

SUNDAY WORSHIP



APRIL 25, 2021

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

Alex Lang

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader 1: We come together to worship God.

Leader 2: **We gather with the intention of choosing love.**

Leader 1: We gather in the hope that our light will shine brighter together.

Leader 2: **We will change the world.**

Leader 1: Choose love. Be the light. Change the world.

HYMN 316

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

Twenty-Fourth

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

TC Anderson

Amazing God, you invite us to be part of something big and spectacular. You call us to choose love and change the world. We fall short. We hesitate because we think some people aren't worth our love. We fail to allow your light to shine through us. We are scared. We are broken. We are sinners. Forgive us, O God. Renew us and encourage us that we might answer your invitation boldly. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARK 11:15-19

MESSAGE

“Social Work”

Alex Lang

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37

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

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Houston

“I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience, the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.”

First Pres Resurrection Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN 295

“Go to the World”

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BENEDICTION

Alex Lang

CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Choose Love”

Adam Hendrickson

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

Music: Adam Hendrickson and Chris Urban

Flowers: Mary Halatek—In loving memory of Walt

Where Charity and Love Prevail 316

1 Where char-i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
 2 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son.
 3 Let strife a - mong us be un-known; let all con - ten-tions cease.
 4 Let us for-give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,
 5 Love can ex-clude no race or creed if hon - ored be God's name;

brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
 As mem-bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
 Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
 that we may love each oth - er well in Chris-tian gen - tle - ness.
 our com-mon life em - brac - es all whose Mak - er is the same.

Go to the World!

- 1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
- 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
- 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
- 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

CHURCH LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL 25, 2021

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/ and fill out the form. Everything you tell us will be held in confidence.

DONATIONS FOR PADS MEAL BOXES AND DINNERS — Journeys will continue to house people at two Arlington Heights hotels for the foreseeable future. Right now, the plan is to continue the hotel program through the end of September. The hope is that in October, some of the PADS sites will open their doors. Until that time, First Pres will continue to provide breakfast and lunch meal boxes once a week to 24 people, and dinner to about 60 people. We are in need of both monetary and food donations. Click the button in Weekly Highlights to sign up. During the month of April, drop off for donated items will be from 9:45-11:00 am in the west parking lot. If inclement weather and we do not have outdoor worship, Door 7 into Fellowship Hall will be open for drop-offs. Please contact the PADS Food Team at padsfood@firstpresah.org with questions.

DOCUMENTARY AVAILABLE — On Sunday night, April 11, a small group gathered in the Parlor to watch the documentary – “Trigger – The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence” produced by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. This thought provoking film brings to light the devastating effect gun violence has on our communities, and calls everyone to work to find a solution to this serious problem in the United States. If you were unable to attend the viewing but would like to watch the documentary, it is available on Amazon Prime. The church also has a DVD copy available for you to borrow. Please contact Michele Holifield or Katy Allen.



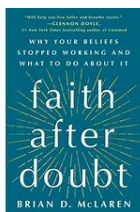
FAMILY/TWEEN SUMMER PROGRAMMING MISSIONFACTORY

Incoming 5th and 6th graders will enjoy a week of fun, fellowship, and mission at MissionFactory this summer. We will meet indoors, in person, following Covid safety guidelines from Monday, June 21 – Friday, June 25 from 8:45 am – 12:00 pm This year's group will be limited to 40 participants. We are looking forward to connecting with other Presbyterian churches through letter writing, front lawn visits to senior church members, preparing lunches for first responders and other community agencies, and recognizing pandemic heroes, among other activities. Registration for MissionFactory will be \$25/child. Please visit <https://firstpresah.org/programs/children-families/vbs-mission-factory/> to register.

FAMILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Family VBS will be offered outdoors in our west parking lot from Tuesday, June 22 – Thursday, June 24. Dinner will be available beginning at 6:00 pm, with VBS programming beginning at 6:30 pm. Families of preschoolers – 4th graders will participate in each evening's activities together. Favorite VBS features such as upbeat music, Bible stories, and craft/mission projects will help us explore our faith as we enjoy time together in the evening light. Registration for VBS will be \$10/family. Please visit <https://firstpresah.org/programs/children-families/vbs-mission-factory/> to register.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES



Faith After Doubt: Why Your Beliefs Stopped Working and What to Do About It **Wednesdays, through May 12 / 7:00-8:00 pm / via Zoom / Instructor: Ken Hockenberry**

— Even before the current pandemic, sixty-five million adults in the US have dropped out of active church attendance, and about 2.7 million more are leaving every year. Most of these adults are not leaving in anger over the church's conservative or liberal position on social issues; they are leaving quietly because their faith is falling apart as they struggle with doubt. Brian McLaren, author of *Faith After Doubt: Why Your Beliefs Stopped Working and What to Do about It*," maintains that our honest doubts are an integral part of our faith, and boldly asserts, "Only doubt can save the world and your faith!" Join instructor, Ken Hockenberry, for our Wednesday Engage and Encounter Adult Education Class as we explore this new book together, and honestly face our own doubts, which can indeed strengthen our faith. Book can be purchased on Amazon. Click on the link in Weekly Highlights to register for this class.

