

Prayer Requests

Healing & Comfort

Mario Alberico
 Brian Aldrich
 Dave & Pat Almblad
 Don & Judy Ayers
 Barbara Berkow
 Wendy Blanck
 Danielle Christian — niece of Bill Christian
 Christopher Chuchna—grandson of Bob and Nancy Kret
 Mary Clarbour
 Nancy Conning
 Carol Dahn
 Alice Davitt — friend of Kris Ward
 Kenyatta Fletcher — friend of Dawn & Lee Bruce
 Richard Ford — friend of Dawn & Lee Bruce
 Bobbie Freres
 Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kiepora
 Dorita & Houston Godfrey
 Judy Hockenberry
 Mary Jessogne — Sister-in-law of Myrtle Jessogne
 Myrtle Jessogne
 Marylyn Jirsa
 Nancy Johnson

Marjorie Kalivoda
 Kim — friend of the Rasmussen family
 Sean McClory — friend of Mario Alberico
 John McFayden
 Scott and Laura Morrison — friends of Mario & Claudia Alberico
 Gloria Oak
 Stu Olin
 Barrett Peterson
 Jim Richardson — brother of Jan Richardson
 Theresa Scola — friend of Meg Haddad
 Emma Scott — sister-in-law of Richard Scott
 Susan Scott
 Ed Slivovsky
 Rev. Joel Stevenor
 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
 Jenell Wetzell
 Quintin White — friend of Dawn & Lee Bruce

Sympathy to

Cathy Williams and family, on the death of her father

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

January 5	Wednesday@Noon
January 5	Family Night Programming Returns
January 7	Jan's Jam
January 8	Undecorate the Church
January 16 & 17	MLK, Jr. Annual Day of Service
January 18-25	International Week of Prayer
January 23	Taize Service

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Church Life

January 2, 2022

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.



HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE — The office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, January 3, in observance of the holidays.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION for adults will return Sunday, January 2, from 9:00 to 10:00 am (see inside panel for more information). Education for youth and children will resume Sunday, January 9, from 10:30 to 11:30 am.

NURSERY CARE RETURNS TO THE RED ROOM — *Today* — Nursery and toddler childcare returns to the Red Room, located on the main level of the CE Wing. Childcare is offered from 8:45-11:45 am during worship.

SUBMIT PRAYER REQUESTS TODAY — Starting January 18, we will join Christians around the world in observing the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*. In preparation for the observance, we have provided prayer cards in the pews for you to submit prayer requests and concerns. Fill out the card, drop it in the offering plate and join us starting January 18, as we pray with and for our congregation, our nation, and our world. Prayer requests can also be submitted online at firstpresah.org/prayer.

WEDNESDAY@NOON RECITAL — *Wednesday, January 5 / 12:10 pm / Sanctuary* — Join us for an afternoon recital featuring Andrew Orals, violin and Christopher Urban, organ, presenting music of the season.

HELP UNDECORATE THE CHURCH — *Saturday, January 8 / 9:30 am* — Many thanks to Presbyterian Women and all who contributed time and funds to decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. Just like at home, what goes up, must come down! All are invited to join the effort to take down the wonderful decorations and put them away for next year, on Saturday morning, January 8. Gather in the Narthex to “undecorate”! There will be time to visit and meet others you have not met before. Any amount of time you can give is much appreciated!

Sunday, January 2 — Second Sunday of Christmas
 8:45 am – 11:45 am — Child care (infants – 4 years) — Room 209/211 (Red Room), Main Floor Christian Education (CE) Wing
 9:00 am **Worship** — Sanctuary
 9:00 am Adult Education: Follow Me: Practice Spiritual Disciplines — Boardroom
 9:45 am Adult Choir Rehearsal — Choir Auditorium
 10:30 am **Worship** — Sanctuary

Upcoming Events

FAMILY NIGHT PROGRAMMING RESUMES WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5 — *Wednesdays, September through May / 6:00-8:00 pm* — 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: *God Talk: How Other Faiths Talk About God* — *Wednesdays, January 5 - January 26 / 7:00 pm / Sanctuary* — A complement to our January sermon series where we will look at how the Christian faith thinks about God, this class will look at how other faiths talk about God. Each week we will have a guest speaker from a different religion. January 5: Judaism; January 12: Hinduism; January 19: Mormonism; and January 26: Islam. Each session will include an interview of the faith leader, followed by a time of questions and deeper discussion from the audience. Come and learn how other faiths talk about God!

