

SUNDAY WORSHIP

JANUARY 24, 2021

PRELUDE "Morning Has Broken" arr. Ron Bond

WELCOME Alex Lang

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gather us, O Lord, in your name. Even when we remain in the privacy of our homes, in the comfort of our living rooms, call us to worship. In our worship, be present to us and may our voices sing of your glory.

HYMN 664 "Morning Has Broken" Bunessan

PRAYER OF CONFESSION TC Anderson

Holy God, in the garden of Eden, Adam and Eve ate from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Their desire was to gain all the knowledge that you possess. We still strive for this today. We think that we know better than you. We think that if we work hard enough we can control our world. Forgive us, God. Remind us that you alone possess the knowledge and understanding for the governing of this world. Teach us to serve you in humble ways and in hard ways. Remind us that our responsibility is to love you, ourselves, and one another. Forgive us when we fail to follow you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENESIS 3:22-24

MESSAGE "Eternal Sunshine" Alex Lang
Scripture: John 11:20-27

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.

SHARING OUR GIFTS

"God of Justice" Tim Hughes

"God of justice, Savior to all, came to rescue the weak and the poor. Chose to serve and not be served. Jesus, you have called us. Freely we've received, now, freely we will give. We must go. Live to feed the hungry, stand beside the broken. We must go. Stepping forward, keep us from just singing. Move us into action. We must go. To act justly every day, loving mercy in every way. Walking humbly before You God. You have shown us what You require. Freely we've received, now, freely we will give. Fill us up and send us out, Lord."

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

Alex Lang

HYMN 463

“How Firm a Foundation”

Foundation

POSTLUDE

“How Firm a Foundation”

arr. Carolyn Hamlin

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

Music: Adam Hendrickson, Chris Urban, Compass, and First Pres Brass

Compass: TC Anderson, Dan Berg, Kevin Carroll, and Sam Sturgeon

First Pres Brass: Eric Allen and Colin Stanhope, trumpet; Courtney and Phil Lewis, horn; Samantha and Andy Sturgeon, trombone

Flowers: **The Welzenbach Family**—Remembering John's birthday on January 26,
with love from Amy, kids and grandkids

CHURCH LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PW BLANKET DRIVE — Through the month of February, PW 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 valerieg01p@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**.

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 HELPING OTHERS — Stone Catchers thanks everyone who donated to our Third Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Community Food Drive. We collected an incredible amount of food that will directly impact many families in our community. The pantry shelves will be overflowing because of the generosity of our church family and community. Thank you, too, to our volunteers who braved the cold to empty trunks and backseats, and who assembled lunches for the PADS guests currently staying in local hotels. *"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing to help others?'" Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

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-2prjwuHdzPy6hblzYWLvMXPhvzLw37>

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/tJUudemuqTMjHteJi3SuQoAEW3hw8s8dS2Mt> or clicking the link in Weekly Highlights.

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!

CHRISTOPHER HOUSE THRIVE FUND THANK YOU — Thank you to all who gave in 2020 to the Christopher House Thrive Fund. We received \$8,885.00 for Christopher House. What a wonderful outpour of generosity!



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.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA — We want to encourage you, if you have not done so already, to follow First Pres on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter. We post lots of church news, events, and special announcements and every time you like and share our posts you are helping spread the good word about our great church and make us more visible in the community. You can find us at on Facebook at facebook.com/firstpresah, Instagram @firstpresah at instagram.com/firstpresah/ and Twitter @firstpresah at twitter.com/firstpresah.

**ONLINE WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY**

January 31, 2021: Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Worship (firstpresah.org/media/live-stream/)



Scriptures: Psalm 8, Genesis 17:1-8
Preacher: Alex Lang
Sermon Title: Beyond the Stars
Sermon Series: A Brave New World

Prayer Requests

Healing & Comfort

Mario Alberico
Brian Aldrich
April Alexander — family of Myrtle Jessogne
Pat Almlad
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 Almlad
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:

The Jenkins family, on the death of **William (Bill) Jenkins**

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