



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME Adam Hendrickson

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE
The Carlson Family

✦ **“ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH”** Chadwick & Barnes

ANNOUNCEMENTS Adam Hendrickson
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MATTHEW 1:18-20

MESSAGE “Outcast” TC Anderson
Scripture: Luke 1:26-40

SONG “Let Us Adore”
Brown, Ingram, Brock, Furtick, & Joye

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 “Generous Man” Michael Hansen

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦ **“MARY DID YOU KNOW”** Greene & Lowry

✦ **BENEDICTION** TC Anderson

✦ 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;
Katie Walsh, vocals

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

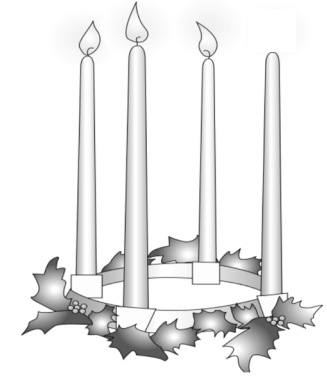
For worship in the Sanctuary, large print bulletins and hearing amplifiers (some with T-Coil lanyard adapters) are available from the ushers.

IMPORTANT WORSHIP REMINDERS

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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Organized in 1855*



“Prophets point in directions no one wants to look.
They hear God when everybody has concluded
that God is silent. Prophets sing God’s song
and sometimes interrupt the program
with a change of tune.”
— Deborah A. Block

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**DECEMBER 12, 2021
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE “Three Hymns of Praise for Advent” *Drummond Wolff*
First Pres Brass and Organ
The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation for the worship of Almighty God.

WELCOME TC Anderson

INTROIT “Everyone Can Sing at Christmas” *Mark Burrows*
“Do you hear the angel chorus singing news of Jesus’ birth? Come along and join the song of joy and peace on earth. Everyone can sing at Christmas, in this season of love and laughter. Everyone can sing at Christmas, and maybe even after. You don’t need to make it perfect. Simply share the joy you bring. Lift your voice, resound, rejoice. God loves it when you sing. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King: let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing.”
Children’s Choir; Nick Pulikowski, director

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE Don & Barb Larson

✠HYMN 104 “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You” Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

CALL TO CONFESSION Adam Hendrickson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, your love for us is unconditional. Even when we miss the mark, you love us. You invite us to share this kind of love with the world. We would rather choose who we love. We are more comfortable establishing boundaries around our love. The world feels safer to us when we can put people into categories and make decisions about who is worthy of our love. Forgive us for loving some and failing to love others. Help us to set aside our fears and our prejudgments. Break down the fences we build around ourselves, and free us to live in your unconditional love and to demonstrate that same love to our world...

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.

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICER

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Adam Hendrickson

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 1:18-20
(Pew Bible, p. 783) Adam Hendrickson
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came” *Susan Labarr*
*“The angel Gabriel from heaven came, His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame:
‘All hail,’ said he, ‘thou lowly maiden Mary, Most highly favour’d lady, Gloria.’
Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head, ‘To me be as it pleaseth God,’ she said,
‘My soul shall laud and magnify His holy Name.’ ‘Most highly favour’d lady, Gloria.’
Of her, Emmanuel the Christ was born In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk through-out the world will ever say,
‘Most highly favour’d lady, Gloria.’ ”*
Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:26-40
(Pew Bible, p. 831) TC Anderson
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “Outcast” TC Anderson

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

✠HYMN 110 “Love Has Come” Bring a Torch

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

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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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Christmas Lullaby” *John Rutter*
*“Clear in the darkness a light shines in Bethlehem: Angels are singing, their sound fills the air. Wise men have journeyed to greet their Messiah; But only a mother and baby lie there. ‘Ave Maria, ave Maria’: Hear the soft lullaby the angel hosts sing.
‘Ave Maria, ave Maria, Maiden, and mother of Jesus our King’. Where are his courtiers, and who are his people? Why does he bear neither scepter nor crown? Shepherds his courtiers, the poor for his people, with peace as his scepter and love for his crown. What though your treasures are not gold or incense?
Lay them before him with hearts full of love. Praise to the Christ child, and praise to his mother who bore us a Saviour by grace from above.”*
Chancel Choir

✠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 119 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” Mendelssohn

✠BENEDICTION TC Anderson

POSTLUDE “Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella” *Keith Chapman*
First Pres Brass and Organ

✠Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: TC Anderson

Flowers: Don & Barb Larson—To celebrate the birthdays of Heather Shaw and Ellery Shaw

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