

Prayer Requests

Healing & Comfort

First Pres Community

Mario Alberico
 Dave & Pat Almlad
 Dick Arnold
 Don & Judy Ayers
 Barbara Berkow
 Wendy Blanck
 Virginia Blocki
 Mary Clarbourn
 Dave Erickson
 Mary Hebden
 Gladys Holtz

Marylyn Jirsa
 Nancy Johnson
 Earl & Gloria Oak
 Stu Olin
 Barrett Peterson
 Betty Sanders
 Susan Scott
 Nancy Stautzenbach
 Barb Tsutsumi
 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
 Kiepura
 Dorita Godfrey — sister of Karen
 Wilson
 Rob Klein — uncle of Laura
 Grochocki

Bryan Mahute — friend of the
 Tsutsumi family
 Greg Shane — son-in-law of Al &
 Karen Wilson
 Bill Shaw — son-in-law of Don & Barb
 Larson
 Michell Skowron—friend of Betty
 Launer
 John Stotz — friend of the Tsutsumi
 family
 Kari VanEck — daughter of Barrett &
 Corinne Peterson

Sympathy to:

Bill Borst, on the death of his wife, **Ann Borst**
 The Merilatt, Reid and Nelson families on the death of **Lee Nelson**
 Karen & Al Wilson, on the death of brother-in-law, **Houston Godfrey**

Congratulations to:

Will and Leah Lorenzo, on the birth of their son, Carter. Congratulations to grandparents, **Rick and Laura Liston**, aunts & uncles, Mark and Katy Liston and **Becky 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
 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

Today Offering of Letters
 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. 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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Church Life

April 3, 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."

OFFERING OF LETTERS — The Mission Committee and Stone Catchers will be hosting an Offering Of Letters in the Narthex asking that the Russian government stop its war on Ukraine. Sample letters and addresses will be supplied. The Offering of Letters is hosted in response to a crisis action issued by Amnesty International, and to the challenge issued at the Wednesday evening Engage and Encounter class, Walking the Walk, where the lessons focus on taking action past just talking. Stop by the tables after both worship services to write your letter.

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

Sunday, April 3 — Fifth 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
 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
 10:30 am High School Sunday School (Grades 9-12) — Room 301/303, (High School Lounge)
 11:30 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex
 6:00 pm HSYG — HS Lounge, Gym



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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 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.

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, at katyallen@firstpresah.org, indicating how many in your party and children's ages/grades.

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.

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 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.

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.



VBS AND MISSIONFACTORY REGISTRATION BEGINS TOMORROW! / *Monday, April 4 / online* — Registration begins tomorrow for Vacation Bible School (preschool-4th grade) and MissionFactory (rising 5th and 6th graders) online at <https://firstpresah.org/programs/children-families/vbs-mission-factory/>. The cost is \$35 per child. These programs will be offered concurrently, July 11-15, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm each day. Please contact Katy Allen, at katyallen@firstpresah.org, with questions.

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!

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

**Childcare will be available for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and 9:30 & 11:00 am only on Easter Sunday.*

Worship Next Sunday

April 10, 2022: Palm Sunday

9:00 am — Worship (Sanctuary)

Music: Compass

10:30 am — Worship (Sanctuary)

Music: Chancel Choir and Children's Choir

Preacher: Alex Lang

Scriptures: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon Series: Breaking the Cycle: Discovering our Spiritual Roots

Sermon Title: "Anger"

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	\$ 1,955.00
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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.

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.

PADS — 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.

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 or 847-255-5900, or call the church office to share your pastoral needs.