

# Prayer Requests

## Healing & Comfort

Mario Alberico  
 Brian Aldrich  
 Dave & Pat Almblad  
 TC Anderson  
 Don & Judy Ayers  
 Barbara Berkow  
 Wendy Blanck  
 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 Kieपुरa  
 Dorita & Houston Godfrey  
 Judy Hockenberry  
 Mary Jessogne — Sister-in-law of Myrtle Jessogne  
 Myrtle Jessogne  
 Marylyn Jirsa  
 Nancy Johnson

Marjorie Kalivoda  
 Sean McClory — friend of Mario Alberico  
 John McFayden  
 Scott and Laura Morrison — friends of Mario & Claudia Alberico  
 Gloria Oak  
 Stu Olin  
 Jim Richardson — brother of Jan Richardson  
 Theresa Scola — friend of Meg Haddad  
 Emma Scott — sister-in-law of Richard Scott  
 Susan Scott  
 Ed Slivovsky  
 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

Bob Ahrens, on the death of his wife, Nancy Ahrens  
 Ellen Anderson and family, on the death of her father, Jerry Brault

## 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

## STAFF

**Pastor / Head of Staff:** Alex Lang  
**Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care:** Judy Hockenberry  
**Associate Pastor for Children, Youth, and Families:** TC Anderson  
**Pastor Emeritus:** Harry Thompson  
**Associate Pastor Emerita:** Dianne Shields  
**Director of Children's Ministries:** Katy Allen  
**Director of Music and Worship:** Adam Hendrickson  
**Associate Director of Music and Organist:** Christopher Urban  
**Worship Technicians:** Amy Senior, Jonah White

**Business Administrator:** Debbie Walter  
**Senior Administrative Assistant:** Mary Fino  
**Administrative Assistant / Receptionist:** Carol Vega  
**Facilities Director:** Tony Scheurich  
**Facilities Coordinator:** Michele Holifield  
**Director of First Pres PDO & Preschool:** Coleen Anzalone  
**Nursery Coordinator:** Beth Johnson  
**Volunteer Librarians:** Bob Hanlon, Mary Hebden, Barbara MacDowall, Matt Meisterheim

## Save the Date

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|-------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Today       | Concert Series: Carols from Around the World     |
| December 15 | Presbyterian Women's Christmas Gathering         |
| December 19 | Cookie Walk                                      |
| December 19 | All-Church Christmas Caroling / Service Sunday   |
| December 24 | Christmas Eve Worship at 4:00, 8:00 and 10:00 pm |
| December 26 | Worship Service at 10:30 am Only                 |

**LIVE WEBCAST & WORSHIP RECORDINGS** — Services are webcast live at [firstpresah.org/experience/livestream](http://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](http://firstpresah.org/experience/sermons). If you need help with technical problems, please send an e-mail to [webcasting@firstpresah.org](mailto:webcasting@firstpresah.org).

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# Church Life

December 12, 2021

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.

**SESSION SURVEY** — Today you will find a survey in your bulletin from the Session. Please complete the survey and drop it into a basket at the back as you leave. The survey is meant to be anonymous, so please do not include your name. The survey is designed to help Session better understand how the congregation views the Christian faith. This feedback will assist church leaders with the strategic goals in the coming year. Thank you for giving us your feedback! —Laura Carlson, Clerk of Session

**CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING** — We will be receiving the Christmas Joy Offering each Sunday in December and at the Christmas Eve services. This offering is divided so half is used to support mission and church workers who have retired with modest pensions or others who are experiencing emergency needs. The other portion is directed for support of Presbyterian-related schools and colleges in communities of color. Thank you for your support.



**CONCERT SERIES: CAROLS FROM AROUND THE WORLD** — Today / 4:00 pm / Sanctuary — The Chancel Choir, Men's Chorus, and orchestra provide a concert of seasonal favorites to celebrate the birth of

Jesus. Audience participation is encouraged as we raise our voices in singing familiar carols of the season. Come early to get a seat!

## Sunday, December 12 — Third Sunday of Advent

8:45 am – 11:45 am — Child care (infants – 4 years) — Room 205/207 (Blue Room), Main Floor Christian Education (CE) Wing  
 9:00 am **Worship** — Sanctuary  
 9:00 am Adult Education: Revisiting the New Testament — Boardroom  
 10:00 am Adult Choir Rehearsal — Choir Auditorium  
 10:30 am **Worship** — Sanctuary  
 10:30 am Coffee: Grounds for Discussion & Service — Room 110/112  
 10:30 am Preschool (3- & 4-year-old) Sunday School — Room 206 (Green Room), Main Floor CE Wing  
 10:30 am K-5th Grade Gathering Time & Sunday School — Room 304, CE Wing  
 10:30 am Y-Search (Grades 6 & 7) — Room 105/107, (Middle School Lounge)  
 10:30 am Confirmation (Grade 8) — Room 109/111, Lower Level CE Wing  
 10:30 am High School Sunday School (Grades 9-12) — Room 301/303, (High School Lounge)  
 4:00 pm Concert Series: Carols From Around the World — Sanctuary  
 6:00 pm HSYG — HS Lounge, Gym

## Upcoming Events

**COOKIE WALK** — *Next Sunday, December 19 / Parlor* — Support Youth Ministries by participating in this delicious event. Stop in the Parlor after each service to select cookies for each \$5-per-box donation!



**ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS CAROLING** — *Next Sunday, December 19 / 4:00 pm / Parlor* — Everyone is invited to help spread Christmas cheer at our All-Church Caroling event next Sunday, December 19.

