

# Prayer Requests

## Healing & Comfort

Mario Alberico  
 Brian Aldrich  
 Pat Almblad  
 Mark Bishop  
 Wendy Blanck  
 Dan Carlson  
 Elaine Chen  
 Mary Clarbour  
 Stan Conning  
 Carol Dahn  
 Alice Davitt — friend of Kris Ward  
 Kenyatta Fletcher — friend of Dawn & Lee Bruce  
 Richard Ford — friend of Dawn & Lee Bruce  
 Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kieपुरa  
 George Gerner — cousin of Kelsey Fuentes  
 Bill Ginnodo  
 Gloria — friend of June Johnson  
 Dorita & Houston Godfrey  
 Jeanne Holl — grandniece of Myrtle Jessogne  
 Ella Hurley  
 Marylyn Jirsa  
 Marjorie Kalivoda  
 Kaitlin Kulick — friend of the Hockenberrys  
 John Lamb — friend of Kris Ward  
 Jeff Leach  
 Linda Lock — sister of Tim Lock

Penny Lumsden — mother of Stu Lumsden  
 Quentin Mare'  
 Sean McClory — friend of Mario Alberico  
 John McFayden  
 Scott and Laura Morrison — friends of Mario & Claudia Alberico  
 Gloria Oak  
 Katie Reid — daughter of Lee Nelson  
 Jim Richardson — brother of Jan Richardson  
 Betty Roach  
 Theresa Scola — friend of Meg Haddad  
 Emma Scott — sister-in-law of Richard Scott  
 Susan Scott  
 Ed Slivovsky  
 Je'Anna Paris Smith  
 Arne Stollfuss  
 David Stratton — brother-in-law of Elaine Chen  
 Janet Tanner  
 Fred Tellez — friend of the Fick Family  
 Jaquan Thompson  
 Dan Tsutsumi  
 Wes Upton — friend of Ralph Larsen  
 Marilyn Votava — sister of Judy Ayers  
 Mick Ward — friend of Kris Ward  
 Jenell Wetzel  
 Dick Wewger — father-in-law of Mark Bishop  
 Quintin White — friend of Dawn & Lee Bruce

## Serving in the Armed Services

AMN Charles Arthur Brousseau, Air Force — son of Liz Moses and Bob Wendling  
 Lt. Jack Carroll, Air Force — grandson of Tom and Susan Carroll  
 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  
 Sergeant Benjamin David Schultz, Air Force — grandson of Donald and Jacqueline Schultz  
 Colonel Gretchen Wiltse — sister of Vincent and Heidi Wiltse

# About First Pres

## STAFF

**Pastor / Head of Staff:** Alex Lang  
**Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care:** Judy Hockenberry  
**Associate Pastor for Children, Youth, and Families:** TC Anderson  
**Pastor Emeritus:** Harry Thompson  
**Associate Pastor Emerita:** Dianne Shields  
**Director of Children's Ministries:** Katy Allen  
**Director of Music and Worship:** Adam Hendrickson  
**Associate Director of Music and Organist:** Christopher Urban  
**Worship Technicians:** Amy Senior, Jonah White

**Business Administrator:** Debbie Walter  
**Senior Administrative Assistant:** Mary Fino  
**Administrative Assistant / Receptionist:** Carol Vega  
**Facilities Director:** Tony Scheurich  
**Facilities Coordinator:** Michele Holifield  
**Director of First Pres PDO & Preschool:** Coleen Anzalone  
**Nursery Coordinator:** Beth Johnson  
**Volunteer Librarians:** Bob Hanlon, Mary Hebden, Barbara MacDowall, Matt Meisterheim

## Save the Date

Today	Kickoff Sunday
September 14	PW Circle 7
September 14	October <i>Chimes</i> Deadline
September 15	PW Circles 1, 2, 3
September 15	Family Night Kickoff
September 18	Service Saturday
September 19	Safe Sanctuary Training
September 22	Family Night Full Programming Resumes
September 29	PW Gathering
October 3	Concert: Crossing Borders Music
October 6	Wednesday@Noon Recital
October 10	Annual Speaker
October 12	November <i>Chimes</i> Deadline

**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.

# Church Life

September 12, 2021

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights! We are glad you are here! We know that you have a lot of choices about where and how to spend your time on Sunday. We are happy that you chose to spend it with us this morning. We are an open and inclusive congregation. Our hope is that as you worship with us, you will be inspired to choose love, be the light, and change the world. We invite you to participate in building the kingdom of God. Thank you for being here.

