

Prayer Requests

Healing & Comfort

Mario Alberico
 Brian Aldrich
 Dave & Pat Almblad
 Don & Judy Ayers
 Barbara Berkow
 Wendy Blanck
 Christopher Chuchna — grandson of Bob & Nancy Kret
 Tom Chuchna — son-in-law of Bob & Nancy Kret
 Mary Clarbour
 Nancy Conning
 Carol Dahn
 Alice Davitt — friend of Kris Ward
 Kathy Doering
 Kenyatta Fletcher — friend of Dawn & Lee Bruce
 Richard Ford — friend of Dawn & Lee Bruce
 Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kieपुरa
 Bill Ginnodo
 Dorita & Houston Godfrey
 Mary Jessogne — Sister-in-law of Myrtle Jessogne
 Myrtle Jessogne

Marylyn Jirsa
 Nancy Johnson
 Edie Jolly
 Marjorie Kalivoda
 Sean McClory — friend of Mario Alberico
 John McFayden
 Scott and Laura Morrison — friends of Mario & Claudia Alberico
 Gloria Oak
 Stu Olin
 Jim Richardson — brother of Jan Richardson
 Theresa Scola — friend of Meg Haddad
 Emma Scott — sister-in-law of Richard Scott
 Susan Scott
 Ed Slivovsky
 David Stratton — brother-in-law of Elaine Chen
 Janet Tanner
 Jaquan Thompson
 Dan Tsutsumi
 Wes Upton — friend of Ralph Larsen
 Mick Ward — friend of Kris Ward
 Quintin White — friend of Dawn & Lee Bruce

Sympathy to

The family of **Elaine Best**
 Nancy Conning, on the death of her husband, **Stan Conning**
 Sheila Hall, on the death of her sister, Barbara Robison
 The family of **Betty Lash**
 The family of **Betty Roach**

Congratulations to

Marcia Bennett and Edie Jolly, on the birth of their great-grandson, Oliver Thomas Vuono
Earl and Gloria Oak, on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Austen Lisa DeSilvia
Wayne and Barbara Tsutsumi, on the birth of their granddaughter, Mia Rae Tsutsumi

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

December 4	Christmas Breakfast
December 8	Wednesday@Noon
December 12	Concert Series: Carols from Around the World
December 15	Presbyterian Women's Christmas Gathering
December 19	Cookie Walk
December 19	All-Church Christmas Caroling /Service Sunday
December 24	Christmas Eve Worship at 4:00, 8:00 and 10:00 pm
December 26	Worship Service at 10:30 am Only

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Church Life


November 28, 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.

HANGING OF THE GREENS — Today / 10:30 am Worship Service — This morning our preschoolers - 5th graders will participate in Hanging of the Greens during the 10:30 am worship service. This tradition marks the beginning of Advent and includes adorning the Sanctuary with candles and greens, along with sharing a short liturgy. After the Advent candle lighting and following the first hymn, the kids will come forward to hang the greens and place the battery powered pillar and votive candles. At the conclusion, we will exit the Sanctuary for the remainder of our Sunday school time together.

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST — December 4 / 9:00 am / Fellowship Hall — The Men's Monday Morning Bible Study invites all members of the congregation to the annual Christmas Breakfast served by Scout Troop 32. Come and enjoy food, coffee, fine conversation, fellowship, and Christmas caroling led by Ken Hockenberry. RSVP by Friday, November 26.

 **WEDNESDAY@NOON RECITAL — Wednesday, December 8 / 12:10 pm / Sanctuary** — Join us for an afternoon recital featuring Kris Ward, handbells and Carol Frieberg, piano, playing Christmas favorites.

 **CONCERT SERIES: CAROLS FROM AROUND THE WORLD — Sunday, December 12 / 4:00 pm / Sanctuary** — The Chancel Choir, Men's Chorus, and orchestra provide a concert of seasonal favorites to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Audience participation is encouraged as we raise our voices in singing familiar carols of the season. Come early to get a seat!

Sunday, November 28 — First Sunday of Advent
 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: Revisiting the New Testament — 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 Gathering Time & Sunday School — Room 304, 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)

Upcoming Events

BITE-SIZED MUSIC OPPORTUNITY — *Wednesdays, December 1 and 8 / 7:00-8:00 pm / Choir Auditorium* — We are pleased to offer a short-term singing opportunity for those who cannot make a long-term commitment. Rehearse Wednesday evenings and sing in the choir at the 4:00 pm Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 12. If you are interested or have questions, contact Adam Hendrickson at adamhendrickson@firstpresah.org.

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, and programs for youth and children. 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)

ENGAGE & ENCOUNTER — *Wednesdays, through December 8 / 7:00-8:00 pm / Boardroom / The Power of Poverty* — *Michele Holifield* — As a community of faith, we are called to take care of those who struggle, but when there is so much working against them, what does that mean? How can we change the outcome of people who are stuck in poverty? Come and hear how poverty affects people in the suburbs and how, as a community of faith, we can answer the call to empower those who experience poverty.

