

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Organized in 1855



“To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible
than to be alive without breathing.”
– Martin Luther

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
July 17, 2022
10:00 AM

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

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

“Sketch in D”
“Pastorale on ‘Forest Green’ ”
*The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation
for the worship of Almighty God.*

*Robert Schumann
Richard Purvis*

WELCOME

Rev. Judy Hockenberry

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather to worship with hope and expectation.

All: There are prayers on our lips and prayers locked in our hearts.

One: We call to God for help and healing.

All: We call to God for mercy and compassion.

One: God hears our voices. God knows our hearts.

All: Let us worship God.

✠ HYMN 408

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Betty Launer

God of mercy, you promise to listen when we pray and we forget to pray. You tell us that you know our hearts and still we try to hide them from you. We are taught the prayers of childhood and we fail to move past those prayers. You invite us to a relationship from which we turn away. Forgive us and restore us. Teach us how to communicate with you...

SILENT CONFESSION

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

...in Jesus’ name we pray. **Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

✠ GLORY TO GOD (Hymn 582)

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

✠ TIME OF GREETING

COMMUNITY LIFE

Rev. Judy Hockenberry

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 141, I Chronicles 16:11-13
(Pew Bible, p. 504, 327) Betty Launer
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

"In the Garden"

arr. Mark Hayes

"I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses; and the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses. And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own, and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known. He speaks, and the sound of His voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing. And the melody that He gave to me within my heart is ringing.

I'd stay in the garden with Him, though the night around me be falling, but He bids me go;

Thro' the voice of woe, His voice to me is calling."

Kathy Sobeski, soprano

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:7, James 5:13

(Pew Bible, p. 787, 983) Dr. Steve Pierce

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

"Prayer—Our Side"

Dr. Steve Pierce

✠ **HYMN 796**

"We Come to You for Healing, Lord"

LAND OF REST

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Judy Hockenberry

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

"My Heart Ever Faithful"

J. S. Bach

*"My heart ever faithful, sing praises, be joyful, thy Jesus is near!
Away with complaining, faith ever maintaining, my Jesus is here."*

Kathy Sobeski, soprano

✠ **DOXOLOGY** (Hymn 609)

LAAST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

✠ **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**✠ **HYMN 465**

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

CONVERSE

✠ **BENEDICTION**

Dr. Steve Pierce

POSTLUDE

"Praise to the Lord"

Paul Manz

✠ Please stand as you are able.

Join Us for Worship Next Sunday, July 24

Preacher: Rev. Ken Hockenberry | Music: Compass Praise Band

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 DR. STEVE PIERCE — Today — Dr. Steve Pierce has been serving our PC(USA) for 50 years, mostly in suburban ministry (Denver and Arlington Heights). Now “retired”, his recent ministry focus is supporting pastors and congregations within our presbytery. He is married to Susie and is a ‘Papa’ to three special grandchildren. Pickleball, golf (poorly), reading, time with family/friends, and travel fill his days. Today, more than ever, he believes God is shaping, redefining and empowering Jesus-followers/faith communities to embody God’s kingdom values in today’s crazy world.

Sunday, July 17 — Sixth 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

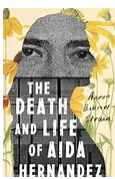
10:00 am **Worship** — Sanctuary

11:00 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex

1:00 pm Interment — Memorial Prayer Garden

Upcoming Events

THE BRIDGE: PARADE OF PATIOS — Wednesday, July 20 / 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 Tom and Jody Stautzenbach (830 S. Burton, Arlington Heights). Plan to bring your own beverage and a small appetizer to share. Please RSVP to Kelly Dean at k_p_dean@hotmail.com.



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.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL — Sunday, July 24 / 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 August 14 and 21.

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 on **July 31 or August 7**. 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. Contact Adam Hendrickson for more information at adamhendrickson@firstpresah.org.

Serving, Giving, and Growing



PRODUCE MARKET — The Loaves and Fishes Garden Produce Market begins on Wednesday, July 20 and continues through September 7. At the market, produce from the garden is offered free of charge to those in need in our community. You can be a part of the market by donating some of your home garden harvest. Donations are accepted on Sunday mornings in the lobby or on Wednesday evenings from 5:00-6:00 pm in the parking lot. All fresh harvested vegetables are accepted. For questions contact Michele Holifield at micheleholifield@firstpresah.org.

BLOOD DRIVE — During the summer months blood supplies at blood banks run extremely low. At this time the blood supply is at a critical low. The Arlington Heights Garden Club along with Vitalant will be hosting a blood drive on Saturday, July 30 from 8:30 am – 2:30pm. The Vitalant Bloodmobile will be conveniently located in the First Pres parking lot. Appointments are recommended. Walk-ins welcome. Questions, please contact Michele Holifield.

THANK YOU, VBS AND MISSIONFACTORY VOLUNTEERS: Children's Ministries would like to thank everyone who supported and volunteered at VBS and MissionFactory this past week. We welcomed over 75 kids who were led by over 40 volunteers for a great week of faith, fun, fellowship, and service. Thank you for making our summer programming possible!

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	\$ 5,324.00
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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.

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 call the church office to share your pastoral needs.

Prayer Requests

Healing & Comfort



First Pres Community

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

Stu Olin
Julie Merilatt
Sue Minarik
Gloria Oak
Barrett Peterson
Betty Sanders
Susan Scott
Nancy Stautzenbach
Larry Tidrick
Barb Tsutsumi
Bob Webb
Ron & Jenell Wetzell

Friends & Family

Emelia Alberico — mother of Mario Alberico
Dave & Debbie Arnold — cousins of Laura
Carlson
Mike Ferdinand — husband of Sharon
Ferdinand
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
Gary Lehman — brother of Connie Landwehr
Katie Reid — former member and daughter of
Lee Nelson
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

Don Larson on the death of his wife, **Barb Larson**

Richard and Susan Scott on the death of their sister-in-law, Emma Scott

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

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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. 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.

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