

SUNDAY WORSHIP

JANUARY 17, 2021

PRELUDE “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord” arr. Matthew Coral

WELCOME Alex Lang

CALL TO WORSHIP

God invites us to gather even in isolation. God invites us to worship even when we are apart. God has promised to be present wherever we gather. Come, we will worship God together.

HYMN 610 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” Azmon

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Judy Hockenberry

Merciful God, you provide us with all that we need and still we strive for more. In gathering material goods, we lose sight of our spiritual needs. In loving only those we know, we forget the commandment to love others, even strangers. Forgive us, God. Guide us that we might discern your truth and wisdom. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENESIS 11:1-9

MESSAGE “The Singularity” Alex Lang
Scripture: Acts 2:43-47

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.

SHARING OUR GIFTS

“Prayers of the People” Ben Johnston-Krase
*“We are worried/waiting/hoping/praying. We are man, woman, we are children, and oh,
we are worried/waiting/hoping/praying. Let the rains fall. Let the healing river flow.
Let justice roll like waters. Let the day begin when new life enters in, and let your kingdom come.”*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION Alex Lang

HYMN 321 “The Church’s One Foundation” Aurelia

POSTLUDE “O for a Thousand Tongues to Speak” arr. Frederick Swann

Worship led by: Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson

Music: Adam Hendrickson and Chris Urban

Flowers: Edward, Bill, Tom, and Jim Slivovsky—In loving memory of Barbara J. Slivovsky

CHURCH LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE — *Sunday & Monday, January 17 & 18 / 9:00 am – noon*

— Stone Catchers invites you to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s memory and legacy by participating in our Third Annual Day of Service Community Food Drive. Get involved by shopping for food donations and dropping them at our drive-thru food drive on Sunday, January 17, and Monday, January 18, from 9:00 am - noon.

The drive-thru drop off will take place at **Door 1 on Dunton Avenue**. This is a community event - spread the word to friends and neighbors. Donations will benefit the Wheeling Township Food Pantry. All non-perishable items are accepted and needed. Right now the food pantry is in greatest need of condiments such as ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, and sugar. We will also accept donations of Kleenex, paper towels, and toilet paper. For more information or if you have questions, please contact Michele Holifield at micheleholifield@firstpresah.org or Katy Allen at katyallen@firstpresah.org.



PRIDE PARADE IN LIGHTS — *Sunday, January 17 / 4:45 pm / First United*

Methodist Church — Let your love shine at a Pride Parade in Lights on Sunday,

January 17, at 5:00 pm. Over the last six months, the rainbow flag at First United Methodist Church of Arlington Heights has been torn, pulled down, and stolen six times. We want to send a message of love. Join the church in a Pride Parade of Lights and light the night with love. Come to First United Methodist Church of Arlington Heights Church parking lot, 1903 E. Euclid Avenue, between 4:45 and 5:00 pm on Sunday, January 17, for an on-foot parade around the church and Methodist Park. Wear battery-powered lights, sparkles, sequins, and glow in the dark colors. Carry candles, glow sticks, and anything you have that can light the night. (Remember your mask and keep six feet apart!) Take the parade to your home by decorating your windows and front yard with rainbows. Put drawings in your windows or paint the snow. For ideas and information visit FUMCAH.Com/Pride.

PW CIRCLES — *Tuesday, January 19 / 5:00 pm / via Zoom* — *Circle 7*: Join Circle 7 in the evening and participate in the discussion on *Almost Everything: Notes on Hope* by Anne Lamott. Enjoy your cup of coffee or tea, relax, and join in the fun and fellowship! **Wednesday, January 20 / 9:00 am / via Zoom** — *Circles 1, 2, and 3*: Catch up on news and find out the latest that is happening in our community. Join in the discussion on the current study, *Into the Light*, Lesson 5, “Lamenting Life”. Join our breakout groups which offer a small group discussion and personal notes. This is a social time to share news, fellowship and to see each other!

PW BLANKET DRIVE — Beginning January 18 through the month of February, PW we will be collecting for the Blanket Drive. This year, it will be a virtual collection. The goal of Church World Services (CWS) is to build a world where there is enough for all. By providing a donation of \$10, CWS can provide a blanket as a vital and powerful resource for someone needing a little support, warmth, and encouragement. Please help those facing crisis by donating to the Blanket Drive. Checks may be made out to First Presbyterian Church (indicate Blanket Drive in the memo) and sent to the church. You may also donate online (select Blanket Drive from the drop down menu on the “Donate” page). Please be generous! Questions? Contact Val Schuffler at valerie901p@gmail.com or 847-392-8545.

