



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME

Adam Hendrickson

Join Christians around the world in observing the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. You will find prayer cards in the pew to submit prayer requests. Just place the cards in the offering plate and read in Church Life how you can participate starting January 18.

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O taste and see that the Lord is good;
All: **happy are those who take refuge in him.**
One: O fear the Lord, you his holy ones.
All: **Those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**
One: Let us worship God!

✦ “HOW GREAT THOU ART”

arr. Hendrickson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TC Anderson

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

2 SAMUEL 21:1-6, 14

MESSAGE “4. God Does Not Cause Our Suffering” Alex Lang
Scripture: Matthew 19:16-30

SHARING OUR GIFTS

“Shelter”
Lowell, Haseltine, Odmak, & Mason

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

One: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: **We lift them to the Lord.**
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

CLOSING PRAYER

✦ “BLESSED BE YOUR NAME” *Beth and Matt Redman*

✦ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Compass: TC Anderson, guitar/vocals; Dan Berg, guitar; Amy Carroll, keyboard; Kevin Carroll, bass; AJ Coleman, drums; Adam Hendrickson, guitar/vocals; Greg Schultz, saxophone; Katie Walsh, vocals

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*



“Our heavenly Father understands our disappointment, suffering, pain, fear, and doubt. He is always there to encourage our hearts and help us understand that He's sufficient for all of our needs. When I accepted this as an absolute truth in my life, I found that my worrying stopped.” — Charles Stanley

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**JANUARY 9, 2022
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "We Three Kings" *arr. Matt Riley*
Andrew Orals, violin

*The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation
for the worship of Almighty God.*

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✦HYMN 475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Nettleton

CALL TO CONFESSION Steve Howery

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we find ourselves in the midst of a world of suffering. So many people struggle with illness, disease, starvation, abuse and homelessness. Forgive our apathy towards those who struggle. Forgive us when we turn a blind eye to the suffering of our neighbors. Help us to be your hands and feet in the world to alleviate the hardships of those who lack the resources to help themselves...

SILENT CONFESSION

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

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

✦GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.**

COMMUNITY LIFE

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Steve Howery

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 2 Samuel 21:1-6,14
(Pew Bible, p. 258) Steve Howery
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 19:16-30
(Pew Bible, p. 800) Alex Lang
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SERMON "4. God Does Not Cause Our Suffering" Alex Lang

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

✦HYMN 684 "Faith Begins by Letting Go" Lux Prima

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "The Call" *Z. Randall Stroope*
*"Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a Life, as killeth death.*

*Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest.*

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as joys in love."*
Chancel Choir

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

THE THANKSGIVING

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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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

✦HYMN 450 "Be Thou My Vision" Slane

✦BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE "Fanfare" *Paul Dukas*

✦Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Alex Lang

Flowers: Carolyn Schmidt—Remembering Keith

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