

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. What does it mean to “believe” in Jesus?

2. What does the gospel mean to you?

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

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



HERITAGE

“The first question which the priest and the Levite asked was: ‘If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?’
But...the good Samaritan reversed the question: ‘If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?’ ”
— Martin Luther King, Jr.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**NOVEMBER 12, 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	“Air for the G String”	<i>J. S. Bach</i>
WELCOME		Alex Lang

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather to worship God with body, mind, and heart.
All: We come bringing all that we have and all that we are.
One: We bring our songs of thanksgiving and our joyful hearts.
All: We give back to God our first fruits of time, energy, and finances.
One: We worship the One who has blessed us beyond measure.

✠HYMN 367 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” St. George’s Windsor

CALL TO CONFESSION Judy Hockenberry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Merciful God, you love us beyond measure. We measure out our love, afraid that we don’t have enough. Your compassion never ceases. We prefer to practice compassion when we feel like it. Your forgiveness has no boundaries. We forgive when it pleases us. Teach us to practice unconditional love, relentless compassion, and boundless forgiveness.

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 Romans 13:1-7
(Pew Bible, p. 923) Judy Hockenberry
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM “Blessed are the Men Who Fear Him” *Felix Mendelssohn*
“Blessed are the men who fear Him, they ever walk in the ways of peace.
Through darkness riseth light, light to the upright, He is gracious, compassionate,
He is righteous.”
Chancel Choir; Kristen Walter, director

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 11:23-32
(Pew Bible, p. 943) Alex Lang
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SERMON “The Troubles” Alex Lang

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Confession of 1967, 9.17)
God has created humankind in a personal relation with himself that we may respond to the love of the Creator. God has created male and female and given them a life which proceeds from birth to death in a succession of generations and in a wide complex of social relations. God has endowed us with capacities to make the world serve God’s needs and to enjoy its good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. We are free to seek our life within the purpose of God; to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use our creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

✠HYMN 729 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” I Want To Be A Christian

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 “Fret Not When Doubts and Fears Assail” *G. F. Handel*
“Fret not when doubts and fears assail; Thy God doth live, He will prevail.”
Chancel Choir; Kristin Walter, 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 821 “My Life Flows On” How Can I Keep from Singing

✠BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE “Now Thank We All Our God” *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

✠Please stand as you are able

Preaching: Alex Lang
Greeters: Tom Carroll, Bill Hamilton
Ushers: David Crim (head usher), Kurt Ahlers, Frank Morrone, Kaori Ozaki, Kazue Sono
Flowers: **Betty Lou Bukowski**—Honoring the memory and sacrifices of the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States
Tom Krigas—Happy 242nd birthday to the US Marine Corps
Rob and Nancy Lincoln—In honor of all veterans of the United States Armed Services
Pastors: Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson
Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson
Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban