



**9:00 AM WORSHIP**

**WELCOME** Adam Hendrickson

**LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE**  
The Haines Family

✦ **“HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING”** Wesley & Mendelssohn

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** TC Anderson  
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**MATTHEW 2:13-18**

**MESSAGE** “The Birth Certificate” Alex Lang  
Scripture: Luke 2:1-7

**SONG** “Love is Bigger Than Anything in Its Way”  
Clayton, Evans, Hewson, & Mullen, Jr.

**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** “Prayers of the People” Ben Johnston-Krause

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

✦ **“GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN”** John W. Work, Jr.

✦ **BENEDICTION** Alex Lang

✦ Please stand as you are able.

**Compass:** TC Anderson, guitar/vocals; Amy Carroll, piano; Grace Carroll, vocals; Kevin Carroll, bass; Wes Carroll, piano/trumpet; 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).

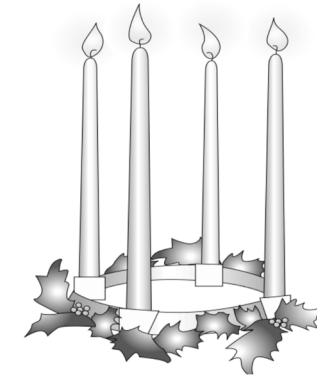
**CLASSES FOR ALL AGES**  
From September through May, Sunday morning Christian education classes are held for all ages. These include classes for preschool, elementary, middle school, and high school students, as well as education and discussion groups for adults. To learn more, visit firstpresah.org 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**  
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

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



“Jesus was not a man *for* others. He was one *with* others.  
There is a world of difference in that.  
Jesus didn't seek the rights of lepers.  
He *touch*ed the leper even before he got around to curing him.  
He didn't champion the cause of the outcast.  
He *was* the outcast.”  
— Gregory Boyle

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**DECEMBER 19, 2021  
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

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

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# 10:30 AM WORSHIP

## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "To the World, Joy!" *G.F. Handel arr. Joel Raney*  
"Manger Child" *arr. Linda Lamb*  
Chancel Handbell Choir; Nick Pulikowski, director  
*The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation  
for the worship of Almighty God.*

WELCOME Alex Lang

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE Kurt Ahlers

✠HYMN 143 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" Regent Square

CALL TO CONFESSION Steve Howery

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**God our Savior, we ask for your mercy. Though we think we know your story, we resist the costs of following you. We pass by those considered lowly in this world. We turn away from hungry people who still wait to be filled. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to work for the justice you intend. Make us messengers of the peace you bring. As we wait for you, turn our apathy into acts of love and service. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.**

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 Alex Lang  
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## HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Steve Howery

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:13-18  
(Pew Bible, p. 784) Steve Howery  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "Coventry Carol" *Darren Herring*  
*"Lully lullay, thou little tiny child, By, by, lully, lullay. Oh, sisters too, how may we do,  
For to preserve this day, This poor youngling for whom we sing, By, by, lully, lullay.  
Herod the king, in his raging, Charged he hath this day, His men of might in his own sight,  
All children to slay. That woe is me, Poor child for thee! And ever morn and day,  
For thy parting neither say nor sing, By, by, lully, lullay!"*  
Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:1-7  
(Pew Bible, p. 832) Alex Lang  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "The Birth Certificate" Alex Lang

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

✠HYMN 121 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" St Louis

## GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Steve Howery

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 "Once in Royal David's City" *John Leavitt*  
*"Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, Where a mother laid her Baby in  
a manger for His bed. Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her only Child.  
He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all, And His shelter was a  
stable, And His cradle was a stall. With the poor and mean and low lived our Savior  
long ago. But our eyes in truth should see Him through His own redeeming love;  
For that Child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above. As He leads His children on  
to the place where He is gone. Not in that poor lowly stable with the oxen standing by,  
shall we see Him, but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high.  
Then like stars His children, crowned, All in white, His praise will sound!"*  
Chancel Choir and Chancel Handbell 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 136 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" Go Tell It

✠BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE "Joy to the World!" *Carolyn Hamlin*

✠Please stand as you are able.

**Preaching:** Alex Lang  
**Flowers:** **Kathy Doering, Steve & JoAnne Doering, and Amy & Drew Tanner**—Happy birthday Jim  
**Earl and Gloria Oak**—Celebrating our anniversary  
**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