

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.

1. Who do you think Jesus was?

2. What does Jesus ask of you?

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

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Organized in 1855*



HERITAGE

“The Bible never draws the antithesis between faith and good works so sharply as to maintain that good works undermine faith. No, it is evil works rather than good works which hinder and destroy faith. Grace and active obedience are complementary. There is no faith without good works, and no good works apart from faith.”
— Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**OCTOBER 22, 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 “Fanfare” *John Cook*
Psalm 81, vv. 1-3

WELCOME Alex Lang

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are invited to worship in faith.

All: We come to worship a living God.

One: God invites us to serve.

All: We are equipped for service through our faith.

One: Come, let us worship God.

✠HYMN 687 “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” St. Anne

CALL TO CONFESSION Judy Hockenberry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we believe. Help our unbelief. We serve. Help our attitude in service to others. Forgive our judgment on those who live or act differently than we do. Forgive those times when we doubt your love for us and for your world. Heal the broken parts of our lives that we may reach out with your love to heal others. Forgive us when we fail to turn your teaching into action. Forgive us when we act without being informed by your teaching. Show us how faith and action can inform each other. Make us both hearers and doers of your word.

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 Judy Hockenberry

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING James 2:14-24
(Pew Bible, p. 981) Judy Hockenberry
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM “In Steadfast Faith I Stand” *J. S. Bach*
“In steadfast faith I stand, I love and trust my God. Through anguish, want and pain God’s love surrounds me still. I find my joy in Him. For Him I shall endure. A guard and shelter He for me and for my house. In steadfast faith I walk, My hand in His He holds. Through darkness, grief and need guides me and those I love. His Son He sent to teach His love and truth sublime; I know He never fails me, Around me is His love.”
Chancel Choir; Jennifer Fick, director

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Romans 4:9-16
(Pew Bible, p. 916) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “The Jewish Problem” Alex Lang

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Second Helvetic Confession, p.82)

Works ought not to be done in order that we may earn eternal life by them, for as the apostle says, eternal life is the gift of God. Therefore, although we teach with the apostle that humankind is justified by grace through faith in Christ and not through any good works, yet we do not think that good works are of little value and condemn them. We know that humanity was not created or regenerated through faith in order to be idle but rather that without ceasing we should do those things which are good and useful. We do not think we are saved by good works, and that they are so necessary for salvation that no one was ever saved without them. For we are saved by grace and the favor of Christ alone. Works necessarily proceed from faith.

✠HYMN 684 “Faith Begins by Letting Go” Lux Prima

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE TC Anderson

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 “Harken! Stay Close to Jesus Christ” *Clarence Dickinson*
“Hearken! Stay close to Jesus Christ; let His spirit lead you; know that He is ever with you, that His loving care never faileth. For this He came from heaven and took upon Him our flesh and blood, for our salvation became man and suffered death. His saving power blesses all the world; no one is outside His mercy; He redeems us from all our sins, He makes us one with God; He redeems us from all our sins, to share with Him eternal life.”

Chancel Choir; Nick Pulikowski, tenor; Jennifer Fick, director

✠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 361 “O Christ, the Great Foundation” Aurelia

✠BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE “Toccata on ‘St. Anne’ ” *Frederick Swann*

✠Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Alex Lang

Greeters: Tom Carroll, Bill Hamilton

Ushers: Peter Bukowski (head usher), Kurt Ahlers, Bob Harrald, Karen Hughes, Frank Morrone

Flowers: **Anonymous**—In appreciation of Connections

Sally Crooker—In loving memory of W. Brandt Crooker

Pastors: Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson

Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson

Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban