



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME Adam Hendrickson

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather to worship as one people.
All: **There is neither Jew nor Greek, nor slave nor free.**
One: There is neither male nor female.
All: **We are all one in Christ Jesus.**
One: Let us worship God.

✦ “HOW GREAT THOU ART” *Stuart Wesley Keene Hine*
Additional lyrics by Adam Hendrickson

✦ 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS TC Anderson
Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along to those around you.

JUDGES 8:22-27

MESSAGE “Who’s in Control?” Alex Lang/TC Anderson
Scripture: Galatians 3:23-28

SONG “Let Love Rule” *Lenny Kravitz*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Alex Lang

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 sins, as we forgive
those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.

SHARING OUR GIFTS “Southbound Train” *Nash & Young*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦ “YOU ARE HOLY (PRINCE OF PEACE)” *Imboden & Rhoton*

✦ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Compass: Ellen Anderson, vocals; TC Anderson, guitar/vocals; Amy Carroll,
keyboard; Kevin Carroll, bass; AJ Coleman, drums; Adam Hendrickson, guitar/
vocals; Greg Schultz, saxophone; Madison Treppa, vocals

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. 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

For worship in the Sanctuary, large print bulletins, large print hymn packets, and hearing amplifiers (some with T-Coil lanyard adapters) 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*



“We cling to our hierarchies because our place in a hierarchy is, rightly or wrongly, a major indicator of our social worth.”
— Harold Leavitt

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2019
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Sonata in F" *W. A. Mozart*
Andrew Orals & Carol Stolley, violin; Tom Walter, cello
The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation for the worship of Almighty God.

WELCOME Alex Lang

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✦ HYMN 263 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" Coronation

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Merciful God, forgive our need to put others in their place. Forgive the ways in which we strive for power and distinction in our communities. You have made us in your image and created us equal as your children. Our drive and desire for structure pushes us to declare that some are better than others. Change our perspective. Open us to an understanding that we are all one through your great love.

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.

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COMMUNITY LIFE
Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along to those around you.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Alex Lang

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Judges 8:22-27
(Pew Bible, p. 197) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "The Last Words of David" *Randall Thompson*
"He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God. And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain. Alleluia. Amen."
Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Galatians 3:23-28
(Pew Bible, p. 947) Alex Lang
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SERMON "Who's in Control?" Alex Lang/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 372 "O for a World" Azmon

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round" *Michael Burkhardt*
"Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round, of circling planets singing on their way, guiding the nations from the night profound into the glory of the perfect day: rule in our hearts, that we may live anew, guided and strengthened and upheld by you. We are your own, the children of your love, as dearly loved as your beloved Son; descend, O Holy Spirit, like a dove, and rule our hearts, that we may be as one with you, to whom we ever tend; as one with him, our brother and our friend. O clothe us with your heavenly armor, Lord. Your trusty shield and sword of love endure; our constant inspiration be your Word; we ask no victories that are not yours. Give or withhold, let pain or pleasure fall; to know that we are serving you is all. Amen."
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 318 "In Christ There Is No East or West" St. Peter

✦ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE "Festival Alleluia" *Dan Miller*

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Alex Lang/TC Anderson
Flowers: **Rob and Nancy Lincoln**—In celebration of Mary Givin Martinka's fourth birthday
Laura Liston—In loving memory of Don and Marie Helbling
Kathy Sobeski—In loving memory of my dear parents, Walter and Esther Sobeski, on their anniversary, September 19th
Pastors: Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson
Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson
Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban
Praise Band: Compass (9:00 am service)

WORSHIP NOTES