*The Worship, Music, and Sacrament Committee encourages every person to wear a name tag on Sundays throughout September. Tags will be available throughout the lobby area and the Narthex. We want to get to know each other better!*

## WELCOME BACK TO FALL PROGRAMMING!

**ADULT EDUCATION / Sundays, September 12 - October 31 / 9:00-10:00 am / Boardroom / Loss and Grief** — *Rev. Judy Hockenberry* — Join Pastor Judy for an eight-week class, where together we will explore our experiences of loss and the grief that is connected to that loss. As we go through the weeks, we will develop a better understanding of healthy grief that will be grounded in biblical principles and our understanding of God.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL / 10:30-11:30 am** — Preschool Sunday School, (3- & 4-year-olds) in the Green Room (CE Wing), K-5th grade in Room 304, 6th & 7th grades in the Y-Search Room (Room 105/107), 8th grade in the Confirmation Room (Room 109/ 111). Nursery care is available 8:45-11:45 am (Blue Room).

**KICKOFF CELEBRATION — TODAY / Following 10:30 am worship and Sunday School / East Parking Lot** — All are invited to celebrate the beginning of the new program year! Join us in the East Parking Lot following the 10:30 worship service and Sunday School. We will have food trucks, a bounce house for kids, and live music. Come join the fun!

**NEW FALL SERMON SERIES: 'MAKING PEACE WITH THE PANDEMIC'** — *Sundays, September 12 - November 14* — Our fall sermon series will reflect on the challenges and opportunities the last 18 months have presented to us and how our Christian faith calls us to respond. In September, we will focus on how we can reclaim aspects of our lives lost during the pandemic that bring us joy, meaning and comfort. In October, we will explore how our faith helps us navigate and cope with hurdles and challenges we faced as a result of the pandemic. Finally, in November, we will learn how our faith allows us to see the positive side of negative experiences and brings us newfound hope. Each sermon will include personal stories from members of First Pres.

## Sunday, September 12 — Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 am – 11:45 am — Child care (infants – 4 years) — Room 205/207 (Blue Room), Main Floor Christian Education (CE) Wing  
 9:00 am **Worship** — Sanctuary  
 9:00 am Adult Education: Loss and Grief — Boardroom  
 10:00 am Adult Choir Rehearsal — Choir Auditorium  
 10:30 am **Worship** — Sanctuary  
 10:30 am Preschool (3- & 4-year-old) Sunday School — Room 206 (Green Room), Main Floor CE Wing  
 10:30 am K-5th Grade Sunday School — Room 304, Upper Level CE Wing  
 10:30 am Y-Search (Grades 6 & 7) — Middle School Lounge  
 10:30 am Confirmation (Grade 8) — Room 109/111, Lower Level CE Wing  
 11:30 am Fall Kickoff Celebration — East Parking Lot



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## Upcoming Events

**LETTING GO & MOVING FORWARD** — Bring your worries and lost dreams from the last 18 months to an interactive Letting Go & Moving Forward experience in the Narthex. Brought to you by Children's Ministries.

**FAMILY NIGHT KICKOFF (Dinner Only)** — *Wednesday, September 15 / 6:00-7:00 pm / Outdoors in the West Parking Lot* — Come and share dinner and fellowship with families from First Pres and the broader community. This free program includes dinner, adult education, mentoring classes, programs for youth and children, and nursery care. Full programming will begin next week. Contact Katy Allen at [katyallen@firstpresah.org](mailto:katyallen@firstpresah.org) for more details.

