

**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](https://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](http://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](http://firstpresah.org/media/live-stream). To download or listen to a podcast of today's sermon (available soon), visit [firstpresah.org/media/podcast](http://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

“Are the days of winter sunshine just as sad for you, too?  
When it is misty, in the evenings,  
and I am out walking by myself,  
it seems to me that the rain is falling through my heart  
and causing it to crumble into ruins.”  
— Gustave Flaubert, November

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### SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 31, 2017  
10:00 AM

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**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.*

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## GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

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PRELUDE “Greensleeves” *Richard Purvis*

WELCOME TC Anderson

### ✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;

**All: praise the Lord, sun and moon, praise the Lord all you shining stars.**

One: Praise the Lord from the Earth,

**All: mountains and hills, fruit trees and cedars, wild animals and cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**

One: Kings of the Earth and all peoples, princes, and all rulers of earth!

**All: Young men and women alike, old and young together!**

One: Let us all praise the name of the Lord, whose glory is above earth and heaven!

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

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**As we come to this year’s end, Lord, we look back on what we’ve done and what we haven’t done. There have been times when we haven’t followed your way, times when we chose selfishness over selflessness, times we sought our desires over your will, times we turned a blind eye to those in need. Forgive us for these shortcomings Lord, and help us in this new year to seek your Kingdom and your will first.**

#### 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

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## HEARING GOD’S WORD

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION TC Anderson

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:22-35  
(Pew Bible, p. 833)  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM “West Indies Carol” *arr. Christine D. Anderson*  
Kris Ward, hand bells; Carol Frieburg, piano

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:36-40  
(Pew Bible, p. 833)  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “Christmas Aftermath” 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 128 “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” W Zlobie Lezy

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## GIVING THANKS TO GOD

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### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### 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 “Christmas Bell Medley” *arr. Christine D. Anderson*  
Kris Ward, hand bells; Carol Frieburg, piano

✦ 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

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## GOING FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

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

✦ BENEDICTION TC Anderson

POSTLUDE “Postlude on ‘Joy to the World’ ” *Anthony Giamanco*

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

**Preaching:** TC Anderson

**Ushers:** Tom Carroll (head usher), Ron Baker, Susan Carroll, Ingrid Kaufman, Jim Kaufman, Bonnie Schaap, Dave Schaap

**Flowers:** **June Hemsey**—In memory of Clayton Hemsey; husband, father, grandfather

**Rob and Nancy Lincoln**—In celebration of Carrie & Jeff Martinka’s tenth wedding anniversary

**Pastors:** Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson

**Director of Music and Worship:** Adam Hendrickson

**Associate Director of Music and Organist:** Christopher Urban