WELCOME, GUESTS!

Thank you for worshiping 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 (8:15 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.

2. What does Jesus require of you?

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HERITAGE

"The only significance of life consists in helping to establish the kingdom of God." -Leo Tolstoy

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 3, 2017 11:00 AM

Choose love. Be the light. Change the world.



The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation for the worship of Almighty God.

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude	"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"	John Innes
	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	Rebecca Bonam
	Chuck Beech, piano; Chris Urban, organ	
WELCOME		Alex Lang
LIGHTING O	F THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE	

HYMN 88 (vv. 1, 5, 6, 7) "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Veni Emmanuel

CALL TO CONFESSION

TC Anderson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we come to you knowing that we have disappointed you. We have not lived the way you want us to live. We have set limits on our love. We have put up false boundaries in our relationships. We long for you to be proud of us and we know we have fallen short of that goal. Enable us to be people after your own heart. Forgive our self-limiting actions and help us to erase the barriers between ourselves and others. Forgive us and move our hearts that we might truly desire for ourselves and our world, the same things that you desire.

SILENT CONFESSION ...in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

•GLORY TO GOD (Hymn 583)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest! Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

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 1 Samuel 13:11-14 (Pew Bible, p. 223) TC Anderson The Word of the Lord/Thanks be to God!

1 Kings 11:9-13 (Pew Bible, p. 275) Alex Lang The Word of the Lord/Thanks be to God!

SERMON "The 1st Kingdom: David and Solomon" Alex Lang

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

♦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Confession of 1967, 9.54)

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, a father's house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists his will and disrupts his creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all of us and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

HYMN 506 (vv. 1, 4) "Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!" Copeland

)FFERING

Judy Hockenberry

OFFERTORY "Ave Verum" Edward Elgar "Jesus, Word of God Incarnate, Of the Virgin Mary born, On the Cross for us Thy Body suffered pain and cruel scorn. By the blood and water cleanse us, Flowing from Thy pierced Side; With Thy broken Body feed us, When in death we must abide. O sweetest, O kindest, O Jesus, Son of Mary, O hear us." Chancel Choir

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

THE THANKSGIVING One: The Lord be with you. All: And also with you. One: Lift up your hearts. All: We lift them to the Lord. One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP (All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please partake of the bread as it is served. We will hold the cup and drink together. There are wafers provided on each tray that are free of common food allergens. A list of common food allergens is available from the ushers).

♦Hymn 9

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Greeter: Flowers:

Pastors:

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

93	"Lift up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"	Truro
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DE	"Toccata on 'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel' "	Page Long

◆Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Alex Lang

- **Bill Hamilton**
- Sue Campbell and Family—Thankful for the life of Mike Campbell
- Walt & Mary Halatek—In loving memory of family
- Rob and Nancy Lincoln-In celebration of Kobi & Todd Lincoln's sixth wedding anniversary
- Rob and Nancy Lincoln—In celebration of Javne Louise Martinka's fourth birthday
- Joe and Cathy Walker—In honor of our 30th wedding anniversarv
- **Rick Watson**—In loving memory of Peggy
- Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson
- Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson
- Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban