

SUNDAY WORSHIP



MAY 16, 2021

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

TC Anderson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader 1: The Lord is our light and our salvation, whom shall I fear?

Leader 2: **The Lord is our stronghold, of whom shall we be afraid?**

Leader 1: Teach us your way, O Lord,

Leader 2: **and lead us on your path.**

Leader 1: Let us worship our God.

HYMN 318

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

St. Peter

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Alex Lang

God of grace and mercy, we try so hard to do right in the world, but we fall short. We allow fear and selfishness to cloud our judgement. We allow anger and envy to guide our actions. We show hatred for our neighbor and scorn for our enemies. Remind us of your ways. Forgive our inequities and guide our steps on your paths of love, forgiveness, and selflessness. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GALATIANS 3:28-29

MESSAGE

“Pop Culture Commencement”

TC Anderson

Scripture: 1 John 4:7-8, 11-12

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

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

“Standing on the Promises”

R. Kelso Carter

“Standing on the promises of Christ my king, through eternal ages let his praises ring; glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God. Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, standing, I’m standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God. Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to him eternally by love’s strong cord, overcoming daily with the Spirit’s sword, standing on the promises of God. Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit’s call, resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God.”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN 726

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

Kelvingrove

BENEDICTION

TC Anderson

SENDING MUSIC

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

Music: Adam Hendrickson, Chris Urban, and the First Pres Resurrection Choir

In Christ There Is No East or West 318 726 Will You Come and Follow Me

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in

him no south or north, but one great fel - low -
 high com - mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 e'er your race may be. All chil - dren of the
 him meet south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 "Will you leave your-self be - hind if I but call your name?
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

CHURCH LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAY 16, 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 VACCINATIONS — The Cook County Department of Public Health is now scheduling appointments for in-home vaccinations. 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>.

VBS AND MISSION FACTORY REGISTRATION — Register now for Children’s Ministries summer programming for families and tweens. Family VBS will be held outdoors from Tuesday, June 22-Thursday, June 24, from 6:00-8:00 pm. Dinner from 6:00-6:30 pm is optional. VBS is open to preschoolers (3- and 4-year-olds) – 4th graders and their families. MissionFactory, for incoming fifth and sixth graders, will be held in person and indoors from Monday, June 21-Friday, June 25, from 8:45 am-noon each day. Visit our website, <https://firstpresah.org/programs/children-families/vbs-mission-factory/> to register. Please contact Katy Allen at katyallen@firstpresah.org with any questions.



GOD'S HONEST TRUTH IS RETURNING! — **Wednesday, July 7 / Outdoors** — God's Honest Truth is scheduled for Wednesday, July 7, as an outdoor event. The theme is "Unbound: Stories of When You Felt the Most Free." Do you have a story to tell? Each story will be 10-15 minutes. If you are interested, please contact Alex Lang at alexlang@firstpresah.org.



UPCOMING PW EVENTS



CIRCLE 7 MEETING

Tuesday, May 18 / 5:00 pm — Circle 7 will meet at 5:00 pm at the home of Mary Larson (1149 W Kenilworth, Palatine) for a backyard picnic. Bring your own chair and meal. We will finish the discussion of Anne Lamott’s book, *Almost Everything*, *Notes on Hope*, and celebrate the end of the program year. Contact: Mary Larson at marylarson3@yahoo.com.

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.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Friday, May 21 / 10:00 am / via Zoom — “Making Room at the Table” will be the topic of our gathering. If you wish to participate, send your email to Melinda Kirby, jmmskirby@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

Navigating Historical and Traditional Christianity in the 21st Century

Final Class, 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? 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.

FILL OUR FOOD BARRELS! — As we prepare to return to indoor worship on May 23, please remember our food barrels, which are located by the coat rack in the Narthex and in the hallway toward Fellowship Hall. Donations of nonperishable food items benefit many families and individuals who are clients of several local organizations that we support. Please note that foods past their expiration dates will have to be thrown away. Let's see if we can fill the barrels!



DONATION DRIVE – HYGIENE KITS — The Mission Committee is accepting donations for hygiene kits that will be distributed at a community event in North Lawndale sponsored by the YMEN (Young Men's Educational Network). YMEN's mission is "to prepare young men and women in North Lawndale for leadership by helping them grow in their faith and character, develop a love for learning, and use their talents to serve the community and strengthen our families." For more information on YMEN go to www.ymenchicago.com. Donations will be accepted at the church from Friday, May 14 through Monday, May 24. Needed items include: **travel size Kleenex, travel size hand sanitizer, toothbrushes, travel size toothpaste, and travel size mouthwash.** A basket for donations will be located at Door 9 during the week. Donations can also be dropped off at worship on May 16 and May 23. Financial donations are also accepted online (select YMEN) or at Sunday morning worship. For questions about donations contact Michele Holifield at micheleholifield@firstpresah.org or 847-243-7195.

ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE — **Saturday, June 5 / 10:00 am / West Parking Lot** — Scout Troop 32, sponsored by the First Pres Men's Bible Study, is organizing an aluminum can drive on Saturday, June 5, from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm in the west parking lot. Drop off your crushed cans for recycling. Please do not bring cans to the church office before the collection date.



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.

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 23, 2021: Pentecost

Worship: 10:30 am in the Sanctuary / online at firstpresah.org/media/live-stream/

Scriptures: Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Matthew 7:24-27

Preacher: Alex Lang

Sermon Title: “On Intentionality”

Sermon Series: Philosopher Kings

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
Barbara Hayes
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
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

Sympathy to:

Lisa Rowland and family, on the death of her husband, David Rowland (cousins of **Chris Conroy**)
The Schuffler family, on the death **Jim Schuffler**

Congratulations to:

Liz Armstrong, on the birth of great-granddaughter, Lila Joy Schroeder

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