effort to make sure that we are in. Forgive us when our fear of someone who is different holds us back from behaving with kindness and concern. Forgive us for the times we have turned away from others because we are uncomfortable.

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.**

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COMMUNITY LIFE

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Harper Rose Hamel, born May 16, 2018—daughter of Matthew and Cheryl Hamel

✦ 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.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 20:24-28
(Pew Bible, p. 801) Judy Hockenberry
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "The Servant Song" *David Schwoebel*
"If anyone would be first, they shall be the last of all. We are travelers on a journey, Fellow pilgrims on the road; We are here to help each other Walk the mile and bear the load. I will hold the Christ-light for you In the night-time of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, Speak the peace you long to hear. Sister, let me be your servant, Let me be as Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace to Let you be my servant, too. Brother, let me be your servant, Let me be as Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace to Let you be my servant, too. I will weep when you are weeping, When you laugh, I'll laugh with you; I will share your joy and sorrow, Till we've seen this journey through. When we sing to God in heaven, We shall find such harmony, Born of all we've known together Of Christ's love and agony."
Chancel Choir; Michelle Fielder, oboe

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Mark 7:31-37
(Pew Bible, p. 819) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "The Margins" Alex Lang

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

✦ HYMN 203 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" Chereponi
Congregation is invited to sing the refrain when directed:
"Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
Show us how to serve
The neighbors we have from you."

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 "How Great Thou Art" *Stuart K. Hine*
Text from Hymn 625
Emmet Cahill, tenor

✦ 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 610 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Azmon

✦ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE "Finale Jubilante" *Healey Willan*

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Alex Lang
Greeters: (10:30 am) Bob Ahrens, Tom Carroll
Ushers: (9:00 am) Sharon Ferdinand, Dawn McGrath
(10:30 am) Dave Crim (head usher), Jan Cikra, Bill Hamilton, Frank Morrone, Kaori Ozaki, Kazue Sono
Flowers: **Stephen Lee**—In memory of William Meyer Lee and Mark Christopher Lee
Emily Monroe—In loving memory of John Monroe
Stu Olin—Remembering and missing Marilyn, one year later
Pastors: Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson
Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson
Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban
Praise Band: Compass (9:00 am service)

WORSHIP NOTES