We will gather in the Parlor at 4:00 pm to meet one another and gather into groups. Everyone will return to church by 6:00 pm for a pizza dinner and fellowship. Contact Katy Allen at [katyallen@firstpresah.org](mailto:katyallen@firstpresah.org) for more details.

### FAMILY NIGHT CHRISTMAS DINNER & CELEBRATION —

*December 15 / 6:00-7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall* — Enjoy a wonderful holiday dinner and fellowship, featuring special Christmas activities for everyone, including children and middle school youth. **Menu:** Baked Ham, Pork Tenderloin, Green Beans, Twice-Baked Potatoes, and Mashed Potatoes!

**FAMILY NIGHT PROGRAMMING** — Regular programming for Family Night is on break and will resume on January 5.

### LOOKING AHEAD: ENGAGE & ENCOUNTER COMING IN

**JANUARY: God Talk: How Other Faiths Talk About God** — *Sundays, January 5-January 26 / 7:00 pm / Sanctuary* — Join us each week for a look at how other faiths talk about God. Scheduled speakers are January 5: Rabbi Poupke (Judaism), January 12: Jaini Mody (Hinduism), January 19: Jonathan Thomas (Mormonism), and January 26: Imam El-Amin (Islam).

### LOOKING AHEAD: SUNDAY ADULT ED COMING IN JANUARY:

**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 for 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.

#### CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

*All Christmas Eve services will be webcast at [firstpresah.org/experiencelivestream/](http://firstpresah.org/experiencelivestream/)*

#### **Christmas Eve — Saturday, December 24**

**4:00 pm: Christmas Pageant & Candlelight**  
*Featuring children in preschool through fifth grade and the First Pres Children's Choir*

**8:00 pm: Lessons, Carols & Candlelight**  
*Featuring the Chancel Choir*

**10:00 pm: Communion & Candlelight**  
*Featuring High School & College Ensemble*



## Serving, Giving, and Growing

**COFFEE: GROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION AND SERVICE** — *Sundays, through May 15 / 10:30-11:30 am / Room 110/112* — This Advent Season, Coffee Grounds will focus on service each Sunday with a different project. We'd love to have you with us in person or in-spirit. **December 12: COATS ON POLES** — We will gather to add labels to gently used coats. We then will go out into the Arlington Heights downtown area to hang them on poles for those who might be out in the cold and in need of a coat. If you'd like to donate a coat, email Kelly Dean at [k\\_p\\_dean@hotmail.com](mailto:k_p_dean@hotmail.com).

**SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION CLASS** — *Sundays, through December 19 / 9:00-10:00 am / Boardroom / Revisiting the New Testament* — **Dr. Donald Kaasch** — Join Don Kaasch for a historical return to the Christian canon and how it developed in the first through fourth century.

**PW CIRCLE MEETING** — **Circle 7: Tuesday, December 14 / 6:30 pm / Palm Court Restaurant** — Circle 7 will meet at Palm Court Restaurant, 1912 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, for dinner and fellowship. Please RSVP for Circle 7 with Karen Wilson, 847-669-2677 or [karenw814@comcast.net](mailto:karenw814@comcast.net).

**PW CHRISTMAS GATHERING** — *Wednesday, December 15 / 1:00 pm / Parlor* — You won't want to miss the chance to enjoy the songs of the season presented by the local barbershop quartet, Take Note. Join us in the Parlor for refreshments before moving to the Sanctuary to hear one of the top ten senior quartets in the nation. For more information, contact Betty Launer at [blauner2@comcast.net](mailto:blauner2@comcast.net) or 847-749-0402. If you cannot make it in person, tune in via livestream at 1:30 pm.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!** — Thank you to the many volunteers who came out to decorate our church for Advent and Christmas. Many hands made light work! Enjoy the beauty of the season, but don't forget—we will meet, once again, on **January 8 at 9:30 am**, to take down and store all the decorations. Mark your calendar now!

**refugeeONE KITCHEN KITS FOR REFUGEE ONE** — The Mission Committee is partnering with RefugeeOne during the Advent season to assemble kitchen kits for refugee families. You can participate by taking a tag from the tree in the Narthex on Sunday mornings, and returning the item on the tag to the church by **December 19**. There will be a table in the Narthex on Sunday mornings and inside Door 9 during the week. If you are unable to attend in-person worship and would like to participate, please contact Michele Holifield at [micheleholifield@firstpresah.org](mailto:micheleholifield@firstpresah.org).

As the largest resettlement agency in Illinois, RefugeeOne has welcomed more than 18,000 refugees since 1982. RefugeeOne walks alongside refugees from the moment they land at O'Hare International Airport—welcoming them to Chicago and providing furnished apartments, English classes, job search support, mental health care, youth programming, and mentors to help them adjust to life in the US. The kitchen kits are the beginning of what we hope will be a partnership between First Pres and RefugeeOne. Look for information in the new year on how to be involved in co-sponsoring a refugee family.

## Worship Next Sunday

### December 19, 2021: Fourth Sunday of Advent

**9:00 am — Worship** (Sanctuary)

*Music:* Compass

**10:30 am — Worship** (Sanctuary)

*Music:* Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir

*Preacher:* Alex Lang

*Scriptures:* Matthew 2:13-18, Luke 2:1-7

*Sermon Title:* "The Birth Certificate"

**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!



**THE CHIMES DEADLINE**— The deadline for submitting articles for the January issue of The Chimes is Tuesday, December 14. Submit articles to Mary Fino at [maryfino@firstpresah.org](mailto:maryfino@firstpresah.org)

**PADS HELP NEEDED!** — The First Pres PADS site re-opened on Tuesday, November 30. 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](mailto: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](mailto:maryandmartha@firstpresah.org). Reserve items now for your holiday gatherings.

**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!