

# Prayer Requests

## Healing & Comfort

### First Pres Community

Mario Alberico  
 Dave & Pat Almlad  
 Dick Arnold  
 Don & Judy Ayers  
 Barbara Berkow  
 Wendy Blanck  
 Virginia Blocki  
 Ann Borst  
 Mary Clarbour  
 Dave Erickson  
 Mary Hebden

Gladys Holtz  
 Marylyn Jirsa  
 Nancy Johnson  
 Earl & Gloria Oak  
 Stu Olin  
 Barrett Peterson  
 Betty Sanders  
 Susan Scott  
 Nancy Stautzenbach  
 Bob Webb

## Friends & Family

Dave & Debbie Arnold — cousins of Laura Carlson  
 Christopher Chuchna — grandson of Bob and Nancy Kret  
 Marilyn Colangelo — friend of Jan Niemeyer  
 Rev. Jeff Deardorff  
 Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kiepora

Dorita & Houston Godfrey — sister & brother-in-law of Karen Wilson  
 Rob Klein — uncle of Laura Grochocki  
 Greg Shane — son-in-law of Al & Karen Wilson  
 Bill Shaw — son-in-law of Don & Barb Larson  
 Kari VanEck — daughter of Barrett & Corinne Peterson

## Sympathy to:

The Merillatt, Reid and Nelson families on the death of Lee Nelson

## 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  
 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 Librarian:** Matt Meisterheim

## Save the Date

April 6 Wednesday@Noon Recital  
 April 14 Maundy Thursday Worship Service  
 April 15 Good Friday Worship Service  
 April 16 Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt  
 April 17 Easter Sunrise Breakfast  
 April 17 Easter Worship 6:30, 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am  
 April 23 Service Saturday  
 April 24 90th Birthday Celebration  
 April 24 Spring Choral Concert

**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).

**GET CONNECTED** — Join the conversation on Facebook, at [facebook.com/firstpresah](https://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](http://firstpresah.org) under the Member Login tab to get started. We look forward to connecting with you!

# Church Life

March 27, 2022

The First Pres Session has approved a new welcome statement that was crafted by the Worship, Music and Sacraments Committee. This statement is a reflection of our values as a church and will always be in our bulletin hence forth. The pastors will often repeat this Welcome as we begin our worship services. Our goal is for everyone who walks through our doors to know who we are and what we stand for as a congregation.

"We believe in building the kingdom of God in this world. We strive to be a welcoming and inclusive church that celebrates the diversity existing in our community. That means bringing good news to the poor, freedom to the oppressed, welcoming the stranger, and loving one another as Jesus loves us. We do this by choosing love and being the light that changes the world. Thank you for worshipping with us in this spirit."

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL ARE ON SPRING BREAK!** — Parents please note that preschool – high school Sunday school will not meet today, March 27 because of Spring Break. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Sunday, April 3. Adult Sunday school will continue to meet as scheduled.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** — *Received through April 17* — Visit the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) display in the Narthex to pick up the traditional fish banks, along with many other resources, for you to use at home. Each Sunday, you are invited to drop your spare change (or dollars) in the jar located in the lobby to support OGHS. You can return your fish bank to the church on Palm Sunday for a special time of dedication. A gift to OGHS enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by offering relief to those affected by natural disasters, providing food to the hungry and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. Our goal is to surpass last year's total of \$7,133.33. When we all do a little – it adds up to a lot!

**FELLOWSHIP TIME IS BACK!** — Please join us after worship services for a time of fellowship, greeting each other and enjoying some refreshments. Sundays during Lent will be hosted by members of the Session.

