

SUNDAY WORSHIP



MAY 2, 2021

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

TC Anderson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader 1: Come let us worship God.

Leader 2: **With music and dancing, with songs of praise.**

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Leader 2: **Not just with our mouths, but also with our deeds and lives.**

Leader 1: Come let us worship God.

HYMN 309

“Come, Great God of All the Ages”

Abbot's Leigh

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Alex Lang

God of mercy, forgive us for our inequities. With our mouths we cry out Lord, Lord, but we don't always do your will. Too often we think that our belief alone, our presence alone, is enough to save us. We forget that you are a God who calls us to action, who calls us to go out, who calls us to do. Please forgive our resistance to show our faith with our actions. Move in us and compel us to be your servants in the world, to serve the least and lost, and to truly follow your will for our lives. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AMOS 5:21-24

MESSAGE

“Right Thinking or Right Doing?”

TC Anderson

Scripture: James 2:14-26

RECOGNITION OF CONFIRMATION CLASS

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

Judy Hockenberry

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

Edwards & Wood

“God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days. Skills and time are ours for pressing towards the goals of Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone. Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne. Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred: ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word. Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call, healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.”

First Pres Resurrection Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN 761

“Called as Partners in Christ's Service”

Beecher

BENEDICTION

TC Anderson

SENDING MUSIC

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

Music: Adam Hendrickson and Chris Urban

CHURCH LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAY 2, 2021

PENTECOST OFFERING — Pentecost Sunday is May 23. Help celebrate the “Birthday of the Church” by contributing to the support of our youth ministry. Use the special Pentecost envelopes or donate online at firstpresah.org. Select Pentecost Communion from the dropdown menu.

IN-HOME VACCINATION — The Cook County Department of Public Health is now scheduling appointments for in-home vaccines. This service is available to seniors and people with disabilities who are unable to travel to a vaccination site. To schedule an appointment, call 833-308-1988 (Mon-Fri 7:00 am-10:00 pm and Sat 8:00 am-10:00 pm) or visit <http://bit.ly/homevaccine>.

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. Click on the link in Weekly Highlights 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. Click on the link in Weekly Highlights to register.



UPCOMING PW EVENTS



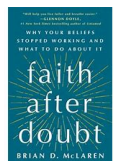
CIRCLE MEETINGS

Wednesday, May 12 / 9:00 am / via Zoom — Circles 1, 2, and 3 — Join Circles 1, 2, and 3 for the last discussion of *Into the Light*, Lesson 9, “The End of the Lament”. There will also be the installation of new coordinating team officers. Join in this fellowship time! To receive the Zoom link, contact Gladys Holtz, gladysholtz@comcast.net, by May 10. **Tuesday, May 18 / 7:00 pm / via Zoom** — Circle 7 — Circle 7 will continue with the discussion of Anne Lamott’s book, *Almost Everything*, *Notes on Hope*, via Zoom.

SPRING GATHERING

Wednesday, May 19 / 10:00 am / via Zoom — Join us for the May Gathering and take a virtual tour of the gardens of First Pres and meet the gardeners that keep our gardens so beautiful year-round. Join Master Gardener, Marty Kraybill, as she takes us on the tour and teaches how we can create our own garden pots. To receive the Zoom link, contact Betty Launer, blauer2@comcast.net, by May 16.

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.

FIDE CLASSES

Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit

Groups will meet weekly 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.

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.

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.



WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

May 9, 2021: Sixth Sunday of Easter
Worship (firstpresah.org/media/live-stream/)
Scriptures: I John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17
Preacher: Judy Hockenberry
Sermon Title: “Living in Love”

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
Carol Dahn
Alice Davitt — friend of Kris Ward
Jim Dean — father-in-law of Kelly Dean
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
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
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
Fred & Heather Tellez — friends of the Fick Family
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
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