

SUNDAY WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

PRELUDE “Let Us Break Bread Together” arr. Dale Wood
This piece of music starts out very quietly. Please be prepared to adjust your audio settings.

WELCOME Alex Lang

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 116:12)

What shall we render to the Lord for all God’s bounty to us? We will lift up the cup of salvation. We will call on the name of the Lord. We are God’s servers. We offer all thanksgiving to God.

HYMN 39 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” Faithfulness

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Judy Hockenberry

Holy God, you are the source of all we need and still we turn away. We put our trust in material and transient things. We accumulate wealth and possessions. We fail to share what you have asked us to share. We fall short of giving ourselves in service to you. In the midst of the wilderness, O Lord, forgive us and restore a right spirit to us. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARK 4:3-9

MESSAGE “Reaping What You Sow” Alex Lang
Scripture: Mark 4:13-20

SHARING OUR GIFTS

“A Sower Came from Ancient Hills” *Stuempfle, Jr. and Horman*
“A Sower came from ancient hills and cast good seed abroad: his field, ten thousand human hearts; his seed, the word of God. And some who listened would not bear, and some who heard forgot. But some received in fertile soil the truth the Sower taught. A Sower walked throughout the land, and everywhere he trod, he sowed his life because he was himself the Seed of God. But then, atop a barren hill, beneath a darkening sky, they threw God’s Seed on stony ground and left it there to die. The Seed was buried deep in death beneath a blood-red sky, and deeper still was buried hope for those who watched him die. But then, in Joseph’s garden fair, as dawn broke o’er the land, the Seed, from three days’ silent sleep, awoke at God’s command! O Christ, you come among us still, the Sower and the Seed. As once you sowed the truth of God in glowing word and deed, implant your Word in waiting hearts, and let it there take hold, until it bears in fruitful lives a harvest hundredfold.”

INVITATION TO THE TABLE TC Anderson/Alex Lang

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

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

BENEDICTION

Alex Lang

HYMN 726

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

Kelvingrove

POSTLUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God”

arr. Frederick Swann

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

Music: Adam Hendrickson and Chris Urban

CHURCH LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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. Register through the link in the Weekly Highlights newsletter. Documents for the meeting can be found on our website at firstpresah.org/2020-annual-report/
- Laura Carlson, Clerk of Session

VIRTUAL NEW MEMBERS CLASS — We will host a virtual New Members Class on Zoom on **Sunday, February 28, at 10:00 am**. If you are interested in joining First Pres and participating in this class, please RSVP to Rev. TC Anderson at tcanderson@firstpresah.org, before February 28 to receive the link. Contact Rev. TC Anderson with any questions.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN:

SMALL GROUP CRAFT SESSIONS

Children's Ministries is hosting four small group craft sessions for K-5th graders on Sunday afternoons during the month of March. We will meet in the parlor from 1:30-2:30 pm on March 7, 14, 21, and 28. Groups will be limited to six children per session (with a minimum of four to hold a session). Facemasks are required and standard COVID safety protocols will be followed. Sessions are drop-off, and will be led by Children's Ministries volunteers.

FAMILY FUN YOGA NIGHT

Children and families are invited to join Hop Along Yogi instructor, Laura Kowalski, in a Family Fun Yoga Night on Saturday, March 13, at 6:30 pm. We will meet via Zoom for a fun 30-minute yoga session. This event is open for families to do together or for children to do on their own. Recommended ages are 3-10, although all are welcome.

Please contact Katy Allen at katyallen@firstpresah.org to sign up for either or both of these special events.



FIRST PRES PDO AND PRESCHOOL ONLINE REGISTRATION — Parents' Day Out (PDO) has a new name! We are now, First Pres PDO and Preschool! We are the same great childcare program that we have been since 1978, but with a name update to reflect our preschool program as well.

First Pres members are invited to take advantage of early registration for our PDO and Preschool program. Church member families may register their preschoolers (ages 2.5) through Pre-K on February 28. Registration for children under 2.5 years will begin on March 14. For this registration season, your child must be 2.0 years of age as of September 1, 2021. If you have a child under 2 years of age, please email coleenanzalone@firstpresah.org to discuss how registration will occur in April for our youngest students!

To register, please visit our webpage firstpresah.org. For the 2021 - 2022 season, you will have the choice of registering your child in the Monday, Wednesday and/or Friday group or in the Tuesday and/or Thursday group. You still have the option of only sending your child one, two, or three days, but the combination will be as stated. If you are not familiar with our First Pres PDO or preschool classrooms, please contact Coleen to schedule a tour after school hours.

NEW! ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

Sunday Mornings, February 21 – March 28 / 8:30-9:45 am/or Wednesday Evenings, February 24 – March 31 / 7:00-8:15 pm / *Savior: What the Bible Says About the Cross* (6 sessions) / via Zoom

The season of Lent is upon us and the Adult Education Committee, in conjunction with FIDE, our Presbyterian Faith Formation Collective, is bringing you a class that will be the focus of all five churches: *Savior, What the Bible Says About the Cross*.

Using the book written by Magrey deVega, we will explore why the cross is the central symbol of the Christian faith. What exactly did Jesus do to save us from our sins? Why was the cross necessary, and what does it mean for us today? The Bible uses many images to understand the meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection, and deVega guides us through these images to achieve a richer understanding of the Christian faith.

Each week will be led by a different church. You can participate on Sundays from 8:30-9:45 am or Wednesdays from 7:00-8:15 pm. The class runs six weeks beginning on Sunday February 21. Click on the link in Weekly Highlights to register for this class.



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 blauer2@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 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.
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.

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.



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 www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044DADAF29A7FB6-pads4. If you have any questions, please contact the PADS food team at padsfood@firstpresah.org.

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](https://instagram.com/firstpresah) at instagram.com/firstpresah/ and Twitter [@firstpresah](https://twitter.com/firstpresah) at twitter.com/firstpresah.



ONLINE WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

February 28, 2021: Second Sunday in Lent
Worship (firstpresah.org/media/live-stream/)



Scriptures: Matthew 20:1-7, Matthew 20:8-16
Preacher: TC Anderson
Sermon Title: “Prejudicial Impartiality”
Sermon Series: Parables of Jesus

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 Kiepora
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
Lois Graves — mother of Jim Graves
Barbara Hayes
Mary Hockenberry
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
Jim Richardson — brother of Jan Richardson
Betty Roach
Sandy & Tim — friends of Myrtle Jessogne
Theresa Scola — friend of Meg Haddad
Susan Scott
Jim Schuffler
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

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