

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

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.

About the Morning Music

The Chancel Choir's offertory today is by Ludwig Van Beethoven, one of the most famous classical composers of all time. He has composed numerous piano sonatas, string quartets, symphonies and choral works. His music has influenced copious musicians and composers in the generations that succeeded him.

In 1792, Beethoven moved to Vienna Austria to study with another classical master, Franz Joseph Haydn, where he studied composers and wrote a compelling number of works that showcased his growing abilities.

In 1802, Beethoven composed *Christ on the Mount of Olives*, which took less than three weeks and is the earliest of his three major choral works. It is a much more personal portrayal of Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane than works by previous classical artists. "Welten singen Dank und Ehre", otherwise known as "Hallelujah", is an elegant piece that has been recorded and performed by choirs around the globe.

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

*A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
Organized in 1855*



HERITAGE

“The symbolic language of the crucifixion
is the death of the old paradigm;
resurrection is a leap into
a whole new way of thinking...”
—Deepak Chopra

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 10, 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 “All Hail the Power of Jesus Name” *arr. Joshua Evanovich*
First Pres Brass and Organ

WELCOME Alex Lang

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 116)

One: God hears our voice and our supplications.

All: What shall we return to the Lord for all his benefits to us?

One: We will lift the cup of salvation.

All: We will call on the name of the Lord.

One: Let us worship God.

✠ HYMN 260 “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” Hyfrydol

CALL TO CONFESSION TC Anderson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Almighty God, you have named us and claimed us as your own. You have called into being this community of faith and others. You have invited us to bear witness to your presence in the world. You have given us gifts for the work of ministry. We get caught up in petty arguments. We make up reasons that help us feel superior to our neighbor in the pew. We divide ourselves on matters of carpet color and contemporary music versus traditional music. Forgive our lack of unity. Forgive our tendency toward petty arguments. Forgive the way we make mountains out of mole hills. Forgive our inability to see your kingdom and to work together to support it.

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

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION TC Anderson

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 15:3-8
(Pew Bible, p. 935)TC Anderson
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Acts 1:6-11
(Pew Bible, p. 884) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “The Aftermath” Alex Lang

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Belhar Confession, 4)

Judy Hockenberry

We believe that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged; that God calls the church to follow him in this, for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly; that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering; that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right.

✠ HYMN 724 “O Jesus, I Have Promised” Angel’s Story

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Hallelujah” *from Mount of Olives* L.V. Beethoven
*“Hallelujah unto God’s Almighty Son. Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs,
in holy songs of joy. Man proclaim his grace and glory, Hallelujah,
unto God’s Almighty Son. Praise the Lord in holy songs of joy.”*
Chancel Choir and First Pres Brass

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

TC Anderson/Judy Hockenberry

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.

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.

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. All bread served is gluten-free.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GOING FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

✠ HYMN 295 “Go to the World!” Sine Nomine

✠ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE “Allemande” *Anthony Holborne*
First Pres Brass and Organ

✠ Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Alex Lang

Ushers: David Crim (head usher), Frank Morrone, Kaori Ozaki, Kazue Sono, Andy Wendle

Flowers: **Jane Horswill and family**—In loving memory of my husband, Dr. Weir Horswill

Pastors: Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson

Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson

Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban

First Pres Brass: Eric Allen and Mark Morris, trumpet; Joan Morrone, horn; Gordon Palmer, trombone