

# First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

*A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)*

*Organized in 1855*



"Prayer does not change God, but it changes him who prays."

— Kierkegaard

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**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**August 7, 2022**  
**10:00 AM**

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# 10:00 AM

## PRELUDE

“Come, Souls, Rejoice Today”  
“Aria”

*J.S. Bach  
Flor Peeters*

Royce Eckhardt, organist  
*The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation  
for the worship of Almighty God.*

## WELCOME

Rev. Judy Hockenberry

## ✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God speaks and calls us to gather.

**All: Here we give our thanks and praise.**

One: Here we make our needs known to God.

**All: God comes to us in stillness.**

One: God comes to us in our songs of praise.

**All: We will worship God.**

## ✠ HYMN 13

“The Mighty God with Power Speaks”

KINGSFOLD

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jeni Eklund

**Loving God, forgive us for all of the times we fail to talk to you. Forgive us for all the times we fail to listen to you. Too often we call to you in desperation and forget about you in times of joy and thanksgiving. You promise to give us what we need. We fail to understand that what we need isn't always what we want. We think silence is absence. Remind us that you are always here. You are always listening. When we feel as though we are not hearing from you, remind us to listen harder...**

## 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

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

## FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 1:1-7 (Pew Bible, p. 953) Jeni Eklund

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

**ANTHEM**

"Hear Me, Redeemer"

Henry Mollicone

*"Hear, Redeemer. Send down Your love to cleanse my soul. Lord of lords, wash away my sinful ways. Show me the power of Your love! Lord of lords, shine Your light through all my days. Mighty God, take my hand and lead the way. Mighty God, let me praise You everyday."*

Summer Choir

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

I John 5:14 (Pew Bible, p. 992) Dr. Steve Pierce

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

"Prayer — God's Side"

Dr. Steve Pierce

✠ **HYMN 45**

"I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes"

DUNDEE

**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**

"Down to the River to Pray"

arr. Mary McDonald

*"As I went down to the river to pray, studying about that good ole way and who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way. O brother let's go down, come on down, down to the river to pray. Lord, listen to your children praying. O Lord, send your Spirit in this place. Something's gonna happen like the world has never known, when the people of the Lord get down to pray. A door's gonna swing open and the walls come a tumbling down, when the people of the Lord get down to pray."*

Summer Choir

✠ **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 472**

"Kum ba Yah"

KUM BA YAH

✠ **BENEDICTION**

Dr. Steve Pierce

**POSTLUDE**

"The Rejoicing"

G. F. Handel

✠ Please stand as you are able.

Flowers: **Lois Hartung**—Remembering our dads**Matt & Lois Meisterheim**—Celebrating our 60th wedding anniversary**Join Us for Worship Next Sunday, August 14**

Preacher: Rev. Ken Hockenberry | Scriptures: Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21 |

Music: Kris Ward, handbells; Carol Frieburg, piano

# 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.*

## **Sunday, August 7 — Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:15 am Adult Choir Rehearsal

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

**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 and 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.



**GUEST ORGANIST ROYCE ECKHARDT — Today** — Royce has served as a church musician for over fifty years serving congregations in Seattle, New Britain (CT), Winnetka and Hinsdale, IL. He served our congregation as Interim Director of Adult Choirs in 2013 and 2014. Royce holds a Bachelor of Music degree in organ performance from North Park College and a Master of Music degree from Hartt College of Music. He is a prolific composer and arranger of church music and served as music editor for *The Covenant Hymnal: A Worshipbook* (1996) and is represented in the hymnal with forty-seven arrangements, original tunes and descants. His many hymn arrangements, harmonizations and tunes appear in eight American hymnals.

**CARE PACKAGE PICK-UP FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022 — Today** — Many of you will be leaving for college and some will be starting other adventures soon. We would like to wish you well on the next part of your journey. At MissionFactory this summer, we created care packages for each of you and we would love to give it to you personally. MissionFactory kids will be in the lobby to greet you from 9:30-11:15 am. Jeni Eklund, our Interim Youth Ministries Director, will also be at the table and would love an opportunity to hear about where your journey will take you.