SUMMER SERMON SERIES — In the summer, we are doing a sermon series on various philosophies that are essential for living a good life. These philosophies will all come from a variety of sources, but will always be rooted in ideas that lead us back to the Bible. One of the sources I want to incorporate are philosophies that have made a big difference in your life. Whether it be things you learned from your career, your family, or your life experiences, whatever has had a big impact on the direction of your life, I would be interested to hear it. Just send an email to Rev. Alex Lang at alexlang@firstpresah.org no later than Friday, February 5.

NEW ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

Wednesday Evening Adult Education: Just Jesus — Wednesdays, through February 10 / 7:00-8:00 pm / via Zoom — Instructors: Rev. Alex Lang and Dr. Donald Kaasch

The Jesus of history and the Jesus of the Christian religion are often two very different people. In this class, Rev. Lang and Donald Kaasch will be comparing the traditional thinking behind Jesus with the information about Jesus produced by scholars of religious history. Sometimes these two sources align, often they diverge. The question we will be exploring is where is the truth? Can we ever know the real Jesus? How do we as Christians reconcile the different competing theories of who Jesus is and what does that mean for our faith? Join us as we work our way through the weeds to discover just Jesus! **Register in advance for this class** by clicking the link in Weekly Highlights or going to <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMtf-2prjwuHdzPy6hbl2YWLvMXPhvzLw37>

Thursday Evening Adult Education: Testimony: Remembering; Reclaiming; Rearticulating Our Reformed Faith — Thursdays through February 11 / 7:00-8:00 pm / via Zoom — Instructor: Rev. Judy Hockenberry

This class is an opportunity to gather together and explore who God is and who we are so that our lives embody the liberating love and grace of Jesus Christ. **Register in advance** by going to <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUudemuqTMjHteJi3SuQoAEW3hw8dS2Mt> or clicking the link in Weekly Highlights.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES — The First Pres CollegeCARE Ministry will be sending care packages to college students in our church family. If you'd like to donate treats for the students, please deliver them to Door 9 between the hours of 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Monday-Friday, by February 5. Suggested items: prepackaged snacks such as cookies, candy bars, crackers, granola bars, gum, packets of hot chocolate or soup, or other small items you think they'd enjoy. Monetary donations to help cover shipping costs are also appreciated and can be given online by choosing "College Care Packages" from the dropdown menu on the "DONATE" tab. We also need to collect current mailing addresses for the college students. If you have college students in your family, please send us the addresses via an email to Rev. TC Anderson at tcanderson@firstpresah.org or Darl Pochert at darl.pochert@icloud.com.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT — As we continue to stream worship services until further notice, we ask that you keep your giving to the church up-to-date by mailing in a check or by going online. By continuing to give, you continue to help your church pay its bills, make its payroll, and be a light in the world. To give online:

1. Go to www.firstpresah.org.
2. Click on "DONATE" which is the top line of the website.
3. Select the fund from the drop-down menu.

Online giving can be done on a one-time basis or you can set up a recurring gift. It is easy and our website uses Secure Socket Layering (SSL) to protect personal credit information before it travels over the Internet.

HAVE YOU TURNED IN YOUR COMMITMENT CARD? — If you have not yet had a chance to turn in your Commitment Card for 2021, you are invited to mail it to the church office, to the attention of Debbie Walter, Business Administrator. You can also enter your commitment online at firstpresah.org.

PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT — Each year every Presbyterian church is apportioned a share of the ecclesiastical expenses of the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. These are the activities that make us Presbyterian. This apportionment is based on church membership. In 2021, this apportionment is \$36 per member. Any funds you designate for the apportionment will be used for this purpose and will free up our General Fund dollars to be used in supporting the vision, overall

ministry, and missions of our congregation. Please consider contributing your share of the Per Capita Apportionment.

THANK YOU FROM FIRMAN HOUSE — Your kind and generous contributions made it possible for many girls and boys to have much needed hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves to keep them warm this winter. The contributions given to the church through monetary donations were used this year to purchase these items and were delivered to Firman House in December. Thank you so much for your kindness!

Thank you!



FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP — All have enjoyed the beautiful touch of flowers in worship even though we view them from far away. The Presbyterian Women Flower Committee wishes to thank all those who have faithfully contributed. Please consider contributing to the PW flower fund so that we may all enjoy the beauty they add each Sunday! Suggested donation is \$25.

There are two ways to donate:

Online at firstpresah.org:

1. Click on “DONATE” at the top of the website.
2. Select “Sunday Flowers PW” from the drop down. **Important:** In the “Optional Memo” line, please add date requested and details of dedication.

