

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 (8:45 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

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Organized in 1855*



“This is so you know the sound, of someone who loves
you from the ground. Tonight you’re not alone at all,
this is me sending out my satellite call.”
— Sara Bareilles

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 29, 2019
10:00 AM

Choose love. Be the light. Change the world.

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10:00 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Organ Hymn" Raymond Haan
Leon Nelson, organist
The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation for the worship of Almighty God.

WELCOME TC Anderson

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We recount the gracious deeds of God.
All: Praise God for coming to dwell among us, Immanuel.
One: Praise God for the good news of Jesus.
All: Praise God for making us brothers and sisters in Christ.
One: Praise God who is present with us still, lifting us up and carrying us.
All: God's glory shines in heaven and on earth. Praise God.

✦ HYMN 134 (*vv. 1, 2, 4*) "Joy to the World" Antioch

CALL TO CONFESSION Alex Lang

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in great love you have claimed us as your children. We confess that we have not loved you as we should. We have not participated fully in your purposes and plans; we grow weary and give up when the way is hard. Forgive us, especially when we fail to protect children. Forgive our misuse of power against people and against your creation. Set us free from fear that we may wholly trust in you.

SILENT CONFESSION
...in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

✦ GLORY TO GOD (Hymn 583)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

✦ 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.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Alex Lang

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Joshua 1:6, 9
(Pew Bible, p. 169) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "The First Noel" arr. Michael Clawson
Text from Hymn 147
JoAnn Thompson, soprano; Jan Ashley, mezzo-soprano

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 63:7-9
(Pew Bible, p. 605) TC Anderson
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Satellite Call" 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 145 "What Child Is This" Greensleeves

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

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 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 "In the Bleak Midwinter" Craig Courtney
Text from Hymn 144
JoAnn Thompson, soprano; Jan Ashley, mezzo-soprano

✦ 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 136 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" Go Tell It

✦ BENEDICTION TC Anderson

POSTLUDE "A Trumpet Fancy" Leon Nelson

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: TC Anderson

Ushers: Tom Carroll, Pat Baker, Ron Baker, Ingrid Kaufman, Jim Kaufman, Bonnie Schaap, Dave Schaap

Flowers: **Rob and Nancy Lincoln**—In celebration of Carrie and Jeff Martinka's twelfth wedding anniversary

Pastors: Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson

Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson

Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban

WORSHIP NOTES