

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

MAY 23, 2021

## PRELUDE

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”  
“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

Jan Sanborn  
Richard Elliott

## WELCOME

Alex Lang

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader 1: The Lord is our God; ours alone.

Leader 2: **Everyone who hears these words will act on them.**

Leader 1: Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, and might.

Leader 2: **We will share the ways of the Lord with our children.**

Leader 1: The Lord is our God; ours alone.

## HYMN 289

“On Pentecost They Gathered”

Munich

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Judy Hockenberry

Merciful God, you invite us to live intentional lives of meaning. Too often we look for an easier way to live. You call on us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Sometimes we don't love ourselves and we fail to love our neighbors. We strive to be kind and still too many hurtful things come out of our mouths and become part of our actions. We refuse to consider new ways that may bring us closer to your ways. Forgive us for all these things and empower us to go forward as transformed people. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9

## MESSAGE

“On Intentionality”  
Scripture: Matthew 7:24-27

Alex Lang

## SHARING OUR GIFTS

“Gracious Spirit Dwell with Me”

K. Lee Scott

*“Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be; Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee; And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal; And, with actions bold and meek, For Christ, my Savior, speak. Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be. Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee; And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear; And, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity. Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be; Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee; Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good, And whatever I can be give him who gave me thee. Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be. Help me now thy power to see, I would be like thee; 'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield; Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory. Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!”*

The Chancel Choir

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Alex Lang & TC Anderson

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 707

"Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"

Hall

## POSTLUDE

"Toccata"

*Michelle Leclerc*

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

**Music:** Adam Hendrickson, Chris Urban, and the Chancel Choir



## CHURCH LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAY 23, 2021

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** — *Sunday, May 30 / 11:30 am / Sanctuary* — There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately following 10:30 am worship on Sunday, May 30. The purpose of this meeting is to approve the terms and amount of the loan from the Presbyterian Investment Loan Program (PILP). No other business may come before the congregation at this meeting. You can download information from the link in Weekly Highlights or contact the church office for a printed copy.

**PENTECOST OFFERING** — Pentecost Sunday is this Sunday, 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](http://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) – 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:katyallen@firstpresah.org) with any questions.



**GOD'S HONEST TRUTH IS RETURNING!** — *Wednesday, July 14 / 7:00 pm / West Parking Lot* — God's Honest Truth is scheduled for Wednesday, July 14, 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](mailto:alexlang@firstpresah.org).

### NEW! ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

**Mythology in the Modern World** — *Wednesdays, June 2-July 7 / 7:00 pm / in the Sanctuary / Instructor: Adam Hendrickson* — Inspired by Joseph Campbell’s lectures on mythology, join Adam Hendrickson for a five-part series of classes examining the role mythology plays in our modern world. From a person’s occupation to their religious beliefs, you might be surprised how much mythology is engrained into our genetic makeup and the society that we have created.

**ORGAN COOLERS!** — *Wednesdays, June 23 – July 28 / 12:10 pm / Sanctuary* — NEW in-person summer organ concert series will begin Wednesday, June 23, and will continue for six weeks. The concerts will begin at 12:10 pm. Come and enjoy refreshing organ music in our cool (air conditioned) Sanctuary.



### FIDE CLASSES

**Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit**

*Wednesdays at 7:30 am (ends May 26), 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](http://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 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](mailto: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 Community Life & Education 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](mailto: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](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.

**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).

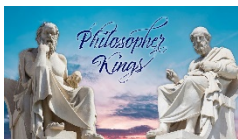
**FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA** — We want to encourage you, if you have not done so already, to follow First Pres on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter. We post lots of church news, events, and special announcements and every time you like and share our posts you are helping spread the good word about our great church and make us more visible in the community. You can find us 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).



**WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY**

May 30, 2021: Trinity Sunday

Worship: 10:30 am in the Sanctuary / online at [firstpresah.org/media/live-stream/](http://firstpresah.org/media/live-stream/)



Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 10:12-13, Acts 12:6-11

Preacher: Alex Lang

Sermon Title: "On Faith and Perseverance"

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  
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  
Clarke Sanders — son of Betty Sanders  
Sandy & Tim — friends of Myrtle Jessogne  
Theresa Scola — friend of Meg Haddad  
Susan Scott  
Dee Sievertsen  
Ed Slivovsky  
Je'Anna Paris Smith  
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:**

**Rosalie Stoike, Lynn Stoike** and family, on the death of **Wendell Stoike**

## **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