## Sunday, March 27 — Fourth Sunday in Lent

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 Ed: Lent in Plain Sight — Boardroom  
 10:00 am Adult Choir Rehearsal — Choir Auditorium  
 10:00 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex  
 10:30 am **Worship** — Sanctuary  
 10:30 am Coffee: Grounds for Discussion & Service — Room 110/112  
 11:30 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex



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## Upcoming Events

**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](mailto: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: *Walking the Walk*** — *Wednesdays, through April 13 / 7:00 pm / Sanctuary / Instructor: Rev. Alex Lang* — As Christians, one of the greatest criticisms levied against us by outsiders is that we are hypocrites. We talk a big game about loving our neighbors and caring for others, but we often don't back up that talk with action. The goal of this series is to rectify that perception. Rev. Lang will discuss an area where there is an expectation based on the teachings of Jesus and how we often fall short of the expectation.

**RESTAURANT WALK** — *Sign-up throughout April* — Our popular Restaurant Walk returns for a third session. Sign-ups will be open throughout April, with meals taking place in May. We'll gather in groups of eight and dine at Bistro Chen (10 W. Miner, Arlington Heights). Come meet some new people and support our local businesses. Questions? Contact TC Anderson at [tcanderson@firstpresah.org](mailto:tcanderson@firstpresah.org).

**UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS: WEDNESDAY@NOON RECITAL** — *Wednesday, April 6 / 12:10 pm / Sanctuary* — Join us for a midday recital featuring Adam Hendrickson, baritone and Chris Urban, organ.

**SPRING CHORAL CONCERT** — *Sunday, April 24 / 4:00 pm / Sanctuary* — Taking place mere days after Earth Day, come celebrate our planet and existence itself with First Pres. This closing concert of the series will feature music to honor the renewal of spirit and the poetry of Earth.

**FAMILY EASTER BRUNCH AND EGG HUNT / Saturday, April 16 / 9:00 am / Fellowship Hall** — Our annual family Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt is back! Not only will families enjoy a delicious breakfast and fellowship with one another, but children will have fun hunting for candy-filled eggs! Families whose last names begin with A-L are asked to bring a breakfast treat to share. Families whose last names begin with M-Z are asked to bring fruit to share. Children's Ministries will provide the main breakfast items. If you have family visiting for Easter, consider bringing everyone to the brunch! Grandmas, grandpas, cousins, aunts, uncles...everyone is invited! Please RSVP to Katy Allen ([katyallen@firstpresah.org](mailto:katyallen@firstpresah.org)) indicating how many in your party and children's ages/grades.

**GOD'S HONEST TRUTH** — *Wednesday, May 4 / 7:00 pm / Sanctuary* — The theme for our next God's Honest Truth is **Name that Tune: Music that Changed My Life**. This is a night where we will hear stories about the power of music and how a particular musician or song(s) influenced and changed a person's life. Please contact Rev. Alex Lang with your story at [alexlang@firstpresah.org](mailto:alexlang@firstpresah.org) or talk to him in church.

## Serving, Giving, and Growing

**COFFEE: GROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION AND SERVICE** — *Sundays, through May 15 / 10:30-11:30 am / Room 110/112* — We are using the book, *Life Calling: A Five-Session Course on Vocation for Lent*, by Robert Warren and Kate Bruce for our Lenten Bible study. This course helps people to embark on an adventure with God - a journey through life in which we make a contribution to the world around us. Whether you can make it every week or not, we would love to see you there! For more information, contact Kelly Dean [k\\_p\\_dean@hotmail.com](mailto:k_p_dean@hotmail.com).

**SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION: *Lent in Plain Sight*** — *Sundays, through April 10 / 9:00 am / Boardroom / Instructor: Rev. Ken Hockenberry* — God is often at work through the ordinary. Utilizing the devotional by Jill J. Duffield, Rev. Hockenberry will draw attention to ten ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem. In each object, readers will find meaning in the biblical account of Jesus' final days.

**FIRST PRES PDO, PRESCHOOL AND K-CLUB ONLINE ENROLLMENT IS OPEN** — Registration is open to all. Registration forms are located on the PDO & Preschool page of the church website. Questions? Contact Coleen Anzalone, PDO Director, at [coleenanzalone@firstpresah.org](mailto:coleenanzalone@firstpresah.org).

