



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME Adam Hendrickson

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE
The Compass Band

✠ **“O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL”** arr. Hendrickson

ANNOUNCEMENTS Alex Lang
Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along to those around you.

LUKE 1:8-20

MESSAGE “Zeal for the Lord” Alex Lang
Scripture: Luke 2:22-32

SONG “Miracles (Someone Special)”
Martin, Berryman, Buckland, Champion, & Anderson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 “Go Light Your World” Chris Rice

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✠ **“PUT A LITTLE LOVE IN YOUR HEART”**
DeShannon, Myers, & Holiday

✠ **BENEDICTION** Alex Lang

✠ Please stand as you are able.

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

WELCOME, GUESTS!

Thank you for worshipping 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

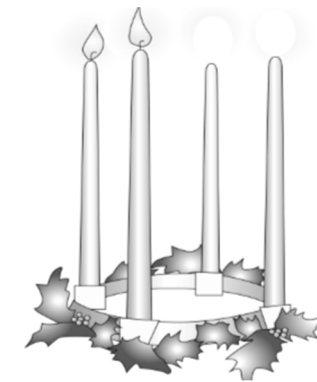
For worship in the Sanctuary, large print bulletins and hearing amplifiers (some with T-Coil lanyard adapters) are available from the ushers.

IMPORTANT WORSHIP REMINDERS

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First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

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Organized in 1855*



“Peace. It does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble, or hard work. It means to be in the midst of those things and still be calm in your heart.”
— Unknown

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**DECEMBER 5, 2021
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Lo! How A Rose E'er Blooming" *Carolyn Hamlin*
The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation for the worship of Almighty God.

WELCOME Alex Lang

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE The Halley Family

✠HYMN 88 (vv. 1, 6, 7) "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Veni Emmanuel

CALL TO CONFESSION Steve Howery

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Peace, we confess to you that we are far from peaceful. We are anxious with worries about our health, our family, our work, our church. We are filled with self-doubt and lack of trust. We allow our fears to dictate the way we live. We strive for things thinking we will find happiness. We disappoint ourselves, our neighbors, and you. We find ourselves stuck in an infinite loop of negativity. Forgive us. Show us how to turn stones that cause anxiety into stones that can build peace. Bring to us a sense of well-being that surpasses any human understandings of peace...

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.
One: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

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

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Steve Howery

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:8-20
(Pew Bible, p. 831) Steve Howery
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "Come, Peace of God" *Eugene Butler*
"Come, peace of God, and dwell again on earth, come with the calm that hailed Thy Prince's birth. Come with the healing of Thy gentle touch, come, peace of God, that this world needs so much. Break every weapon forged in fires of hate; Turn back foe that would assail Thy gate; Where fields of strife lie desolate and bare, take Thy sweet flowers of peace and plant them there. Bring selfish lives from shadowlands of loss into the radiance of the Savior's cross: Where in that gift yet so lone, life finds its brotherhood and love its throne. Come, blessed peace, and when in hush of eve God's benediction falls on souls who grieve; As shines a star when weary day departs, come, peace of God, and rule within our hearts."
Men's Chorus

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:22-32
(Pew Bible, p. 833) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Zeal for the Lord" Alex Lang

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

✠HYMN 148 "Mary and Joseph Came to the Temple" Evening Hymn

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Steve Howery

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OFFERING Alex Lang

OFFERTORY "Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child" *arr. Lloyd Larson*
"Jesus, oh, what a wonderful Child. Jesus, so lowly, meek, and mild. New life, new hope, new joy he brings! Listen to the angels sing, "Glory, to the newborn King!" He was herald by the angels, born in a lowly manger. The virgin Mary was his mother, and Joseph was his earthly father. Three wise men came from afar; they were guided by a shining star, to see King Jesus where he lay in a manger filled with hay."
Men's Chorus

✠DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

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

✠PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

✠HYMN 93 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" Truro

✠BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE "Toccata on 'Veni Emmanuel' " *Page Long*

✠Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Alex Lang

Flowers: Sue Taflinger—In memory of my sisters, Gail & Carol

Pastors: Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson, Steve Howery

Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson

Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban

Praise Band: Compass (9:00 am service)

WORSHIP NOTES
