

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*



“In all the places you find love, it feels like Christmas.
The message, if we hear it, is make it last all year.”
— Paul Williams

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 26, 2021
10:30 AM

Choose love. Be the light. Change the world.

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Greensleeves" *Richard Purvis*
The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation for the worship of Almighty God.

WELCOME Steve Howery

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Glory be to God in the highest,
All: and on earth peace, goodwill toward those he favors.
One: For unto us is born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.
All: Let us worship God!

✦ HYMN 150 "As With Gladness Men of Old" Dix

CALL TO CONFESSION Alex Lang

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we confess that our lack of faith has made us fearful. May your angels sing again to us of peace for body and soul. We acknowledge that we have foolishly let our desires lead us astray. May your star once more set our course firmly in your direction. May your manger call us again to expressions of love and devotion. May the Magi show us the spirit of giving. Lord, may your Spirit linger in our hearts and bring renewal in our lives...

SILENT CONFESSION

...in Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

✦ GLORY TO GOD (Hymn 583)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

COMMUNITY LIFE

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

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Alex Lang

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Daniel 7:9-14
(Pew Bible, p. 724) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "Welcome to Our World" *Chris Rice*
"Tears are falling, hearts are breaking, How we need to hear from God, You've been promised, we've been waiting, Welcome Holy Child. Hope that You don't mind our manger, How I wish we could have known, But long-awaited Holy Stranger, Make Yourself at home, Please make Yourself at home. Fragile finger sent to heal us, Tender brow prepared for thorn, Tiny heart whose blood will save us, Unto us is born. So wrap our injured flesh around You, Breathe our air and walk our sod, Rob our sins and make us holy, Perfect Son of God. Welcome to our world."
Greg Schultz, soloist

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Mark 10:41-45
(Pew Bible, p. 823) Steve Howery
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "The Human One" Steve Howery

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

✦ HYMN 630 "Fairest Lord Jesus" Crusaders' Hymn

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Alex Lang

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Larghetto from Flute Sonata V in C Major" *G. F. Handel*
Greg Schultz, recorder

✦ 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 144 "In the Bleak Midwinter" Cranham

✦ BENEDICTION Steve Howery

POSTLUDE "Toccatina on 'Adeste Fideles'" *Richard Purvis*

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Steve Howery

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

Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson

Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban

WORSHIP NOTES