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL — Sunday, August 14 / 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. Join us at 10:00 am again on August 21.

**SEPTEMBER CHIMES DEADLINE — Tuesday, August 16** — The deadline for articles for the September issue of *The Chimes* is **Tuesday, August 16**. Please submit your content to Mary Fino at [maryfino@firstpresah.org](mailto:maryfino@firstpresah.org).

**SUMMER READING WITH STONE CATCHERS — Wednesday, August 24 / 6:00 pm / Parlor** — Join us for our final summer reading of the New York Times bestseller *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett, the story of twin sisters who grew up together but whose adult lives take them in different directions. Join us for a light dinner and lively discussion. If you have not had the opportunity to join us in June and July, we hope you will consider reading *The Vanishing Half* and join us on August 24.

## Serving, Giving, and Growing

**MISSIONFACTORY AND VBS MISSION FUNDRAISING** — Every year, VBS and MissionFactory have a fundraiser where the kids are encouraged to bring coins and dollar bills to drop in the now famous pickle jars. This year, in addition to the pickle jars, MissionFactory held a lemonade stand fundraiser. Together these two groups raised \$1,400 that will be donated to Harlem Grown in New York City and Gardeneers in Chicago! Great job, kids!



**PRODUCE MARKET** — The Loaves and Fishes Garden Produce Market 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. Questions, contact Michele Holifield at [micheleholifield@firstpresah.org](mailto:micheleholifield@firstpresah.org).

**SUMMER SUPPERS** — Summer Suppers are hosted by faith communities in the area 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. If you are interested in volunteering, donating or have questions, please contact Kim Hogan at [K\\_hogan2003@yahoo.com](mailto:K_hogan2003@yahoo.com) or Michele Holifield at [micheleholifield@firstpresah.org](mailto:micheleholifield@firstpresah.org).

**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](mailto:maryandmartha@firstpresah.org) or contact Michele Holifield or Amy Hempleman.

**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.

**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.

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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	\$ 5,701.00
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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.

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## Looking Ahead

### **NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE AND EDUCATION FOR ALL RETURNS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

— We will be moving back to two worship times, 9:00 am (modern) in the Chapel, and 10:30 am (traditional) in the Sanctuary. Education for all will resume. Education for children and youth will meet from 10:30-11:30 am. Nursery care is available from 8:45-11:45 am. Adult education with Dr. Donald Kaasch begins September 18 at 9:00 am in the Boardroom.

**FALL KICKOFF** — *Sunday, September 11 / 11:30 am - 1:00 pm / East Parking Lot* — Please join us for food, fun and fellowship. Activities include a bouncy house for children, petting zoo, pony rides, food trucks and live music. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor to see all First Pres has to offer.

**SHOW US WHAT YOU DID OVER THE SUMMER** — We will create a collage of pictures from your summer adventures. Share a picture of a trip, a celebration or a fun adventure. You can begin submitting photos by email immediately to katyallen@firstpresah.org or drop off an actual photo at the display in the lobby starting on September 11. Photos will be collected until Thursday, September 29 and displayed until Sunday, October 2.

# Prayer Requests

## *Healing & Comfort*



### *First Pres Community*

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

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

### *Friends & Family*

Dave & Debbie Arnold — cousins of Laura  
Carlson  
Tom Carroll, II — son of Tom & Susan Carroll  
Mike Ferdinand — husband of Sharon  
Ferdinand  
Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kiepura  
Dorita Godfrey — sister of Karen Wilson  
Sean Grady — friend of Brian Lock

Sheri Jones — friend of Jan Niemeyer  
Al Kossett — former member and friend of  
Bill & Jo Christian  
Katie Reid — former member and daughter of  
Lee Nelson  
Greg Shane — son-in-law of Al & Karen Wilson  
John Stotz — friend of the Tsutsumi family

### *Sympathy to*

**Dave Almblad**, on the death of his wife, **Pat Almblad**

**Mark and Kristine Bishop**, on the death of Kristine's father, Richard Wenger

**Edythe Even**, on the death of her husband, **Richard Even**

### *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

# 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](http://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](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).

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