**FAMILY NIGHT FULL PROGRAMMING RETURNS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22** — *Wednesdays / 6:00-8:00 pm / September through May*  
Weekly Schedule:

- 6:00-7:00 pm:* Drop-in dinner time for all ages
- 6:30-7:00 pm:* Children's Choir (grades K-5)
- 7:00-8:00 pm:* Classes and programs, including:
  - ENGAGE & ENCOUNTER adult Christian education
  - Kids Connect (grades K-5)
  - Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8)
  - Nursery care

**ENGAGE & ENCOUNTER** — *Wednesdays, September 22 - October 20 / 7:00-8:00 pm / Sanctuary / Mind, Body, Spirit: The Trinity of Connecting with God* — *Rev. Alex Lang* — Spirituality is an essential aspect of being a Christian, and yet, we each experience spirituality in a unique way. In this class, Rev. Lang will examine the various methods employed by Christians to form their spiritual connection with God and how our spirituality is expressed through our mind, body and spirit.

**NEW BITE-SIZED HANDBELL CHOIR OPPORTUNITY** — *Wednesdays, September 15 – October 6 / 7:00 pm / Bell Choir Room* — Have you ever wanted to ring bells but can't make a long-term commitment? This is the opportunity for you. We will practice for four Wednesdays and ring in worship on October 10. Come give this bite-sized music opportunity a try. For high school age and above. Some basic music reading is helpful. Contact Nick Pulikowski at [nickpulikowski@gmail.com](mailto:nickpulikowski@gmail.com) for more details.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** — *Wednesdays, starting September 22 / 6:30-7:00 pm / Sanctuary* — Our Children's Choir (K-5th grade) has a new rehearsal day and time on Wednesday night integrated into Family Night. Come for dinner from 6:00-6:30 pm and then join us in the Sanctuary for 30 minutes of music making and fellowship. Children will sing in worship three times this fall: October 17, December 12 and December 24. Contact Nick Pulikowski at [nickpulikowski@gmail.com](mailto:nickpulikowski@gmail.com) for more details.

**CONCERT SERIES: CROSSING BORDERS MUSIC** — *Sunday, October 3 / 4:00 pm / Sanctuary* — Come for our first Concert Series concert of the season! Crossing Borders Music is a chamber orchestra that uses music to promote the dignity of people from all cultures. Moving music tells compelling stories by composers from under-represented cultures – music that invites audiences to challenge assumptions and learn more.

**WEDNESDAY@NOON** — *Wednesday, October 6 / 12:10 pm / Sanctuary* — First Pres is proud to host a Wednesday@Noon recital series. Join us as Chris Urban, organ, and Chuck Beech, piano, present a recital of familiar hymns.

## Serving, Giving, and Growing

**NEW SERVICE SATURDAY** — *Saturday, September 18 / 9:00-11:00 am / Parking Lot* — All ages can participate in two projects: assembling Gifts of the Heart School Kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and/or making your own Pinwheel for Peace to be displayed on the church grounds for International Day of Peace, September 21. To participate on Saturday, September 18, sign up at [signupgenius.com/go/10C044DADAF29A7FB6-september](http://signupgenius.com/go/10C044DADAF29A7FB6-september). **School kit donations are needed!** Supplies can be dropped off on Sunday mornings at the Service Saturday information table, or at the church office during normal business hours. The supplies needed are specific: **Blunt child scissors (rounded tip), 70-count spiral notebooks – wide ruled, 12” rulers, pencils with an eraser, Pink Pearl erasers, 24-count box of crayons.** Monetary donations can be made online or by sending a check to the church office. Contact: Michele Holifield at [micheleholifield@firstpresah.org](mailto:micheleholifield@firstpresah.org).

