

Prayer Requests

Healing & Comfort

Mario Alberico
 Brian Aldrich
 Dave & Pat Almblad
 TC Anderson
 Don & Judy Ayers
 Barbara Berkow
 Wendy Blanck
 Christopher Chuchna — grandson of Bob & 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 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
 Quintin White — friend of Dawn & Lee Bruce

Sympathy to

Ellen Anderson and family, on the death of her father, Jerry Brault
 The family of **Edie Jolly**

Congratulations to

Rick and Laura Liston, on the birth of their grandson, Miles Lennon Liston

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

December 8	Wednesday@Noon
December 12	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. 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. If you need help with technical problems, please send an e-mail to webcasting@firstpresah.org.

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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!



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Church Life

December 5, 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.

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.



WEDNESDAY@NOON RECITAL — *Wednesday, December 8 / 12:10 pm / Sanctuary* — Join us for an afternoon recital featuring Kris Ward, handbells and Carol Frieburg, piano, playing Christmas favorites.



CONCERT SERIES: CAROLS FROM AROUND THE WORLD — *Sunday, December 12 / 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 5 — Second 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
 9:00 am Pneuma: A Community to Refresh Your Spirit — Library
 10:00 am Adult Choir Rehearsal — Choir Auditorium
 10:30 am **Worship** — Sanctuary
 10:30 am Coffee: Grounds for Discussion & Service — Room 110/112
 9:00 am Pneuma: A Community to Refresh Your Spirit — Library
 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)
 12:00 pm Session Admin Meeting — Parlor
 2:00 pm Troop 32 Eagle Court of Honor — Sanctuary
 3:00 pm Troop 32 Eagle Court of Honor Reception — Parlor

Upcoming Events

BITE-SIZED MUSIC OPPORTUNITY — *Wednesday, December 8 / 7:00-8:00 pm / Choir Auditorium* — Rehearse Wednesday evening and sing in the choir at the 4:00 pm Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 12. If you are interested or have questions, contact Adam Hendrickson at adamhendrickson@firstpresah.org.

FAMILY NIGHT PROGRAMMING — *Wednesdays / 6:00-8:00 pm / September through May* — 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 — *Final Class Wednesdays, December 8 / 7:00-8:00 pm / Boardroom / The Power of Poverty* — Michele Holifield — As a community of faith, we are called to take care of those who struggle, but when there is so much working against them, what does that mean? How can we change the outcome of people who are stuck in poverty? Come and hear how poverty affects people in the suburbs and how, as a community of faith, we can answer the call to empower those who experience poverty.

SAVE THE DATE: 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!

COOKIE WALK — *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 — *Sunday, December 19 / 4:00 pm / Parlor* — Everyone is invited to help spread Christmas cheer at our All-Church Caroling event on 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 for more details.



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 5 — **BAGS for the HOMELESS:** We will fill small bags with items and divide them up among us to keep in our cars to give to people who seem that they could use a little something extra.

COATS ON POLES PROJECT — For the last six years, members of The Bridge have conducted a project that has become known as Coats on Poles. Members of the group tie coats to poles in downtown Arlington Heights for those in need of a warm, gently used winter coat. This year, *would you please consider donating a coat?* You can drop them off in Room 110/112 in the CE Wing or you can contact Kelly Dean at k_p_dean@hotmail.com. On Sunday, December 12, members of The Bridge will hang the coats around town!

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.

PNEUMA: A COMMUNITY TO REFRESH YOUR SPIRIT — *Today, December 5 / 9:00 or 10:30 am / Library OR Wednesday, December 8 / 7:00 pm / Parlor* — Pneuma is a group open to anyone interested in getting to know people, at flexible times, while growing in faith. We will meet for study and discussion and gather socially once a month. Please pop in and join at any ONE of the three times. The same lesson will be used each time, so you only need to plan to attend one gathering plus the social event. Contact SarahBeth at sbsp96@me.com for more information. We hope to see you there!

PW CIRCLE MEETINGS — Join a Presbyterian Women Circle and get an early start to celebrating Christmas! **Circles 1, 2, 3 / Wednesday, December 8 / 10:00 am** — **Circle 1:** Will meet in the church Parlor. Refreshments will be served, but please bring your own water. **Circle 2:** Will meet at the home of Bonnie Schaap, 2935 N. Windsor Dr., Arlington Heights. **Circle 3:** Will meet at the home of Phyllis Green, 201 N. Vail, #708, Arlington Heights. **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.

refugeeONE KITCHEN KITS FOR REFUGEEONE — 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. 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. If you are unable to attend in-person worship and would like to participate, please contact Michele Holifield at micheleholifield@firstpresah.org.

Worship Next Sunday

December 12, 2021: Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 am — Worship (Sanctuary)

Music: Compass

10:30 am — Worship (Sanctuary)

Music: Chancel Choir, Children's Choir and First Pres Brass

Preacher: TC Anderson

Scriptures: Matthew 1:18-20, Luke 1:26-40

Sermon Title: "Outcast"

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 blauer2@comcast.net or 847-749-0402. If you cannot make it in person, tune in via livestream at 1:30 pm.

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 support!

THE CHIMES DEADLINE — The deadline for submitting articles for the combined January/February issue of The Chimes is Tuesday, December 14. Submit articles to Mary Fino at maryfino@firstpresah.org

THANK YOU! — The beauty throughout our church each week and during the Christmas season is made possible by all who donate money and time to make that happen. Thank you for your generosity and for supporting the flower fund.

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. 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. Reserve items now for your holiday gatherings.