

# First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

*A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)*

*Organized in 1855*



“Let us touch the dying, the poor, the lonely, and the unwanted  
according to the graces we have received and  
let us not be ashamed or slow to do the humble work.”  
— Mother Teresa

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**SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY**  
**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**August 28, 2022**  
**10:00 AM**

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# 10:00 AM

## GATHERING MUSIC

### WELCOME

Rev. Judy Hockenberry

### ✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God calls us to service,

**All: rather than honor.**

One: God calls us to love the unknown,

**All: rather than the familiar.**

One: We gather, trusting in the grace of God.

### ✠ HYMN 187

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

*Bradbury*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Alison Harrald

Gracious God, forgive our foolishness. Forgive us for thinking we are better than others. Remind us that we are all children of God, created in your image. There is a seat at the table for each of us. You give us different gifts. There is not one or two that are better than others. Remind us that being first doesn't make us the best. Forgive our competitive natures. Teach us to be humble in spirit and remind us that the way to be first is to be last...

### 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

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 (Pew Bible, p. 979) Alison Harrald

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

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 14:1; 7-14 (Pew Bible, p. 849) Rev. Judy Hockenberry

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

### SERMON

“Kingdom Hospitality”

Rev. Judy Hockenberry

**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**

“Let Your Kingdom Come”

*Bob Kauflin*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

✠ **SONG**

“God of Justice”

*Tim Hughes*

✠ **BENEDICTION**

Rev. Judy Hockenberry

**SENDING MUSIC**

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✠ Please stand as you are able.

**Join Us for Worship Next Sunday, September 4**

Preacher: Rev. Judy Hockenberry | Scriptures: Genesis 2:4b-9, 15; Ephesians 4:25-5:2 |

Music: Richard Clemmitt, organist, and Adam Hendrickson, baritone

# 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 worshipping 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 28 — Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 am Praise Band Rehearsal — Sanctuary

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

11:30 am Safe Sanctuary Training — Boardroom

## Upcoming Events

**OFFICE CLOSURE — Friday, September 2 & Monday, September 5** — In observance of the Labor Day holiday, the office will be closed Friday, September 2 and Monday, September 5. Regular office hours (8:30 am—4:30 pm) will resume on Tuesday, September 6.

**RESTAURANT WALK — Sign-up throughout September** — Our popular Restaurant Walk is returning! Sign-ups will be open throughout September, with meals taking place in October. We'll gather in groups of eight to ten and dine at Hey Nonny (10 S. Vail, Arlington Heights). Come meet some new people and support our local businesses. Dates are: Sunday, October 2 at noon, Thursday, October 6 at 6:00 pm, Thursday, October 13 at 6:00 pm, Sunday, October 16 at noon, and Thursday, October 20 at 6:00 pm.

**NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE AND EDUCATION RETURNS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11** — We will be moving back to two worship times, 9:00 am (modern) and 10:30 am (traditional). Education also resumes for children and youth from 10:30-11:30 am. Nursery care is available from 8:45-11:45 am. Sunday adult education begins September 18 (continue reading for adult education opportunities).

**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 and live music. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor to see all First Pres has to offer. Tickets for food will be available on Sunday mornings, August 28, September 4 and at the festival. Each ticket is \$3.

**FAMILY NIGHT KICKOFF — Wednesday, September 14 / 6:00-8:00 pm** — Our popular Family Night is returning! 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.

**NEW ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES STARTING SOON! — *Wednesdays, September 14 – November 16 / 7:00 pm / Sanctuary / Rev. Alex Lang / Restorative Faith*** — Rev. Lang will be teaching his book *Restorative Faith*. The book is designed to help explore many of the logical pitfalls created by traditional Christian doctrine and to replace them with a more consistent theology for people with 21st century worldview. The book can be purchased on Amazon.

***Sundays, September 18 – November 20 / 9:00 am / Boardroom / Dr. Donald Kaasch / The Major Prophets*** — We will be evaluating the Old Testament prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel and Ezekiel and asking a series of important questions: Do they prophesy? If they do, what are they prophesying? Has it come to pass? Is it about Jesus? How in the world do we attempt to read these very complex and strange writings? It will be a very interesting ride that will forever change the way you read the prophets.

