

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](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 (8:15 am – 12:15 pm).

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*



HERITAGE

“The final wisdom of life requires not the annulment
of incongruity but the achievement of serenity
within and above it.”
—Reinhold Niebuhr

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 19, 2017
11:00 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 “Fairest Lord Jesus” *arr. Joel Raney*
Roger Anderson and Nick Pulikowski, piano duet

WELCOME Alex Lang

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our eyes look to God.

All: We ask God to have mercy on us.

One: Our hearts are open to God.

All: We are God’s beloved.

One: Our minds seek God.

All: We long for understanding and discernment.

One: Let us worship God.

✠HYMN 336 “We Gather Together” Kremser

CALL TO CONFESSION TC Anderson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you bring order out of chaos. Restore our lives. In our own sinful ways we have let go of your order and held on to chaos. Forgive us for the opportunities we have missed to embrace stillness. Forgive us for the times we have given up on your peace. Forgive us when we turn order into chaos. Forgive us when we fail to discern your guidance out of chaos. Hold us in your unending love. Pour out your mercy upon us.

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 Philippians 1:12-19
(Pew Bible, p. 953) TC Anderson
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM “Through Christ” *Pepper Choplin*
“Through Christ, we can do all things. Through Christ, we can find new strength day by day, through our lives we press on. Through Christ, we can do all things. Through Christ, we can find new strength through the night, through the storm, we press on. So rejoice in the Lord. Again I say, rejoice and live with thanksgiving and prayer, And the peace of our God, beyond all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ. How shall we meet the days ahead? How shall we keep our calling true? And if life puts us to the test, by faith, we’ll demonstrate our best. We’ll press on. Come and rejoice in the Lord for all we have in store. For we can do all things, all through Christ.”
Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 1:20-26
(Pew Bible, p. 953) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “A New Timeline” Alex Lang

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Confession of 1967, 9.15)

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of man’s mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

✠HYMN 720 (vs. 1,3,4) “Jesus Calls Us” Galilee

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

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 “May the Living Christ Be with You” *Richard Clemmitt*
*“May the living Christ be with you; Before you to show you the way,
Beside you to befriend you, behind you to encourage you,
Above you to watch over you, Beneath you to cushion you,
And within you to give you peace. Holding you in peace.
Holding you in love. Amen.”*
Chancel Choir; Courtney and Phil Lewis, horns

✠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 724 “O Jesus, I Have Promised” Angel’s Story

✠BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE “Happy are They Who Trust in God” *Douglas E. Wagner*
Psalms 144:15
Royce Eckhardt, organist

✠Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Alex Lang

Greeters: Tom Carroll, Bill Hamilton

Ushers: Kate McVay (head usher), Peter Bukowski, Rob Lincoln, Frank Morrone, Kirsten Olson

Flowers: **June Hemsey**—In memory and thanksgiving for our daughter, Cheryl Jennings

Jack and Helen Martin—In loving memory of our daughter, Lori Susan Martin

Sue Taflinger—In celebration, during the holidays, for my family

Pastors: Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson

Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson

Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban

Guest Organist: Royce Eckhardt