**NEW RESTAURANT WALK COMING IN OCTOBER** — *Sign up throughout September* — We will create groups of 8-10 that will have dinner at a local restaurant. Our goal is to foster deeper connections in the congregation and support local restaurants that were affected by the pandemic. Contact: TC Anderson at [tcanderson@firstpresah.org](mailto:tcanderson@firstpresah.org)

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) SEPTEMBER EVENTS** — **CIRCLES 1, 2, 3** — *Wednesday, September 15 / 9:00 am / in the Parlor* — Join the morning Circles for a lively discussion from our new Bible study, *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus* by Merryl Blair. In addition to our discussion, enjoy refreshments and fellowship with other women of First Pres! **Circle 7** — *Tuesday, September 21 / 5:00 pm / Mary Larson's Backyard (1149 W. Kenilworth, Palatine)* — Join Circle 7 as we continue our study, *Almost Everything - Notes on Hope*, by Anne Lamott, Chapter 9 “Hands of Time” and Chapter 10 “Jah”. Bring a lawn chair. Contact Liz Thompson (847) 537-9087 for more info.

**PW GATHERING** — *Wednesday, September 29 / 9:00 am / in the Parlor* — Join us for our first gathering as we learn about Faith Community Homes (FCH) and the services it provides to those in our community. Program Manager, Sarah Harte, will tell us about what is happening in FCH and how they provide support for the many families living in poverty in the northwest suburbs. Sarah will share some of the reasons people in our area might live in poverty and the organization's approach to helping these families. Here is your chance to understand how FCH is making a difference for so many and ask questions about how you can help.

**FIRST PRES PDO AND PRESCHOOL RESUMES** — PDO, Preschool and K-Club, our Kindergarten Enrichment program, will all return to the classroom tomorrow, Monday, September 13. We are excited for another year of education, imagination and fun with the children. We do still have a few spots left in our preschool and enrichment classrooms. For more information, contact Director, Coleen Anzalone, at [coleenanzalone@firstpresah.org](mailto:coleenanzalone@firstpresah.org).

**SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING** — *Sunday, September 19 / 11:45 am / in the Boardroom* — New and current volunteers who work with children or youth (birth – 18 years) must have Safe Sanctuary training. If you have not been trained within the past three years, consider attending this session. Training typically takes place on the third Sunday of each month. To check your training status or register for training, contact Mary Fino at 847-255-5900 or [maryfino@firstpresah.org](mailto:maryfino@firstpresah.org).

## Worship Next Sunday

**September 19: Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:00 am** — **Worship** (Sanctuary)

*Music:* Compass

**10:30 am** — **Worship** (Sanctuary)

*Music:* Chancel Choir



*Scriptures:* Matthew 17:14-18, John 4:3-18, 25-26

*Preacher:* Alex Lang

*Sermon Title:* “Reclaiming Experiences”

**LIVE WEBCAST & WORSHIP RECORDINGS** — Services are webcast live at [firstpresah.org/experience/livestream](http://firstpresah.org/experience/livestream). To download or listen to a podcast of today's sermon, search Apple podcasts for **The Word @ First Pres**. Past sermons are available at [firstpresah.org/experience/sermons](http://firstpresah.org/experience/sermons). If you need help with technical problems, please send an e-mail to [webcasting@firstpresah.org](mailto:webcasting@firstpresah.org).

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## More News

**MARY AND MARTHA'S LENDING CLOSET** — Are you planning a small outdoor gathering with friends or family? We can help! We have a large collection of non-breakable glassware, serving pieces, and dishes for you to borrow. We also have chairs, tables, and lights along with many other fun pieces for your next gathering. Just want to enjoy a movie? Reserve our large outdoor movie screen (projector is also available). All proceeds from the Lending Closet go to provide funds to organizations addressing hunger in the greater Chicago area. To reserve your items, ask questions, or to come see what we have to offer, send an email to [maryandmartha@firstpresah.org](mailto:maryandmartha@firstpresah.org).

**PADS** — For many years, First Pres welcomed individuals and families experiencing homelessness into our building on Tuesday evenings for a warm meal, a place to sleep, and breakfast. This all came to a shocking halt in March 2020, when the COVID-19 Pandemic surged in our area. On October 5, 2021, First Pres plans to re-open our Tuesday evening PADS site, and we need your help. If you have questions, or would like more information, please contact the PADS team at [pads@firstpresah.org](mailto:pads@firstpresah.org). You can also call Michele Holifield at 847-243-7195, Amy Hempleman at 847-312-5211, or Cathy Mataloni at 847-682-4806 to see how you can be a part of the team.