

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

MARCH 14, 2021

**PRELUDE** “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” Beach Spring

**WELCOME** Alex Lang

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader 1: Come into God’s courts with praise.

**Leader 2: Whoever is faithful in little will be faithful in much.**

Leader 1: Come into God’s presence with thanksgiving.

**Leader 2: We cannot serve two masters. We will serve God alone.**

**HYMN 694** “Great God of Every Blessing” Aurelia

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** TC Anderson

God of mercy, forgive us for the ways in which we use our money. Too often we hoard our money for our own purposes. Sometimes we spend it frivolously on things that will not last. We forget that the best use of our money is found in building Your kingdom. As we continue our Lenten journey, teach us how to use all that we have for Your kingdom purposes. Cleanse us from our sin and restore us to a right relationship with you and with our resources. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS** TC Anderson

Jonathan Barry, Christine Barry, Bret Kehoe, Lauren Kehoe, Frank Lopuszynski, Cynthia Lopuszynski, Floyd Mays, Megan Puzen, Carolyn Young

## LUKE 16:1-9

**MESSAGE** “Moral Dishonor” Alex Lang  
Scripture: Luke 16:10-13

**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

Prayers of the People” Ben Johnston-Krase

*“We are worried/hungry/hoping/praying. We are man, woman, we are children, and oh,  
we are worried/hungry/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 700**

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

I’m Gonna Live

**POSTLUDE**

“How Firm a Foundation”

*arr. Carolyn Hamlin*

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

**Music:** Adam Hendrickson and Chris Urban

**Flowers: Bruce and Wendy Blanck**—In loving memory of Kathleen Blanck

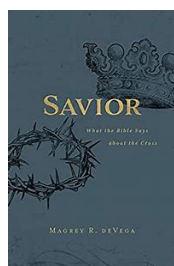
**CHURCH LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**MARCH 14, 2021**

**COOK COUNTY COVID VACCINE INFORMATION SESSION — Monday, March 15 / 10:30 am / via Zoom**

— Join 14th District Cook County Commissioner, Scott Britton, and First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights for an update on Cook County's COVID-19 vaccine rollout. The COVID Task Force at First Pres and Commissioner Britton will host a virtual gathering on **Monday, March 15, at 10:30 am** to discuss the current COVID-19 vaccine rollout and answer any questions you may have. This event is open to anyone, so invite your friends and join us on Zoom. Click on the link in Weekly Highlights to register for this informative session. Contact Michele Holifield at [micheleholifield@firstpresah.org](mailto:micheleholifield@firstpresah.org) or Katy Allen at [katyallen@firstpresah.org](mailto:katyallen@firstpresah.org) with questions about the event. If you have questions you would like answered during the presentation, please send them to [pandemic@firstpresah.org](mailto:pandemic@firstpresah.org).

**GOOD NEWS! GOOD NEWS!** — Conversations are beginning about when to open our building for worship. We are looking toward May 2. We will have two services – one at 9:00 am and one at 10:30 am. Both will be held in the Sanctuary, due to construction beginning in the Chapel. We will NOT be starting Sunday School nor will we provide child care. There will also be no coffee/fellowship. **Please remember that your Session will make the final decision regarding when we begin in-person worship in our building.** Click on the link in Weekly Highlights to take our worship survey.

**PANDEMIC REFLECTIONS** — Over the last few months of the pandemic, several people have reached out wanting to chat about their lives. They don't want advice, rather they're looking for an outlet to process the feelings of loss, anger, grief and sadness that are all too present as a result of the coronavirus. Some have lost jobs, others have lost friendships, and still others have lost loved ones. Perhaps more than anything else, many have lost experiences that they can never get back. Alex, Judy, and TC want you to know that, if you feel the need to tell your story, they are here to listen. We hope you will take this opportunity to be vulnerable and share how this unique moment in history has impacted you. To share your story, visit [firstpresah.org/pandemic-reflections/](http://firstpresah.org/pandemic-reflections/) and fill out the form. Everything you tell us will be held in confidence.



**LENTEN ADULT EDUCATION CLASS — Sunday Mornings, through March 28 / 8:30-9:45 am or Wednesday Evenings, through March 31 / 7:00-8:15 pm / Savior: What the Bible Says about the Cross / 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*. Each week will be led by a different church.

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. Click on the link in Weekly Highlights to register for this class.

**ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY — Finding Stillness in Anxious Times / Sundays, through March 28 / 9:45-10:30 am / via Zoom** — Join Francie Taylor and SarahBeth Speciale for a four week series, where we will explore the intersection of breath-work, mindfulness, and faith. We will practice simple ways to help reset the nervous system to calm the mind and body. To register, click the link in Weekly Highlights.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY IS BACK!** — The Men's Bible Study is meeting via Zoom, every Monday at 8:00 am. If you are interested in joining the group or if you have questions, contact Bill Dillon at (847) 956-2871 or Dave Berkow at (847) 323-2800.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS) COLLECTION** — This year the pandemic has stretched the Church in many ways. But despite the challenges, we are very much a church—alive, vital, present... *together*. Your generous gifts to this special offering help provide relief to those affected by natural disasters through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), provide food to the hungry through the Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP), and assists in helping to empower the poor and oppressed through the Self-Development of People (SDOP). Please consider filling your OGHS fish coin bank throughout Lent. You may also give online at [firstpresah.org](http://firstpresah.org) now through Palm Sunday, March 28.

#### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN:**

##### **SMALL GROUP CRAFT SESSIONS**

Children's Ministries is hosting 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 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. Sign up with the link in Weekly Highlights.

##### **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. Sign up with the link in Weekly Highlights. Please contact Katy Allen at [katyallen@firstpresah.org](mailto:katyallen@firstpresah.org) with questions.

**LENT IN A BAG** — Bags are still available for pickup at Door 9, while they last. Lent in a Bag provides an opportunity 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.

**PW CIRCLE MEETINGS** — *Circle 7 / Tuesdays, March 16 & April 20 / 5:00 pm / via Zoom* — We will meet on Zoom in March and April, continuing our study of Anne Lamott's book, *Almost Everything, Notes on Hope*. Join in the discussion, fun, and fellowship. *Circles 1, 2, 3 / Wednesdays, March 17 & April 21 / 9:00 am / via Zoom* — Join us for a lively discussion on our study *Into the Light*. March 17 we'll discuss Lesson 7 "Creation Laments" and April 21, Lesson 8 "God Laments". We will also breakout in smaller groups for sharing news.

**PW THANK YOU** — In times of disaster, hardship, and tragedy a blanket can mean survival. Because of your generosity to the Blanket Drive, you have provided desperately needed blankets to those who needed them. Thank you for supporting others and the Blanket Drive.

**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.

**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.

**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 through the link in Weekly Highlights. If you have any questions, please contact the PADS food team at [padsfood@firstpresah.org](mailto:padsfood@firstpresah.org).



**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)

**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**

March 21, 2021: Fifth Sunday in Lent

Worship ([firstpresah.org/media/live-stream/](http://firstpresah.org/media/live-stream/))



Scriptures: Luke 16:19-23, Luke 16:24-31

Preacher: Judy Hockenberry

Sermon Title: “The Chasm”

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  
Millie Engelbretsen  
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  
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  
Jeff Leach  
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

## **Sympathy to:**

**Lois Hartung**, Judy Hockenberry, and families, on the death of **Don Hartung**

## **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  
Capt. John Olszewski, USMC — nephew of Steve and Lisa Olszewski  
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