SUNDAY ADULT ED BEGINS TODAY — *Follow Me: Practice Spiritual Disciplines* — *Sundays, January 2 - January 30 (no class January 16) / 9:00 am / Boardroom* — Join SarahBeth Speciale, First Pres member and chair of Community Life & Education, for a series of classes on Hope. Christian hope is found in the ever-present God, who is always with us. Our hope comes from and is Jesus Christ. SarahBeth will be using the *Follow Me* curriculum to explore what the Bible says about Hearing Hope, Seeing Hope, Offering and Receiving Hope, and Proclaiming Hope.

RESTAURANT WALK — *Sign-up throughout January* — Our popular Restaurant Walk returns for a second session. Sign-up begins January 9, with meals taking place in February. We'll gather in groups of eight and dine at Javier's (8 W. Miner, Arlington Heights). Come meet some new people and support our local businesses. Contact TC Anderson at tcanderson@firstpresah.org with questions.

JAN'S JAM — The Youth Ministries annual Jan's Jam is coming Friday, January 7. Youth from 6th grade through college will be invited to participate in this bus lock-in, where we go to several different fun locations throughout the evening. Past years have included K1 Speed, trampoline parks, skating rinks, laser tag, GameWorks, The Main Event and much more. Make sure to mark your calendars and be on the lookout for more information.

Serving, Giving, and Growing

COFFEE: GROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION AND SERVICE — *Sundays, through May 15 / 10:30-11:30 am / Room 110/112* — Coffee Grounds will take a break for the holidays and return on Sunday, January 9. Coffee: Grounds for Discussion and Service is a member-led Sunday morning group that meets on the lower level of the Education Wing at 10:30 am. Bring your own coffee and your mask. Stay tuned for new study information coming soon! Contact Kelly Dean at k_p_dean@hotmail.com.

THERMAL GLOVE AND SOCK DRIVE — *Through January* — Join The Bridge as they sponsor a glove and sock drive in the month of January. Donated items will be given to the Night Ministry in Chicago to provide warmth for the homeless. A collection barrel is located in the Narthex. Please contact Kelly Dean at k_p_dean@hotmail.com with any questions.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ANNUAL DAY OF SERVICE — *Sunday, January 16 and Monday, January 17* — Stone Catchers will be collecting nonperishable food to donate to local food pantries in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. You may drop donations off on Sunday during regular church hours or on Monday, from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, by pulling up to Door 1 on Dunton Avenue. If you have any questions, please contact Michele Holifield at micheleholifield@firstpresah.org.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY — *Tuesday, January 18-Sunday, January 23* — Join Christians around the world in observing the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Submit prayer requests in worship starting today or online at firstpresah.org/prayer, and then come to the Sanctuary

January 18-23 to pray over the submitted requests. Prayer times:

Tuesday, January 18, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, January 19, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Thursday, January 20, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Friday, January 21, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Saturday, January 22, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Contact Chris Urban at chrisurban@firstpresah.org for more information.

TAIZE SERVICE — *Sunday, January 23 / 5:00 pm / Sanctuary* — Experience a moving service of music, prayer, contemplation, and candle-light as we close our observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Contact Chris Urban at chrisurban@firstpresah.org for more information.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE — On December 10, a series of tornados stormed through several states. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) immediately activated their response to aid areas devastated by these storms. Particularly devastated was the town of Mayfield, Kentucky. First Presbyterian Church of Mayfield's building was completely destroyed. You can donate to both Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and First Pres Mayfield by donating online or sending a check to our church office (designate tornado relief). The Mission Committee will send 75% of the donated money to PDA and 25% will be sent directly to the Session of First Pres Mayfield to aid in their rebuilding. If you have questions, please contact Kim Hogan at k_hogan2003@yahoo.com or Michele Holifield at micheleholifield@firstpresah.org.

Worship Next Sunday

January 9, 2022: Third Sunday of Christmas

9:00 am — **Worship** (Sanctuary)

Music: Compass

10:30 am — **Worship** (Sanctuary)

Music: Chancel Choir

Preacher: Alex Lang

Scriptures: 2 Samuel 21:1-6, 14; Matthew 19:16-30

Sermon Series: Top 5: What Every Christian Should Know About God

Sermon Title: "4. God Does Not Cause Our Suffering"



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 it in the offering plate. 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 your support!

PADS HELP NEEDED! — The First Pres PADS site re-opened in November. We are in need of food and monetary donations each week. You can support the PADS program by signing up to donate food or make a monetary donation. Interested in volunteering at the PADS site? We have shift openings each week. No experience necessary – a caring heart is all that is needed. If you have questions about the First Pres PADS program, send an email to pads@firstpresah.org. PADS coordinators for this year are Amy Hempleman, Cathy Mataloni, and Michele Holifield. Thank you for your continued support of this vital program in our community.

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 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.

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!