



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME Adam Hendrickson

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We will call upon the Lord.
All: **The Lord will redeem us.**
One: Cast your burdens upon the Lord.
All: **God will sustain us.**
One: Come, let us worship God.

✦ “OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART” Paul Baloche

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

MARK 5:24B-34

MESSAGE “2. Prayer Doesn’t Change God” Alex Lang
Scripture: Genesis 18:20-33

SONG “Down to the River to Pray” arr. Eric Bright

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE TC Anderson

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.

SHARING OUR GIFTS “Prayers of the People” Ben Johnston-Krause

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦ “I WILL FOLLOW” Tomlin, Ingram, & Morgan

✦ 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

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

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“Prayer does not change God; it changes me. The prayer preceding all prayers is, ‘May it be the real I who speaks. May it be the real Thou I speak to.’”
— C.S. Lewis

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**JANUARY 23, 2022
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

Choose bve .Be the light.Change the w orld .

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Beside Still Waters" *Joe Utterback*
The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation for the worship of Almighty God.

WELCOME Alex Lang

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✠HYMN 412 "God, Reveal Your Presence" Arnsberg

CALL TO CONFESSION Steve Howery

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, forgive us when we fail to understand your invitation to transform our lives and our world through prayer. You have planted many spiritual seeds for us to uncover, and still, we look in ways that are quick and fruitless. Remind us that prayer is not solely a gift of praise for you, but also from you. For us, that we might be transformed, filled with heavenly light. Illuminated, to bring the healing power of your love to those in need...

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

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

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Steve Howery

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Mark 5:24b-34
(Pew Bible, p. 816) Steve Howery
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "Create in Me a Clean Heart" *John Leavitt*
"Create in me a clean heart, O God; And renew a right spirit in me. Cast me not away from Your presence Lord; Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Grant a willing spirit to sustain me. Create in me a clean heart, O God; And renew a right spirit in me. My lips, Lord, open, and I'll sing Your praise. Alleluia, Amen."
Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 18:20-33
(Pew Bible, p. 12) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "2. Prayer Doesn't Change God" Alex Lang

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

✠HYMN 465 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Converse

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Steve Howery

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For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Down to the River to Pray" *Mary McDonald*
"As I went down to the river to pray, studying about that good ole way and who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way. O brother, let's go down, come on down, down to the river to pray. O Lord, listen to your children prayin'. O Lord, send your Spirit in this place. O Lord, listen to your children prayin', send us love, send us power, send us grace. Something's gonna happen like the world has never known, when the people of the Lord get down to pray. A door's gonna swing open and the walls come atumblin' down, when the people of the Lord get down to pray."
Chancel Choir

✠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 846 "Fight the Good Fight" Duke Street

✠BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE "Voluntary on 'Duke Street'" *Charles Callahan*

✠Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Alex Lang

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