

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Organized in 1855



“A disciple of Jesus Christ is a visible verbal follower of Jesus Christ
at the expense of the ones and things that they hold dear. It’s that serious.”
— Kingsley Opuwari Manuel

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
June 26, 2022
10:00 AM

302 N. Dunton Ave | Arlington Heights, IL 60004 | (847) 255-5900 | firstpresah.org

10:00 AM

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

Rev. Judy Hockenberry

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 77)

One: What god is so great as our God?

All: You are the God who works wonders!

One: Your way was through the sea, your path through the mighty waters; yet your footprints were unseen.

All: You are the God who works wonders!

One: You led your people like a flock; with your strong arm, you redeemed your people.

All: You are the God who works wonders!

✠ SONG

“God of Wonders”

Byrd & Hindalong

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (based on Galatians 5)

O Lord, You are our Creator, and we are the work of your hands. You are our Shepherd, and we are your flock. You are our Redeemer, and we are the people you have brought back. These truths should guide us, but we get lost. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves, but so often we fall short. We want to be led by the Spirit, but we forget to follow closely and get tempted by compelling distractions. We know that Christ has set us free, but we confess that we have not always used our freedom to make God-honoring choices with our words and our actions. God, usher us back to the holy paths you have in mind for us. Strengthen us to set aside our self-serving plans to undertake the work you have already begun in us by your grace, so that all may recognize that you are our God and Savior. We want to live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. May you help make it so...

SILENT CONFESSION

(please pray a silent and personal prayer of confession during this time)

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

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

✠ AMEN (Hymn 600)

AMEN

Amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen.

✠ TIME OF GREETING

COMMUNITY LIFE

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 (Pew Bible, p. 290) Rev. Judy Hockenberry

The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SONG

“Elijah”
Compass

Rich Mullins

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 9:51-62 (Pew Bible, p. 843) Rev. Jana Blazek
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“Follow by Faith”

Rev. Jana Blazek

COMMISSIONING OF MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE 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.

OFFERTORY

“I Will Follow”
Compass

Tomlin, Ingram & Morgan

✦ **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

✦ **HYMN 543**

“O Christ, Surround Me”

GREEN TYLER

✦ **BENEDICTION**

Rev. Jana Blazek

SENDING MUSIC

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Compass: Milan Arpino, vocals; Dan Berg, bass/vocals; AJ Coleman, drums; Adam Hendrickson, piano/vocals; Greg Schultz, saxophone; Katie Walsh, vocals

Flowers: **Jim & Kathy Doering**—Celebrating 55 years of marriage, July 1, 1967

Ross Spencer—In loving memory of Fran

Join Us for Worship Next Sunday, July 3

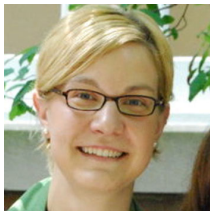
Preacher: Rev. Judy Hockenberry | Scriptures: Isaiah 66:10-14, Luke 10:38-42 |

Music: Red, White and Blue Choir

Church Life

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 worshiping with us in this spirit.

*First Pres is a **mask-welcoming** community. To respect those who are immunocompromised or concerned about the transmission of COVID, pastors will wear masks at the doors as we greet you after worship.*



GUEST PREACHER — Today — Rev. Jana Blazek was raised at First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights, starting with the Parents' Day Out program. She went on to become a Sunday school teacher, Deacon, and Elder and was ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament here in 2013. She has served as Associate Editor for the Presbyterian Outlook magazine and pastor of Rogers Park Presbyterian Church, and now is the Director of Communications for Worship Times where she helps churches and ministries tell their stories through websites, newsletters, and social media.

VBS AND MISSIONFACTORY DONATION OPPORTUNITIES! — Please visit the table in the Narthex today to see how you can help this summer's VBS and MissionFactory programs by donating needed supplies. If you are bringing a donation, please drop it off at the church no later than July 10.

JOIN THE SUMMER CHOIR! — Tune up your voice because we would love to have you join the Summer Choir. If you have ever wanted to give singing in the choir a try, please join us next Sunday, July 3. No prior membership in any of our choirs or any choir at all is necessary. Just come at 9:15 am for rehearsal to learn our anthems and we'll sing at the 10:00 am service. Wear something red, white & blue. Contact Adam Hendrickson at adamhendrickson@firstpresah.org for more information.

Sunday, June 26 — Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 am – 11:15 am — Child care (infants – 4 years) — Room 205/207 (Blue Room), Main Floor
Christian Education (CE) Wing

10:00 am **Worship** — Sanctuary

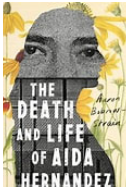
11:00 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex

Upcoming Events

ICE CREAM SOCIAL — *Sunday, July 3 / 11:00 am* — Come and cool off, visit with friends and family, meet someone new and enjoy some ice cream after the 10:00 am worship service.