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!** — Presbyterian Women would like to thank you for the support of recent collections for Firman House and the Blanket Drive. The generous monetary donations contributed to the purchase of much needed winter clothing items for the young children and babies of the Firman Community. In addition, during January and February, your monetary donations resulted in \$2,220 in support of the Worldwide Blanket Drive. The CWS Blanket Program was created to give a kind, loving, and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone. Thank you for your generous support of these programs!

**START PLANNING FOR VBS AND MISSIONFACTORY NOW! / July 11-15 / 9:00 am – 12:00 pm** — As you are planning your summer activities, be sure to make room for VBS (4-year-olds – incoming 4th graders) and MissionFactory (incoming 5th and 6th graders) in your schedule! Registration will begin soon. Watch Church Life and your Children's Ministries Weekly News for more information. Contact Katy Allen at [katyallen@firstpresah.org](mailto:katyallen@firstpresah.org) with questions or for more information.

**ONE BOOK ONE CHURCH FOLLOW UP / Sunday, April 3 / 11:30 am – 1:00 pm / Parlor** — We had wonderful discussions back in February about *Stamped*. Together we shared our perspectives, experiences, questions, and more. You're invited to keep walking along the path of education and accountability by attending our follow up activity. Following a light lunch (provided), participants will engage in various activities aimed at additional education, action, self-reflection and personal accountability. RSVP to Katy Allen or Michele Holifield.

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

*April 10: Palm Sunday Worship: 9:00 & 10:30 am / Sanctuary*

*April 14: Maundy Thursday Worship: 7:00 pm / Sanctuary*

*April 15: Good Friday Service of Darkness: 7:00 pm / Sanctuary*

*April 17: Easter Sunday*

6:30 am — Sunrise Worship in North School Park

8:00 am — Modern Worship in the Sanctuary

9:30 & 11:00 am — Traditional Worship with Chancel Choir and First Pres Brass in the Sanctuary

## Worship Next Sunday

### April 3, 2022: Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

**10:30 am — Worship** (Sanctuary)  
*Music:* Men's Chorus

*Preacher:* Alex Lang

*Scriptures:* 1 Chronicles 14:13-17, Matthew 6:25-34

*Sermon Series:* Breaking the Cycle: Discovering our Spiritual Roots

*Sermon Title:* "Fear"

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.

Bookmarks	\$ 1,571.00
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**UKRAINE GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:** The people of Ukraine have been on our hearts and minds. Any money attached to our bookmarks will be donated to River Cities Rotary Club which has a relationship with the Rotary Club of Kyiv International in Ukraine. We are also providing an online giving opportunity for Ukraine and money from there will go to the Rotary Club and to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance that is providing humanitarian aid in Ukraine.

**FIRST PRES GOLF LEAGUE** — The First Pres Golf League is organizing teams for the 2022 season at Palatine Hills Golf Course. During May through August, we will have Tuesday evening tee-times for nine-hole rounds. Whether you are already a great golfer or just learning how to play, you are welcome to join the league. We also need substitutes! For additional information, please contact Arlene Bullerman at (847) 670-0319 or [abullerman@earthlink.net](mailto:abullerman@earthlink.net).

**JOIN THE MEN'S BIBLE STUDY!** — The Men's Bible Study is meeting every Monday at 8:00 am via Zoom and in person. If you are interested in joining the group or if you have questions, contact Bill Dillon at (847) 956-2871 or Dave Berkow at (847) 323-2800.

**CONSTRUCTION UPDATE** — Construction crews are working on the gallery and lift installation. The area under construction, which includes the Door 2 entrance, is not accessible at this time. Please do not pass through any of the construction areas at this time. If you need assistance with finding a path to your destination in the building, contact Michele Holifield.

**PADS HELP NEEDED!** — 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.

**PASTORAL CARE** — If you have a death in the family, an anticipated surgery, the birth of a new baby, or if you or a loved one are struggling, your pastors and church family want to be there to support you. Please contact Pastor Judy Hockenberry, at [judyhockenberry@firstpresah.org](mailto:judyhockenberry@firstpresah.org) or 847-255-5900, or call the church office to share your pastoral needs.