

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 7, 2021

**PRELUDE** “O Jesus, I Have Promised” *arr. Carolyn Hamlin*

**WELCOME** TC Anderson

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord for God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting. The Lord gathers the outcasts, heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds. God determines the number of the stars and gives them names. Great is our Lord, abundant in power and understanding. Let us worship God. (adapted from Psalm 147)

**HYMN 17** “Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!” *Wie Lieblich Ist Der Maien*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Alex Lang

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be. So that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ACTS 17:22-29**

**MESSAGE** “Chameleon” TC Anderson  
Scripture: 1Corinthians 9:16-23

**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

“Love Is Bigger Than Anything In Its Way” *Clayton, Evans, Hewson, and Mullen Jr.*  
“The door is open to go through. If I could I would come too, but the path is made by you. As you’re walking, start singing and stop talking. If I could hear myself when I say, Love is bigger than anything in its way. So young to be the words of your own song. I know the rage in you is strong. Write a world where we can belong to each other and sing it like no other. If the moonlight caught you crying when you felt afraid, oh sing your song, let your song be sung. If you listen you can hear the silence say, ‘When you think you’re done, you’ve just begun’,  
*Love is bigger than anything in its way.”*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**BENEDICTION** TC Anderson

**HYMN 684** “Faith Begins by Letting Go” Lux Prima

**POSTLUDE** “Rigaudon” *Andre Campra*

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Worship led by: Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson  
Music: Adam Hendrickson and Chris Urban

## CHURCH LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEBRUARY 7, 2021

**ANNUAL MEETING** — The Session of First Presbyterian Church has approved a Call for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation for Sunday, February 21, 2021, at 11:00 am via Zoom.  
- Laura Carlson, Clerk of Session

**SCOUT SUNDAY — Today** — Boy Scouts of America is celebrating 111 years of Scouting on Monday, February 8, 2021. Troop 32B for Boys celebrates 78 years of Scouting and Troop 32G for Girls is celebrating two years of Scouting. The troops are chartered by First Presbyterian Church Men's Club Bible Study group. Scouting is an extension of the Youth Ministries program. In the video presentation Gavin Schneider (First Pres Youth) and Eli Levsky in Troop 32B will give an overview of their Eagle service projects and how scouting has prepared them for the future. Troop 32G Scouts, Madeline Painter and Skyler Sonnabend, will give an overview of their Eagle service projects. These two female Eagle Scouts will explain what it means to them to be a part of the 2020 inaugural class of female Eagle Scouts. Congratulations to the four Eagle Scouts. Scouting provides fun, fellowship, and training to First Pres youth, as well as youth in our community. It emphasizes honesty, self-reliance, character development and respect. The success of our Scouting program depends on our volunteers, who serve in a variety of leadership roles so our youth may benefit from our Scouting ministry. As the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) celebrates its anniversary, we salute the splendid volunteers who serve as Scoutmasters and other positions of leadership. Our two troops would like to invite you and your family to be a part their program. Contact Al Wilson, Chartered Organization Representative for Troop 32. Email: [alwilson100@comcast.net](mailto:alwilson100@comcast.net) or 847-669-2677.

**DRIVE-IN DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES** — In lieu of being able to gather in person for Ash Wednesday, the pastors will be distributing ashes in our west parking lot on Wednesday, February 17, from 2:00-3:00 pm and from 5:00-6:30 pm. Enter the parking lot off Vail Avenue. Pastors will be located along the sidewalk inside the parking lot to distribute ashes. Exit the parking lot on St. James. Please follow the signs to avoid any potential traffic hazards.

**LENT IN A BAG** — Our Worship, Music, and Sacraments Committee, our Congregation and Community Life Committee, and Children's Ministries will be teaming up to provide **Lent in a Bag** for you to explore the meaning of Lent at home. Each bag will contain symbolic items and explanations that will encourage discussion and contemplation as we prepare for this holy season. Each bag will also contain a fish bank for our One Great Hour of Sharing collection. Bags will be available for pick up at Door 9 (near the main office) at your convenience after 9:00 am on February 14, and will be available through February 17.



### **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 [zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJMtf-2prjwuHdzPy6hbl2YWlvMXPhvzLw37](https://zoom.us/join/zoom/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 [zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUudemuqTMjHteJi3SuQoAEW3hw8dS2Mt](https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJUudemuqTMjHteJi3SuQoAEW3hw8dS2Mt) or clicking the link in Weekly Highlights.

**PW CIRCLE MEETINGS — Circle 7 / Tuesday, February 16 / 5:00 pm / via Zoom** — Join Circle 7 on Tuesday, February 16, at 5:00 pm on Zoom for a discussion on *Almost Everything: Notes on Hope* by Anne Lamott. **Circles 1, 2, 3 / Wednesday, February 17 / 9:00 am / via Zoom** — Join Circles 1, 2, and 3 on Wednesday, February 17, at 9:00 am on Zoom for a lively discussion on our Bible study *Into the Light*. February's lesson is "Lament Over the City".

**PW GATHERING — Wednesday, February 24 / 9:00 am / via Zoom** — Travel the world capturing stories of faith with award-winning videographer Tim Frakes. Hear about a historic women's church group who became the first 15 women in Illinois to vote in 1891. All are welcome! Send your reservation to Betty Launer at [blauner2@comcast.net](mailto:blauner2@comcast.net) or 847-749-0402 by February 22 to receive the Zoom link.

**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 [valerie901p@gmail.com](mailto:valerie901p@gmail.com) or 847-392-8545.

**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](http://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.



**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](http://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/](http://firstpresah.org/forms/). Thank you for your support. Questions?? Contact Sue Henderson at [suhenco@comcast.net](mailto: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 [www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044DADAF29A7FB6-pads4](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044DADAF29A7FB6-pads4). If you have any questions, please contact the PADS food team at [padsfood@firstpresah.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](https://facebook.com/firstpresah), Instagram [@firstpresah](https://instagram.com/firstpresah) at [instagram.com/firstpresah/](https://instagram.com/firstpresah/) and Twitter [@firstpresah](https://twitter.com/firstpresah) at [twitter.com/firstpresah](https://twitter.com/firstpresah/).

**ONLINE WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY**

February 14, 2021: Transfiguration of the Lord  
Worship ([firstpresah.org/media/live-stream/](http://firstpresah.org/media/live-stream/))

Scriptures: Genesis 1:26-28; 31, 1 John 4:7-12

Preacher: Judy Hockenberry

Sermon Title: “Imago Dei”

# 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  
John McFayden  
Scott and Laura Morrison — friends of Mario &  
    Claudia Alberico  
Assumpta Namusoke — friend of Kim Hogan  
Lee Nelson  
Gloria Oak  
The Patton Family — friends of Dawn Bruce  
Marge Proctor — friend of Jo Christian  
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  
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 McWhinney family, on the death of **Bill McWhinney**

## **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