THE BRIDGE: PARADE OF PATIOS — *Thursday, July 7 / 7:00 pm* — The Bridge (40's & 50's plus) will gather on the patio of one of our members for fellowship. These evenings of fellowship will take place every two weeks. Join us at the home of Chuck and Patti Yedor (1016 Cormar Drive, Lake Zurich). Plan to bring your own beverage and a small appetizer to share. Please RSVP to Kelly Dean at k_p_dean@hotmail.com.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL — Sunday, July 10 / 10:00 am / Loaves & Fishes Garden — Preschoolers through 5th graders are welcome to join us for Summer Sunday school. We will have lots of fun tending our Loaves & Fishes Garden all summer long. Join us at 10:00 am again on July 24, August 14 and 21.



SUMMER READING WITH STONE CATCHERS — Wednesday, July 27 / 6:00 pm / Parlor — July summer reading is *The Death and Life of Aida Hernandez*, by Aaron Bobrow-Strain. The unforgettable story of Aida Hernandez, whose life spans both sides of the United States-Mexican border, and reveals the profound personal toll of the immigration crisis. Additional upcoming discussion: **Wednesday, August 24 / 6:00 pm / Parlor —** August summer reading is *The Vanishing Half*, by Brit Bennett. Mark your calendar to join us for a light dinner and book discussion.

Serving, Giving, and Growing



BACKPACKS FOR CHRISTOPHER HOUSE — FINAL DAYS TO CONTRIBUTE — Presbyterian Women are collecting monetary donations for backpacks and school supplies for the students of Christopher House during the month of June. We are proud to see our second graduating class head off to high school and your donations provide the opportunity for success. The suggested donation is \$20, but any amount is appreciated. Donations can also be made online or by check, made payable to Presbyterian Women (indicate CH Backpacks on your donation). Thank you for your support!

REFUGEEONE MENTOR TEAM — The Mission Committee is currently forming the Mentor Team for RefugeeOne. If you are interested in this ministry but have not had the opportunity to get more information, please contact Michele Holifield or Kim Hogan by June 30.



MARY AND MARTHA'S LENDING CLOSET — Mary and Martha's Lending Closet is ready for the summer season. If you have not checked out the Lending Closet yet, now is the time. Reserve items for your graduation party, backyard BBQ, or any event you are hosting. What exactly is Mary and Martha's Lending Closet? It's a one-stop shop for all things entertaining, from tables and chairs to serving dishes, dishes, glassware, vases, centerpieces, outdoor games, and even a giant movie screen and projector for that fun backyard movie viewing. It's the perfect place to borrow for your next book club, graduation party, shower, neighborhood gathering, casual or fancy dinner party. What are the fees? A donation to the closet goes towards programs that address food insecurity in the Chicagoland area. To make an appointment to reserve your items, email maryandmartha@firstpresah.org or contact Michele Holifield or Amy Hempleman.

SUMMER SUPPERS — Summer Suppers are hosted by faith communities in the area from May through September; providing a warm meal and fellowship to all who attend. First Pres will host Summer Suppers on the third Monday of each month ending September 19. Dinner is served from 6:30–7:30 pm. We provide a warm meal, some snacks to go, and other essential supplies. Volunteers of all ages are welcome (under high school age must be accompanied by an adult). We are in need of volunteers each night as well as donations of supplies for the evening. If you are interested in volunteering, donating, or have questions, please contact Kim Hogan at K_hogan2003@yahoo.com or Michele Holifield at micheleholifield@firstpresah.org.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS — The church office will close at 12:30 pm each Friday through September 2. Regular office hours will remain in effect on Monday through Thursday: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. To schedule Friday afternoon access to the church building, please contact Michele Holifield at micheleholifield@firstpresah.org or 847-255-5900 prior to Friday.

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	\$ 4,945.00
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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.

Prayer Requests



Healing & Comfort

First Pres Community

Mario Alberico
Dave & Pat Almblad
Dick Arnold
Don & Judy Ayers
Wendy Blanck
Virginia Blocki
Mary Clarbour
Joanne Etherton
Marylyn Jirsa
Karen Johnson

Nancy Johnson
Barb Larson
Gloria Oak
Barrett Peterson
Betty Sanders
Susan Scott
Nancy Stautzenbach
Larry Tidrick
Barb Tsutsumi
Bob Webb

Friends & Family

Emelia Alberico — mother of Mario Alberico
Dave & Debbie Arnold — cousins of Laura
Carlson
Jessica Gardner — friend of Jo Christian
Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kiepura
Dorita Godfrey — sister of Karen Wilson

Melissa Armstrong-Hansche
Al Kossett — former member and friend of Bill
and Jo Christian
Greg Shane — son-in-law of Al & Karen Wilson
Bill Shaw — son-in-law of Don & Barb Larson
John Stotz — friend of the Tsutsumi family

Sympathy to

Betty Launer, on the death of her sister, Grace Radel

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

Pastoral Care

If you have a death in the family, an anticipated surgery, the birth of a baby, or if you or a loved one are struggling, your pastors and church family want to be there to support you. Contact Rev. Judy Hockenberry, at judyhockenberry@firstpresah.org or 847-255-5900, or call the church office to share your pastoral needs.

Staff Directory

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Nursery Coordinator: Beth Johnson

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.

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 (9:45 am – 11:15 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.

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.

LIVE WEBCAST & WORSHIP RECORDINGS — Services are webcast live at firstpresah.org/experience/livestream.

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