



**9:00 AM WORSHIP**

**WELCOME, GUESTS!**

**Thank you for worshiping with us this morning.**

**First Presbyterian Church  
of Arlington Heights**

*A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)  
Organized in 1855*

**WELCOME** Adam Hendrickson

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One: Honor and majesty belong to the Lord.

✦ **“10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)”** Myrin & Redman

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** TC Anderson  
*Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along to those around you.*

**ALL-IN A MINUTE** Bob Churchill

**MATTHEW 25:14-29** TC Anderson

**MESSAGE** “The Bright Side” Alex Lang  
Scripture: Matthew 15:32-38

**SONG** “I Can See Clearly Now” Johnny Nash

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** TC Anderson

**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 sins, as we forgive  
those who sin against us; 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** “Keep On the Sunny Side” A.P. Carter

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

✦ **“GOD OF JUSTICE”** Tim Hughes

✦ **BENEDICTION** Alex Lang

✦ Please stand as you are able.

**Compass:** Ellen Anderson, vocals; TC Anderson, guitar/vocals; Dan Berg, guitar;  
Amy Carroll, keyboard; Kevin Carroll, bass; AJ Coleman, drums; Adam  
Hendrickson, guitar/vocals; Greg Schultz, saxophone

Stop by the Welcome Center in the Narthex (lobby) to pick up information that will acquaint you with our church services and programs. You are also invited to join the conversation on Facebook, at facebook.com/firstpresah, Twitter, at @FirstPresAh, and Instagram, at @firstpresah. We look forward to connecting with you again.

**CHILD CARE**

Children of all ages are warmly welcomed and encouraged to participate in worship. Child care is available (infants through age four) in the Christian Education Wing (8:45 am – 11:45 am).

**CLASSES FOR ALL AGES**

From September through May, Sunday morning Christian education classes are held for all ages. These include classes for preschool, elementary, middle school, and high school students, as well as education and discussion groups for adults. To learn more, visit firstpresah.org or call the church office at 847-255-5900.

**SPECIAL ASSISTANCE**

For worship in the Sanctuary, large print bulletins, and hearing amplifiers (some with T-Coil lanyard adapters) are available from the ushers.

**IMPORTANT WORSHIP REMINDERS**

Please silence cell phones and refrain from taking photos or recording the worship service. Services are webcast live at 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.



“Life's challenges are not supposed to paralyze you,  
they're supposed to help you discover who you are.”  
— Bernice Johnson Reagon

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY  
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**

**NOVEMBER 7, 2021  
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

Choose bve .Be the light.Change the w orld .

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# 10:30 AM WORSHIP

## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Intermezzo" *Pietro Mascagni*  
First Pres Brass and Organ  
*The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation for the worship of Almighty God.*

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✦ HYMN 612 "We Praise You, O God" Kremser

CALL TO CONFESSION Judy Hockenberry

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, you give us so many opportunities to start over and we waste them. We remain stuck in the same place, making the same mistakes. Forgive us when we only see the dark side and can't find our way to your light. We are stubborn people and even when we are unhappy we dread change. Remind us that you are a living God, continually offering new possibilities. Forgive us and turn us around...**

### SILENT CONFESSION

...in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

### ✦ GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen, Amen.**

### COMMUNITY LIFE

*Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along to those around you.*

ALL-IN A MINUTE Bob Churchill

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Judy Hockenberry

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:14-29  
(Pew Bible, p. 807) Judy Hockenberry  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "The Talents We Possess" *Ruth Elaine Schram*  
*"Although we agree we are all created equal, we believe we are each endowed at birth with unique gifts and talents that are meant to be nurtured and developed for our tenure here on earth. We are not all destined to be the best, only to use the talents we possess, and, oh, how silent the world would be if the robin never sang, the lion never roared, the ocean refused to crash upon the shore. How silent the world would be. And so we agree we are all of equal value and no one is more important than the rest. Every one of us is needed for the willing contribution of the talents that each of us possess. We are not all destined to be the best, only to use the talents we possess, and oh, how silent the world would be if the robin never sang, the lion never roared, the ocean refused to crash upon the shore. How silent; So, sing your song, let your radiance shine! Combine your gifts with those of mine. How lovely the world would be if we each gave our best of the talents we possess."*  
Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 15:32-38  
(Pew Bible, p. 797) Alex Lang  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "The Bright Side" Alex Lang

✦ HYMN 716 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" Beach Spring

## GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Judy Hockenberry

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For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### OFFERING

OFFERTORY "We Praise Thee, O God" *Douglas Wagner*  
*"We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting. To thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens an all the powers therein. To thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might; Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory. The glorious company of the apostles praise thee. The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee. The noble army of martyrs praise thee. The holy church doth acknowledge thee. Thou art the king of glory, O Christ. Thou art the ever lasting son of the Father. When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven!"*  
Chancel Choir and First Pres Brass

### ✦ DOXOLOGY (please stand when directed)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia. praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### ✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

✦ HYMN 320 "The Church of Christ in Every Age" Wareham

✦ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE "Rejoice, Give Thanks" *Roberta Bitgood*  
First Pres Brass and Organ

✦ Please stand as you are able.

**Preaching:** Alex Lang

**Flowers:** **Mary Halatek**—In loving memory of Walt  
**Tom Krigas**—In honor of the men and women of the United States Marines, past and present, who have served our country since November 10, 1776  
**Matt and Lois Meisterheim**—Celebrating Lois' 80th birthday  
**Walter Meyer**—To honor the service of the sailors and soldiers of the MRF - Viet Nam  
**Mike and Lin Willour**—In memory of Charlotte Willour

**Pastors:** Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson

**Director of Music and Worship:** Adam Hendrickson

**Associate Director of Music and Organist:** Christopher Urban

**First Pres Brass:** Eric Allen and Colin Stanhope, trumpet; Joan Morrone, horn; Todd Smith, trombone; Adam Stanhope, timpani

**Praise Band:** Compass (9:00 am service)

## WORSHIP NOTES