

Prayer Requests

Healing & Comfort

Mario Alberico
 Brian Aldrich
 Dave & Pat Almblad
 Barbara Berkow
 Mark Bishop
 Wendy Blanck
 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
 Ella Hurley
 Mary Jessogne — Sister-in-law of Myrtle Jessogne
 Marylyn Jirsa
 Marjorie Kalivoda
 Kaitlin Kulick — friend of the Hockenberrys
 Jeff Leach
 Linda Lock — sister of Tim Lock

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
 Carol Travi — friend of Jo Christian
 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

Sympathy to:

Dick and Elise Reeves, on the death of Dick's mother, Fran Reeves
 Steve Smith, on the death of his mother, Mary Alice Smith
 Francie, Nora and Gabe Taylor, on the death of husband and father, Andy Taylor

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

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Save the Date

Today
 September 29
 October 3
 October 6
 October 10
 October 12
 October 16
 October 27
 October 30
 November 3

Congregational Meeting
 PW Gathering
 Concert: Crossing Borders Music
 Wednesday@Noon Recital
 Annual Speaker: Stephen Bright
 November Chimes Deadline
 Service Saturday
 God's Honest Truth
 Trunk or Treat
 Concert: Howard Goodall's Eternal Light

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Church Life

September 26, 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.

CALL FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — Today — Session has called for a meeting of the congregation for the purpose of electing officers for the class of 2024 immediately following the 10:30 am worship service.

<u>Elders</u>	<u>Deacons</u>	<u>Trustees</u>
Don Lyon	Denise Beihoffer	Lori Chandler
Floyd Mays	Ann Borst	Bill Christian (extending)
Steve Olszewski	Bill Hellyer	Walt Meyer (extending)
Dick Reeves	Carol Kelley	Dan Selke
Liz Thompson	Stephanie Levinsky	
	Andy Sturgeon	

CONCERT SERIES: CROSSING BORDERS MUSIC — Sunday, October 3 / 4:00 pm / Sanctuary — Join us 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 — Join us as Chris Urban, organ, and Chuck Beech, piano, present a recital of favorite hymns.

STEPHEN BRIGHT: ANNUAL SPEAKER — Sunday, October 10 / 7:00 pm / in the Sanctuary — Join us for an evening with Stephen Bright, the Harvey L. Karp Visiting Lecturer in Law at Yale Law School. The theme is *Finding Life on Death Row*. You will hear stories about defendants he has represented and how many have gone on to become productive members of society. Mr. Bright will also discuss how race and poverty play an important role in how capital punishment cases are investigated and prosecuted. A vivid storyteller and scholar of Civil Rights history, Mr. Bright will illuminate the humanity of one of the darkest corners of our criminal justice system. For more information, visit our website at firstpresah.org. Please see Upcoming Events on the inside flap for activities related to the anniversary speaker.


Sunday, September 26 — Eighteenth 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 Coffee: Grounds for Discussion & Service — Room 110/112
 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) — Room 105/107, (Middle School Lounge)
 10:30 am Confirmation (Grade 8) — Room 109/111, Lower Level CE Wing
 10:30 am High School Sunday School (Grades 9-12) - Room 301/303, (High School Lounge)
 11:30 am Congregational Meeting — Sanctuary
 6:00 pm HSYG — High School Lounge, Gym



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Upcoming Events

 PLEASE WEAR A NAME TAG — 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!

ANNUAL SPEAKER ACTIVITIES — In preparation for our annual speaker, Stephen Bright, on Sunday, October 10, you are invited to these additional opportunities. • A viewing of the movie, *Just Mercy*. *Just Mercy* tells the story of the creation of the Equal Justice Initiative and its call to end mass incarceration and the death penalty in the United States. The viewing will be held on **Thursday, September 30, at 7:00 pm** in the Parlor. • Books related to the themes of equal justice, mass incarceration, and life on death row will be for sale in the Narthex beginning this Sunday. • A follow up conversation will be held on **October 14** to discuss both the film, *Just Mercy*, and Mr. Bright's conversation with us.

GOD'S HONEST TRUTH — *Wednesday, October 27 / 7:00 pm / Sanctuary* — The theme for the evening is **Back in My Day: Grandchildren and Grandparents Share Their Perspective on the Same Story**. For this storytelling evening, we want to have two speakers, a grandparent and a grandchild, tell the same story, each from their own perspective. There are no age requirements, just that they are connected by a shared event. If you are interested in sharing your story, please contact Pastor Alex Lang and he will help you prepare. Come and join us for what will certainly be a great evening!