By check:

Made out to First Presbyterian Church. On memo line, write PW Flowers and include date and details of dedication. Order forms can be downloaded from the website for your convenience at firstpresah.org/forms/. Thank you for your support. Questions?? Contact Sue Henderson at suhenco@comcast.net

JOURNEYS MEAL DONATION AND DELIVERY HELP WANTED — First Pres continues to deliver meals to two Arlington Heights hotels where guests from our PADS program are currently staying. We anticipate providing these meals for the foreseeable future. Through your generosity, we continue to provide three meals a day, once per week, for 90 people. Also, we will provide 24 people with a box of food that will provide breakfast and lunch for a week. We need food donations, cash donations, and volunteers to pack and deliver. Sign up at signupgenius.com/go/10C044DADAF29A7FB6-winter. If you have any questions, please contact the PADS food team at padsfood@firstpresah.org.

PASTORAL CARE — If you have a death in the family, an anticipated surgery, the birth of a new baby, or if you or a loved one are struggling, your pastors and church family want to be there to support you. Please contact Pastor Judy Hockenberry, at judyhockenberry@firstpresah.org or 847-255-5900, or call the church office to share your pastoral needs.

ONLINE WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

January 24, 2021: Third Sunday after Epiphany
Worship (firstpresah.org/media/live-stream/)



Scriptures: Genesis 3:22-24, John 11:20-27
Preacher: Alex Lang
Sermon Title: Eternal Sunshine
Sermon Series: A Brave New World

Prayer Requests

Healing & Comfort

Mario Alberico
Brian Aldrich
Pat Almblad
Liz Armstrong
Dave Berkow
Mark Bishop
Wendy Blanck
Dawn Bruce
Samuel Bruce — brother of Lee Bruce
Betty Lou Bukowski
Brian & Jennifer Butler — brother-in-law & sister of
Dawn Bruce
Jane Cassaro — friend of Beth Balow
Mary Clarbour
Sally Costello
Carol Dahn
Alice Davitt — friend of Kris Ward
Jim Dean — father-in-law of Kelly Dean
Kathy Doering
Michael Fischer — grandson of Dave & Pat Almblad
Virginia Gardner — friend of Jo Christian
Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kiepura
George Gerner — cousin of Kelsey Fuentes
Bill Ginnodo
Gloria — friend of June Johnson
Dorita & Houston Godfrey
Ermina Gomez & daughter — friends of Elaine Chen
Kit Graham — friend of Betty Sanders
Barbara Hayes
Jeanne Holl — grandniece of Myrtle Jessogne
Mary Kay Holl — niece of Myrtle Jessogne
Ella Hurley
Bob Jackson — friend of Hal Stern

Mary Jessogne — sister-in-law of Myrtle Jessogne
Steve Jessogne — nephew of Myrtle Jessogne
Marylyn Jirsa
Marjorie Kalivoda
John Lamb — friend of Kris Ward
Helen Lawson — friend of Liz Armstrong
Penny Lumsden — mother of Stu Lumsden
Quentin Mare'
Richard Martin — friend of June Johnson
Sean McClory — friend of Mario Alberico
Scott and Laura Morrison — friends of Mario &
Claudia Alberico
Lee Nelson
Gloria Oak
The Patton Family — friends of Dawn Bruce
Jim Richardson — brother of Jan Richardson
Betty Roach
Sandy & Tim — friends of Myrtle Jessogne
Theresa Scola — friend of Meg Haddad
Susan Scott
Dee Sievertsen
Ed Slivovsky
Je'Anna Paris Smith
Wendell Stoike
Arne Stollfuss
David Stratton — brother-in-law of Elaine Chen
Barb Talley — friend of Jo Christian
Jaquan Thompson
Vasilios Tsironis — friend of Beth Balow
Dan Tsutsumi
Wes Upton — friend of Ralph Larsen
Marilyn Votava — sister of Judy Ayers
Gary Walker

Sympathy to:

Carol Frieberg, on the death of her mother, **Mary Carol Frieberg**

Serving in the Armed Services

AMN Charles Arthur Brousseau, Air Force — son of Liz Moses and Bob Wendling
MU3 Wesley Carroll, Navy — son of Kevin and Amy Carroll, grandson of JoAnn Thompson
Maj. Michael B. Ford, US Army Reserves — stepson of Kris Ford
Brandon Latuzek — nephew of Elaine Chen
Geoffrey Martineau — brother of Lisa Martineau
E5MM Marc Robert McGrath, Jr., Navy — grandson of Donald and Jacqueline Schultz
2 LT Kristen Reese, Army — daughter of Jim and Becky Reese, sister of Adam and Brian Reese
Sergeant Benjamin David Schultz, Air Force — grandson of Donald and Jacqueline Schultz
Colonel Gretchen Wiltse — sister of Vincent and Heidi Wiltse