



**9:00 AM WORSHIP**

**WELCOME** Adam Hendrickson

**LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE**  
Liz Moses and Bob Wendling

Liz: We light this candle as a symbol of the hope we have in the promise of the Lord's coming.  
Bob: For the Lord will fulfill his promise to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. A righteous branch will spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.  
All: **Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

✦ **"COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS"** Wesley & Prichard

✦ **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** Judy Hockenberry  
*Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along to those around you.*

**BAPTISM**  
Haley Elizabeth Sedey, born February 14, 2019—daughter of Jon and Kelly Sedey

**ISAIAH 2:1-5**

**MESSAGE** "The Prophecy" Alex Lang  
Scripture: Matthew 24:36-44

**SHARING OUR GIFTS**  
"Glory (Let There Be Peace)" Stevens, Maher, & Popadic

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE** Judy Hockenberry  
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**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**  
*(All are invited to share the Lord's Supper. There is a station with wafers that are free of common food allergens with a separate cup located on the main floor.)*

**CLOSING PRAYER**

✦ **"LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH"** Jackson & Miller

✦ **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; 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).

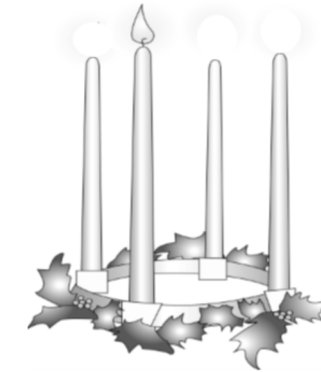
**CLASSES FOR ALL AGES**  
From September through May, Sunday morning Christian education classes are held for all ages. These include classes for preschool, elementary, middle school, and high school students, as well as education and discussion groups for adults. To learn more, visit firstpresah.org 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*



"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
May they prosper who love you.  
Peace be within your walls,  
And security within your towers."  
— Psalm 122:6

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**DECEMBER 1, 2019  
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

**Choose love. Be the light. Change the world.**

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# 10:30 AM WORSHIP

## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "In Dulci Jubilo" *arr. David Giardiniere*  
"Coventry Carol"  
First Pres Brass and Organ  
*The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation  
for the worship of Almighty God.*

WELCOME Alex Lang

### LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Cynthia Goldsberry, Barbara Martin, Betty Sanders

Reader 1: We light this candle as a symbol of the hope we have in the promise of the Lord's coming.

Reader 2: For the Lord will fulfill his promise to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. A righteous branch will spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

✠ HYMN 82 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Hyfrydol

CALL TO CONFESSION Judy Hockenberry

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation.**

### SILENT CONFESSION

...in Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

### WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

✠ RESPONSE (Refrain to Hymn 88)

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

✠ 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

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

### ORDINATION/INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Judy Hockenberry

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 2:1-5  
(Pew Bible, p. 550) Judy Hockenberry  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 24:36-44  
(Pew Bible, p. 806) Alex Lang  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "The Prophecy" Alex Lang

### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Brief Statement of Faith, 11.2)

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God; preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

✠ HYMN 103 "Come Now, O Prince of Peace" O-So-So

## GIVING THANKS TO GOD

OFFERING Judy Hockenberry

OFFERTORY "A Canticle of Peace" *Clokey, arr. Morrone*  
*"And it shall come to pass in the latter day that the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountain, and many shall go and say: Come ye and let us go into the house of the Lord. And he will teach us his way, and we will walk in his paths. And he shall judge and he shall judge between the nations. And he shall reprove many nations. And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, Nation shall not lift sword against nation. Neither shall they learn war anymore, Come ye, let us walk in the light of the Lord. Come."*  
Chancel Choir and First Pres Brass; Michelle Fielder, oboe

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### 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. There are wafers provided on each tray that are free of these common food sensitivities: gluten, wheat, casein, dairy, nut, egg, corn, yeast, soy, low/no sodium.)*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

✠ HYMN 373 "O Day of Peace" Jerusalem

✠ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE "People, Look East" Sondra Tucker  
First Pres Brass and Organ

✠ Please stand as you are able.

**Preaching:** Alex Lang

**Greeter:** (10:30 am) Bob Ahrens

**Ushers:** (9:00 am) Bob and Liza Churchill

**Flowers:** Rob and Nancy Lincoln—In celebration of Jayne Louise Martinka's sixth birthday

**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)

**First Pres Brass:** Eric Allen & Colin Stanhope, trumpet; Joan Morrone, horn; Sam Sturgeon, trombone

## WORSHIP NOTES