Navigating Historical and Traditional Christianity in the 21st Century

Sundays, through May 16 / 10:00-10:45 am / via Zoom / Instructor: Don Kaasch — In a rapidly increasing historical understanding of early Christianity, how do we come to terms with our traditional understanding in a time when we know and continue to learn more than we've had access to? What is the role of faith in such a time and does it mean more than the denial of increased knowledge and understanding of the early history of the church and the region in which it took hold and grew in? This series will be more discussion driven and a chance for each of us to share in how we navigate such an exciting, and demanding, time in modern Christianity. Click on the link in Weekly Highlights to register for this class.

NEW FIDE CLASSES

Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit

Groups will meet weekly for six weeks at four different times: Wednesdays at 7:30 am (ends May 26), Wednesdays at 7:00 pm (ends May 19), Thursdays at 9:30 am (ends May 20), Sundays from 8:30-9:45 am (ends May 23) — In the season between Easter and Pentecost, we focus on how God's Spirit is working in and through the Church. This study will provide an introduction to the Book of Acts (the story of the early Church) and explore six key themes that illustrate the ways in which reading Acts is capable of igniting our imagination about the character of the Christian message, the work of God's people (the church), and the challenges of living faithfully in a complex and changing world. Click the link in Weekly Highlights to register.

Easter to Pentecost: A Spiritual Journey

Sunday, April 25 / 8:30 am / via Zoom — As we await the Church's celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we will reflect on various definitions of spirituality; what Christian spirituality is and what the Spirit invites us to do/be/become. Join Mary Ann Spina (Former Pastoral Associate, Pastoral Counselor, Spiritual Director, and Writer) and explore what it means to practice Christ-centered spirituality. If you have time prior to class, write your own definition of spirituality and a short description (3-5 words) about your own spirituality. Click the link in Weekly Highlights to register.

Reflecting on the Psalms with C.S. Lewis

Wednesday, April 28 / 7:00 pm / via Zoom — During these times of crisis and COVID, the Psalms provide a great platform for discussion and growth. Join Dr. Greg Anderson who will be discussing C.S. Lewis' "Reflections on the Psalms" as a way of using the Psalms as a vital resource for times such as these. Contact office@firstpreswheaton.org to participate.

WALKING GROUP IS BACK! — Reconnect with church members and get some exercise while walking outdoors. Organized by the CCL Committee, the walking group will meet on the first Wednesday of the month. Meet in the church parking lot at 5:30 pm. Walks will last about 45 minutes. Contact Deb Artman at debartman53@gmail.com if interested. Masks are required.

FIRST PRES GOLF LEAGUE — The First Pres Golf League is organizing teams for the 2021 season at Palatine Hills Golf Course. May through August, we will have Tuesday evening tee-times for nine-hole rounds. Whether you are already a great golfer or just learning how to play, you are welcome to join the League. We also need substitutes! For additional information, please contact Arlene Bullerman at (847) 670-0319 or abullerman@earthlink.net.

JOIN THE MEN'S BIBLE STUDY! — 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.

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.

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.

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 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

May 2, 2021: Fifth Sunday of Easter / Celebration Sunday
Worship (firstpresah.org/media/live-stream/)
Scriptures: Amos 5:21-24, James 2:14-26
Preacher: TC Anderson
Sermon Title: "Right Thinking or Right Doing?"

Prayer Requests

Healing & Comfort

Mario Alberico
Brian Aldrich
April Alexander — family of Myrtle Jessogne
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
Carol Dahn
Alice Davitt — friend of Kris Ward
Jim Dean — father-in-law of Kelly Dean
Millie Engelbretsen
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
Lois Graves — mother of Jim Graves
Barbara Hayes
Janni Hill — friend of Terry Wade
Mary Hockenberry
Jeanne Holl — grandniece of Myrtle Jessogne
Mary Kay Holl — niece of Myrtle Jessogne
Ella Hurley
Mary Jessogne — sister-in-law of Myrtle Jessogne
Steve Jessogne — nephew of Myrtle Jessogne

Marylyn Jirsa
Marjorie Kalivoda
John Lamb — friend of Kris Ward
Barbara Langer — mother of Laura Carlson
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
Kathryn Merz — daughter of Nancy Ashe
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
Katie Reid — daughter of Lee Nelson
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:

Susan Carroll and family, on the death of her brother, James L. Wahle

Jeff Treppa and family, on the death of his mother, Ann Marie Treppa

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