

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.

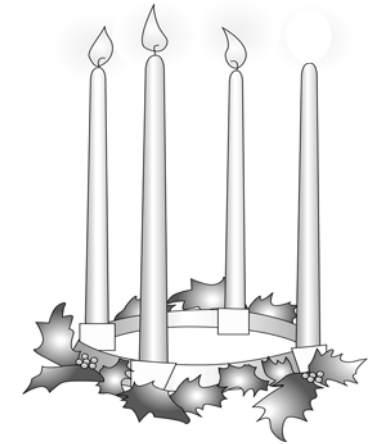
SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

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



HERITAGE

“Justice in the life and conduct of the State
is possible only as first it resides in the hearts
and souls of the citizens.”

—Plato

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 17, 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 “Air and Chorale on ‘Picardy’ ” *Jack Noble White*

WELCOME Alex Lang

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE The Ruhlin Family

✠HYMN 96 “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” Winchester New

CALL TO CONFESSION Judy Hockenberry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we are sorry for the times we have contributed to injustice. We understand that we have used more than our share of the world’s resources. Injustice is so vast and multi-layered that we have a hard time recognizing it. Forgive us when we look the other way. Forgive us when we look straight at injustice and walk away. Forgive us for our contribution to oppression, poverty, and violence. Repair our hearts and lead us in ways that promote love, kindness, and respect for everyone.

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!**

COMMISSIONING OF NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS

✠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 Judy Hockenberry

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Daniel 7:13-22
(Pew Bible, p. 724) Judy Hockenberry
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” *arr. Gustav Holst*
“*Let all mortal flesh keep silence, And with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly-minded, For with blessing in His hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, Our full homage to demand. King of kings, yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, In the body and the blood; He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav’nly food. Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way, As the Light of light descendeth From the realms of endless day, That the pow’rs of hell may vanish As the darkness clears away. At His feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye, Veil their faces to the presence, As with ceaseless voice they cry: “Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High!”*”
Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Daniel 7:23-27
(Pew Bible, p. 725) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “The 3rd Kingdom: Daniel and Antiochus” Alex Lang

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Belhar Confession, 4)

We believe that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream; that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ, the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

✠HYMN 756 “O God of Every Nation” Llangloffan

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Judy Hockenberry

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 “Comfort Ye My People” *John Carter*
“*Comfort ye my people. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished; that her iniquity is pardoned. Comfort ye; The voice of Him that crieth in the wilderness, ‘Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Make straight in the dessert a highway for our God.’ ”*”
Chancel Choir

✠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 87 “Comfort, Comfort Now My People” Genevan 42

✠BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE “Toccata on ‘God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen’ ” *Jason Payne*

✠Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Alex Lang

Greeter: Tom Carroll

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

Flowers: **Walt and Mary Halatek**—In loving memory of family

The Jolly Family—In loving memory of Bob Jolly

Susan, Robert, and Matthew Kogan—In loving memory of Steven S. Kogan

Earl and Gloria Oak—In honor of our 60th wedding anniversary

The Stautzenbach Family—In loving memory of our father and grandfather, Ned Stautzenbach

Pastors: Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson

Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson

Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban