

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 (8:45 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*



“For last year’s words belong to last year’s language
and next year’s words await another voice.
And to make an end is to make a beginning.”
— T.S. Elliot

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 30, 2018
10:00 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 “Organ Hymn” *Raymond Haan*
Leon Nelson, organist

WELCOME TC Anderson

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Praise the Lord!
All: Praise the Lord from the heavens;
One: praise the Lord, all his angels; praise God, all you hosts!
All: Praise God, sun and moon; praise God all you shining stars!
One: Praise the Lord all the earth! Let us praise our God!

✦ HYMN 132 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” In Dulci Jubilo

CALL TO CONFESSION Judy Hockenberry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: O God, you bring justice to the oppressed and give bread to the hungry.
All: Forgive us when we do not follow you.
One: You free the prisoner and restore sight to the blind.
All: Forgive us when we do not follow you.
One: You support the downtrodden and protect the stranger.
All: Forgive us when we do not follow you.
One: You block evildoers and help orphans and widows.
All: Forgive us when we do not follow you.
One: You stand against injustice. You stand with the wronged.
All: Forgive us when we do not follow you.
One: You condemn those who seek their own interests, controlling and harming others.
All: Forgive us when we do not follow you.
One: You bring about justice and true peace among people.
All: God, forgive us when we do not follow you. Grant us your grace.
Embolden us that, as your people, we may stand where you stand.

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 Judy Hockenberry

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 3:12-13
(Pew Bible, p. 958) Judy Hockenberry
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM “The Holly and The Ivy” *arr. Chip Davis*
Carol Stolley, violin

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 3:14-17
(Pew Bible, p. 958) TC Anderson
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “TBD” TC Anderson

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

✦ 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.

✦ HYMN 145 (*vv. 1, 3*) “What Child Is This” Greensleeves

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 “Gesu Bambino” *Pietro Yon*
“When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows Upon a winter night. Was born the Child the Christmas Rose, The King of Love and Light. The angels sang, the shepherds sang, The grateful earth rejoiced, And at His blessed birth the stars Their exultation voiced. O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord. Again the heart with rapture glows To greet the holy night. That gave the world its Christmas Rose, Its king of Love and Light Let ev'ry voice acclaim. His name, The grateful chorus swell. From paradise to earth He came That we with Him might dwell. O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord. ”
JoAnn Thompson, soprano; Carol Stolley, violin

✦ 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 136 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” Go Tell It

✦ BENEDICTION TC Anderson

POSTLUDE “On This Day Earth Shall Ring” *arr. Robert Powell*

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: TC Anderson

Greeters: Bob Ahrens, Bill Hamilton

Ushers: Tom Carroll (head usher), Pat Baker, Ron Baker, Ingrid Kaufman, Jim Kaufman, Bonnie Schaap, David Schaap

Flowers: **Rob and Nancy Lincoln**—In celebration of Carrie and Jeff Martinka’s eleventh wedding anniversary

Pastors: Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson

Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson

Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban

WORSHIP NOTES
