

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
 Marilyn Colangelo — friend of Jan Niemeyer
 Nancy Conning
 Carol Dahn
 Kenyatta Fletcher — friend of Dawn & Lee Bruce
 Richard Ford — friend of Dawn & Lee Bruce
 Bobbie Freres
 Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kiepura
 Dorita & Houston Godfrey
 Bill Hamilton
 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
 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

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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Volunteer Librarian: Matt Meisterheim

Save the Date

January 17	MLK, Jr. Annual Day of Service
January 18-23	International Week of Prayer
January 23	Hearing Loop Workshop
January 23	Taize Service
February 2	Wednesday@Noon Recital
February 13	Valentine's Day Out
February 13	37th Annual Organ Fest
February 26	Bernie's Book Bank

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.

GET CONNECTED — Join the conversation on Facebook, at facebook.com/firstpresah; Twitter, at @FirstPresAH; and Instagram, at @firstpresah. Download the free ACS Church Life app or visit the website to access the church directory or manage your giving online. Simply set up a user account at firstpresah.org under the Member Login tab to get started. We look forward to connecting with you!



Choose love. Be the light. Change the world.

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Church Life

January 9, 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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION for youth and children will resume today, from 10:30-11:30 am.

NURSERY CARE RETURNS TO THE RED ROOM — 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. (See inside for more details.)

BLANKET DRIVE SPECIAL OFFERING — *January 16* — PW will be sponsoring a special offering for the Blanket Drive through Church World Services (CWS). CWS Blankets program was created to give a kind, loving and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone. Each \$10 gift provides a blanket and enables someone to see and feel God's love in their lives. Donations may be made by check payable to First Presbyterian Church (indicate Blanket Drive in the memo) or online (select Blanket Drive from the dropdown menu). Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Sunday, January 9 — Baptism of the Lord

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 or Zoom
 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)
 12:00 pm Combined Session Meeting — Boardroom
 2:00 pm Scout Troop 32 Eagle Court of Honor — Sanctuary
 3:00 pm Scout Troop 32 Eagle Court of Honor Reception — Parlor, Narthex
 6:00 pm HSYG — High School Lounge, Gym

Upcoming Events

FAMILY NIGHT PROGRAMMING — *Wednesdays / 6:00-8:00 pm / September through May* — Due to ongoing COVID concerns, family night dinners will pause for two weeks (January 5 & 12). Engage & Encounter class will continue.

Weekly Schedule:

- 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, through 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 — *Follow Me: Practice Spiritual Disciplines* — *Sundays, through January 30 (no class January 16) / 9:00 am / Boardroom or Zoom* — 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. Attend in person or via Zoom. To attend via Zoom, click the link in Weekly Highlights or email Mary Fino at maryfino@firstpresah.org for the link.

RESTAURANT WALK — *Sign-up throughout January* — Our popular Restaurant Walk returns for a second session. Sign-up begins today, 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. Questions? Contact TC Anderson at tcanderson@firstpresah.org.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ANNUAL DAY OF SERVICE — *Monday, January 17 / 9:00 am -1:00 pm* — Stone Catchers will host the Fourth Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Community Food and Household Essentials Drive on Monday, January 17. Drop off your non-perishable food and paper good donations at the front steps of the church. We will also be accepting items on Sunday morning in the Narthex. All donations will benefit local food pantries. **When deciding what to donate, here are some helpful hints:** household items such as paper towels, toilet paper, and dish detergent are not eligible for purchase with a Link card; consider pop-top lids as sometimes people do not have a can opener; olive oil, garlic, salt, pepper and other spices can transform a meal; remember items like Hamburger Helper are only good if you have ground beef; baking mixes that require only water are better; coffee is a luxury; sugar and flour are always needed; Kraft Mac and Cheese requires milk and butter, consider Velveeta that comes with the sauce. If you have any questions, contact Michele Holifield, micheleholifield@firstpresah.org or Katy Allen, katyallen@firstpresah.org.

Serving, Giving, and Growing

COFFEE: GROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION AND SERVICE — *Sundays, through May 15 / 10:30-11:30 am / Room 110/112* — 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. 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 during 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.

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. Come to the Sanctuary January 18-22 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 candlelight 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 — Recently, 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, KY. 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. **Donations will be accepted through January 14. Any later donations will be sent to PDA for their ongoing efforts relating to the devastating fires and storms over the past weeks.** If you have questions, contact Kim Hogan at k_hogan2003@yahoo.com or Michele Holifield at micheleholifield@firstpresah.org.

PW CIRCLE MEETINGS — *Circle 7 / Tuesday, January 18 / 7:00 pm / Parlor* — Join Circle 7 as we conclude our study of *Almost Everything: Notes of Hope*. For more information, contact Liz Thompson at lizht85@yahoo.com. *Circles 1, 2, 3 / Wednesday, January 19 / 9:30 am / Parlor* — Join the morning Circles (at our new time) as we continue our Bible study from *What My Grandmothers Taught Me*. The subject of our discussion will be Ruth and her struggles as a woman. Start the year out by joining a Circle!

HEARING LOOP WORKSHOP — *Sunday, January 23 / 11:45 am / Sanctuary* — Join Steve Thunder, of Thunder Hearing and Sound, and audiologist, Dr. Lisa Gumina, to learn about the hearing loop recently installed in the Sanctuary. They will discuss the options available related to the hearing loop and will be available for hearing aid check-ups and adjustments. You do not have to have a hearing aid to benefit from the hearing loop. Contact Michele Holifield at micheleholifield@firstpresah.org

Worship Next Sunday

January 16, 2022: Second Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 am — Worship (Sanctuary)
Music: Compass

10:30 am — Worship (Sanctuary)
Music: Chancel Choir

Preacher: Alex Lang
Scriptures: Genesis 39:1-4, 6b-7, 10-15, 19-20; Genesis 41:1-16, 25-40
Sermon Series: Top 5: What Every Christian Should Know About God
Sermon Title: "3. God's Plan is Redemption"



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!

If you give electronically but would like to put something in the offering plate, we invite you to use the laminated bookmarks available in the pew rack in front of you. We will be keeping you abreast of your generosity.

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Donations to the bookmarks will support the victims of the recent tornados in Kentucky.

CHIMES DEADLINE — *Tuesday, January 18* — The deadline for the February issue of *The Chimes* is Tuesday, January 18. Please submit articles to Mary Fino at maryfino@firstpresah.org.

FAITH COMMUNITY HOMES HAS A NEW NAME — Faith Community Homes is now Family Forward, a charitable non-profit organization empowering low-income families to create stable households and a better life. Each month since September, PW Circle 2 has been supporting families of Family Forward by providing necessary items (hand soap, Kleenex, toilet paper, etc.) and are most grateful for these donations. In addition, \$600 in Aldi gift cards were collected for the holidays.

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.