



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME Adam Hendrickson

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE The Bruce Family

✦ **“PREPARE THE WAY”** *Hall & Giulio*
“LET IT RISE” *Holland Davis*

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

LUKE 1:5-7

MESSAGE “The King of the Jews” Alex Lang
Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

SHARING OUR GIFTS “Home By Another Way” *James Taylor*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE TC Anderson/Alex Lang
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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

CLOSING PRAYER

✦ **“MIGHTY TO SAVE”** *Fielding & Morgan*

✦ **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

WELCOME, GUESTS!

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning.

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

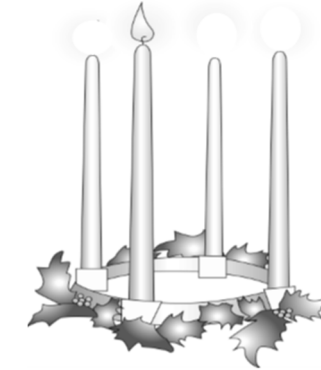
For worship in the Sanctuary, large print bulletins, and hearing amplifiers (some with T-Coil lanyard adapters) are available from the ushers.

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.

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

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“The day the power of love overrules the love of power,
the world will know peace.”
— Mahatma Gandhi

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**NOVEMBER 28, 2021
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Air and Chorale on 'Picardy' " *Jack Noble White*
The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation for the worship of Almighty God.

WELCOME Alex Lang

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE Sunday School Children

✠HYMN 82 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Hyfrydol

HANGING OF THE GREENS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Judy Hockenberry
Holy God, as we begin our journey to Bethlehem, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We align ourselves with the powers of the world. We live without justice and without grace. We are motivated by fear and by that which feels easiest. Lead us in your truth and teach us your path. Journey with us, O Lord, lest we lose our way...

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

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

✠RESPONSE (Refrain to Hymn 88)
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:5-7
(Pew Bible, p. 836) Judy Hockenberry
The Word of the Lord/Thanks be to God!

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:1-12
(Pew Bible, p. 783) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/Thanks be to God!

SERMON "The King of the Jews" Alex Lang

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

✠HYMN 87 "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" Geneva 42

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "The Yearning" *Craig Courtney*
"There is a yearning in hearts weighed down by ancient grief and centuries of sorrow. There is a yearning in hearts that in the darkness hide and in the shades of death abide, a yearning for tomorrow. There is a yearning for the promised One, the First-born of creation. There is a yearning for the Lord who visited His own, and by His death for sin atoned, to bring to us salvation. Emmanuel, within our hearts, the yearning. There is a yearning that fills the hearts of those who wait the day of His appearing. There is a yearning when all our sorrows are erased and we shall see the One who placed within our hearts the yearning."
Chancel Choir

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Alex Lang/Judy Hockenberry

THE INVITATION

THE THANKSGIVING
One: The Lord be with you.
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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

SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

✠HYMN 102 "Savior of the Nations, Come" Der Heiden Heiland

✠BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE "Toccata on 'Hyfrydol' " Mark Thallander

✠Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Alex Lang
Pastors: Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson
Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson
Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban
Praise Band: Compass (9:00 am service)

WORSHIP NOTES