**ANNUAL SPEAKER — *Saturday, September 24 / 4:00 pm / Sanctuary*** — Join us for a conversation with Susan Burton, a leader in the criminal justice reform movement, founder of A New Way of Life and an outspoken voice to end mass incarceration. The discussion will focus on her life from prison to recovery to leading the fight for incarcerated women. You are encouraged to read her book *Becoming Ms. Burton* prior to the event. You are invited to stay for an all-church dinner in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 pm.

## Serving, Giving, and Growing

**SUPPORT REFUGEEONE — *Final Day to Donate*** — A table will be located in the lobby to drop off your donation. The Mission Committee is thrilled to announce that our mentor team is in place and ready to begin work to prepare to welcome a refugee family. Watch for more information for ways to become involved. To learn more about RefugeeOne, please contact Michele Holifield at [micheleholifield@firstpresah.org](mailto:micheleholifield@firstpresah.org) or Kim Hogan at [k\\_hogan2003@yahoo.com](mailto:k_hogan2003@yahoo.com).

**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).

**NAVIGATING THE MAZE OF SENIOR SERVICES** is a program sponsored by three local senior service agencies. It will be a four-part series that will be held each Thursday in September. The first Session will be held in **our Parlor from 6:00-7:30 pm on September 8**. The location will change each week, but they are all local. Each Session will be led by a trained professional in their field. Topics covered will be:

*September 8: Overview of Aging Services*

*September 15: Everything You Need to Know about Rehabilitations, Home Health and Hospice*

*September 22: Senior Living Options and Explanations*

*September 29: What Are the Financial and Legal Implications of Services?*

Please consider taking this time to learn about your options before you need them. This promises to be a fantastic program for seniors and/or their adult children. For more information or to RSVP, contact Sonija at 224-338-1883.

## Other News

**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](mailto: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.

**NEW FALL SERMON SERIES: 'COME TO JESUS MOMENT'** — *Sundays, September 18 through November 13* — We use the phrase “come to Jesus moment” to indicate when we need to have a hard conversation about something really important. There are a lot of things happening in our world and within the Christian faith where we need to have hard conversations. Some of these conversations will revolve around personal issues, some will revolve around the future of the church, and some will revolve around larger issues of culture and society. The idea will be to have these hard conversations that are often avoided because we don't want to offend anyone or cause anyone to be upset.

**JOIN A MUSIC ENSEMBLE THIS FALL** — Contact Adam Hendrickson for more details at [adamhendrickson@firstpresah.org](mailto:adamhendrickson@firstpresah.org).

### ***High School and Older:***

**Chancel Choir** – Rehearses every Thursday at 7:00 pm, beginning September 8. Sings weekly at 10:30 am service.

**Men's Chorus** – Rehearses 1st and 3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm, beginning September 8. Sings about eight times a year at 10:30 am service.

**Chancel Handbell Choir** – Rehearses every Thursday at 5:30 pm, beginning September 8. Rings about six times a year at 10:30 am service.

**Compass** (Praise Band) – Rehearses every Sunday at 8:00 am, beginning September 11. Plays weekly at 9:00 am service.

### ***Children (Grades K-5):***

**Children's Choir** – Rehearses every Wednesday at 6:30 pm, beginning September 14. Sings about six times a year at 10:30 am service.

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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	\$ 605.00
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**NEW GIVING OPPORTUNITY:** In late July, severe flooding impacted the state of Kentucky. Any money attached to our bookmarks will be donated to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, which is providing support to those affected by the floods.

# Prayer Requests

## *Healing & Comfort*



### *First Pres Community*

Mario Alberico  
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  
Barb Tsutsumi  
Bob Webb

### *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  
Greg Shane — son-in-law of Al & Karen Wilson  
John Stotz — friend of the Tsutsumi family

### *Sympathy to*

The Almblad family, on the death of **Dave Almblad**

**Chuck Cooper**, on the death of his brother, James Cooper

**Beth Johnson**, on the death of her mother, Joan Mac Millan

### *Serving in the Armed Services*

AMN Charles Arthur Brousseau, Air Force — son of Liz Moses and Bob Wendling  
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](mailto:judyhockenberry@firstpresah.org), or call the church office to share your pastoral needs.

# Staff Directory

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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](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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