FAMILY NIGHT PROGRAMMING — *Wednesdays / 6:00-8:00 pm / September through May* — 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. Contact Katy Allen at katyallen@firstpresah.org for more details.

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, through 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.

BITE-SIZED HANDBELL CHOIR OPPORTUNITY — *Wednesdays, through October 6 / 7:00 pm / Bell Choir Room* — Have you ever wanted to ring bells but can't make a long-term commitment? We will practice Wednesdays and ring in worship on October 10. For high school age and above. Some basic music reading is helpful. Contact Nick Pulikowski at nickpulikowski@gmail.com for more details.

Serving, Giving, and Growing

LETTING GO & MOVING FORWARD — *Final Sunday / Narthex* — You are invited to visit the Letting Go & Moving Forward experience in the Narthex for its final Sunday. While there, spend a few moments considering how you've changed over the past 18 months. Then write a phrase or mantra, an encouraging word, or a description of the changes you've experienced. You can also stop by to be inspired by what others have shared.

ADULT EDUCATION / Sundays, through October 31 / 9:00-10:00 am / Boardroom / Loss and Grief — *Rev. Judy Hockenberry* — Join Pastor Judy for this 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.

COFFEE: GROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION AND SERVICE — *Sundays, through May 15 / 10:30-11:30 am / Room 110/112* — Join us for our first study this fall. We will utilize study materials by Adam Hamilton, Pastor of Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, entitled *Moses, In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet*. Coffee: Grounds for Discussion and Service is a member lead Sunday morning group that meets on the lower level of the Education Wing at 10:30 am. Bring your own coffee and your mask. We are set up to social distance in our classroom. Whether you can make it for all 6 weeks or not, we would love to see you there!

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY — *Sunday, October 3* — This special day gives us the opportunity to celebrate our oneness in Christ with all of our brothers and sisters around the world. Please join us in worship as we set the communion table with articles from different countries and hear special music that will bring us to other parts of the world. Ven a celebrar con nosotros! Come celebrate with us!

THE BRIDGE: RIB FEST COOK-OFF — *Saturday, October 9 / 7:00 pm / Ingemunson's Home* — Not a grill master? No worries, you're still invited! Join us for an evening of food and fellowship. Please bring one of the following: ribs for cook-off, side dish and a dessert to share. BYOB. Questions? Contact Kate Ingemunson at kate.ingemunson@gmail.com.

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.

CHANCEL FLOWERS — *Today and Sunday, October 3 / after worship / in the Narthex* — Did you notice today's flowers in the Sanctuary? There are fresh flowers every Sunday and a note in the bulletin indicating someone being honored or remembered. You are invited to stop by the Presbyterian Women table in the Narthex, where you can submit an order form and a check to help provide the flowers for worship. You may wish to honor an event, choose to remember a family member or honor an individual. The suggested donation is \$25. Checks are payable to Presbyterian Women. Thank you!

Worship Next Sunday

October 3: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am — Worship (Sanctuary)

Music: Compass

10:30 am — Worship (Sanctuary)

Music: Chancel Choir



Preacher: Alex Lang

Scriptures: Matthew 9:9-13, Genesis 37:2b-10

Sermon Theme: "Reclaiming Dreams"

Sermon Title: "Dream On"

More News

NEW RESTAURANT WALK COMING IN OCTOBER — *Sign up throughout September* — We will create groups of eight 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. To sign up, contact TC Anderson at tcanderson@firstpresah.org or click the link in the Weekly Highlights e-newsletter.

NURSERY CAREGIVERS NEEDED — Please consider being a caregiver in the nursery this year. It involves a 90-minute commitment once a month during either the 9:00 or 10:30 service. There are between 4-6 toddlers and babies. Substitute positions are also available. Contact Beth Johnson at btj0914@hotmail.com or (847) 253-3667.

MARY AND MARTHA'S LENDING CLOSET — Mary and Martha's Lending Closet is open for business. We have a wide variety of items for your next gathering. Tables, chairs, tents, lights, dishes, serving pieces, beverage dispensers, glassware – if you need it for your next gathering we probably have it. We also have bags sets and a large outdoor movie screen with projector. Borrow from the lending closet and avoid having to find a place to store unneeded items. Email maryandmartha@firstpresah.org today for an appointment to reserve items. Stop by the Open House on Sunday, October 23, from 10:15–11:45 am. The Lending Closet is located on the lower level of the CE Wing in Rooms 106/108.

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. On October 5, 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. 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.

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.