PW CIRCLE MEETINGS — Join a Presbyterian Women Circle and get an early start to celebrating Christmas! *Circles 1, 2, 3 / Wednesday, December 8 / 10:00 am* — Circle 1: Will meet in the church Parlor. Refreshments will be served, but please bring your own water. Circle 2: Will meet at the home of Bonnie Schaap, 2935 N. Windsor Dr., Arlington Heights. Circle 3: Will meet at the home of Phyllis Green, 201 N. Vail, #708, Arlington Heights. Circle 7: Tuesday, December 14 / 6:30 pm / Palm Court Restaurant — Circle 7 will meet at Palm Court Restaurant, 1912 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, for dinner and fellowship. Please RSVP for Circle 7 with Karen Wilson, 847-669-2677 or karenw814@comcast.net. Keep an eye out for information on the December PW Gathering coming soon!

PW CHRISTMAS GATHERING — *Wednesday, December 15 / 1:00 pm / Parlor* — You won't want to miss the chance to enjoy the songs of the season presented by the local barbershop quartet, Take Note. Join us in the Parlor for refreshments before moving to the Sanctuary to hear one of the top ten senior quartets in the nation. For more information, contact Betty Launer at blauner2@comcast.net or 847-749-0402. If you cannot make it in person, tune in via livestream at 1:30 pm.

Serving, Giving, and Growing

COFFEE: GROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION AND SERVICE — *Sundays, through May 15 / 10:30-11:30 am / Room 110/112* — This Advent Season, Coffee Grounds will focus on service each Sunday with a different project. Whether or not you will be able to join us, won't you please consider providing some items to help us out as we strive to show love and support to others during this season? We'd love to have you with us in person or in-spirit. November 28 — **CARDS to FIRST PRES SERVICE PEOPLE & FIRST PRES SHUT INS:** We will write cards to let these people know that we are praying and thinking about them this holiday season.

SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION CLASS — *Sundays, through December 19 / 9:00-10:00 am / Boardroom / Revisiting the New Testament* — *Dr. Donald Kaasch* — Join Don Kaasch for a historical return to the Christian canon and how it developed in the first through fourth century.

WAYS TO SUPPORT FAMILIES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON – Your generosity has made an incredible difference in the lives of Firman House and Christopher House families. Please consider supporting any or all of these monetary giving opportunities this holiday season:

- **Firman House Winter Items** – Throughout the month of November and first week of December, you can contribute monetary donations that will go towards purchasing winter items for the families of Firman House. You can donate online (select Firman Winter Items from the dropdown menu) or by check (please indicate Firman House on the memo line). Please contact Kathy Doering at 847-255-4364 or doering.kathy.m@gmail.com with questions.
- **Christopher House Christmas Gifts** – Your monetary donations to the Christopher House Thrive Fund will assist families with rent, utilities payments, and gift cards for families unable to make ends meet. You can donate online (select CH Thrive Fund from the dropdown menu) or by check (please indicate CH Thrive Fund on the memo line). The collection runs through December 2. Please contact Liz Thompson at lizht85@yahoo.com with questions.

THANK YOU FROM FIRMAN AND CHRISTOPHER HOUSES — Your monetary donations for food items made a difference to the families that have been struggling through the current difficult economic times. The total amount collected was \$1121, and was split equally between Firman House and Christopher House. Your donation allows families to have much needed food and supplies this Thanksgiving holiday. Thanks for helping to make a difference in so many ways!

JOIN THE MEN'S BIBLE STUDY! — The Men's Bible Study is meeting every Monday at 8:00 am via Zoom and in person. 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.

Worship Next Sunday

December 5, 2021: Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 am — Worship (Sanctuary)
Music: Compass

10:30 am — Worship (Sanctuary)
Music: Men's Chorus

Preacher: Alex Lang
Scriptures: Luke 1:8-20, Luke 2:22-32
Sermon Title: "Zeal for the Lord"



HAVE YOU TURNED IN YOUR COMMITMENT CARD? — If you have not yet had a chance to turn in your Commitment Card for 2022, you are invited to place your card in the offering plate today. Or, you can drop it off or mail it to the church office, to the attention of Debbie Walter, business administrator. You can also enter your commitment online. Thank you for support!

MARY AND MARTHA'S LENDING CLOSET — The Mary and Martha's Lending Closet is open for business! We have items for your next casual or elegant event. We even have the roaster for your Thanksgiving turkey for those who need more oven space. Cost for borrowing is by donation, and all donations go towards programs that address food insecurity in the Chicagoland area. To reserve your items, send an email to maryandmartha@firstpresah.org. Reserve items now for your holiday gatherings.

FILL OUR FOOD BARRELS! — Please remember our food barrels, which are located 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!

THE CHIMES — The December issue of The Chimes has been mailed out. If you did not receive a copy in the mail, they are available in the literature rack in the back of church or online at firstpresah.org.

THE CHIMES DEADLINE— The deadline for submitting articles for the combined January/February issue of The Chimes is Tuesday, December 14. Submit articles to Mary Fino at maryfino@firstpresah.org

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.