

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Organized in 1855



“Don’t judge each day by the harvest you reap
but by the seeds that you plant.”
— Robert Louis Stevenson

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 4, 2022
10:00 AM

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

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

"Fugue"

Gerald Near

Richard Clemmitt, organist

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

WELCOME

Rev. Judy Hockenberry

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We cannot flee from the Lord.

All: God knows us. God knows when we sit down and when we rise up.

One: God will search us out wherever we go.

All: God knows us completely.

One: God will hem us in, behind and before.

All: God lays a hand upon us and invites us to worship.

✠ HYMN 15 (vs. 1, 2, 3 & 6)

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Kate McVay

Holy God, prepare us for the work that lays ahead of us. Forgive us when we refuse to make your work a priority. Help us to understand the work you have laid on our hearts. Make us responsive. Fill us with energy, imagination, intelligence and love. Remind us that you have created us for work. Forgive us when we put down our tools before the work is finished. Make us eager to be about your work and forgive us when we hesitate...

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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Hudson Eric Zyks — born March 12, 2020, son of Ryan and Rebecca Zyks

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 2:4b-9, 15 (Pew Bible, p. 2) Kate McVay

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

ANTHEM

“Beautiful Things”

Lisa & Michael Gungor

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:25-5:2 (Pew Bible, p. 951) Rev. Judy Hockenberry

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

SERMON

“Back To Work”

Rev. Judy Hockenberry

✠ HYMN 316

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

TWENTY-FOURTH

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

“Simple Song” from *Mass*

Leonard Bernstein

Adam Hendrickson, baritone

✠ DOXOLOGY (Hymn 609)

LAEST 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 757

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

KINGSFOLD

✠ BENEDICTION

Rev. Judy Hockenberry

POSTLUDE

“Fanfare”

Ronald Arnatt

✠ Please stand as you are able.

Join Us for Worship Next Sunday, September 11

Preacher: Rev. Alex Lang | Scriptures: Daniel 2:19-23, Exodus 2:15b-22 |

Music: Compass Praise Band (9:00) Chancel Choir, First Pres Brass & bagpipes (10:30)

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, September 4 — Thirteenth 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 with Baptism** — Sanctuary

11:00 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex

Upcoming Events



GUEST ORGANIST RICHARD CLEMMITT — Today — Richard is a composer with works published by Augsburg Fortress, GIA, H.T. FitzSimons, Hope Publishing, and The Church Hymnal Corporation. The Chancel Choir here at First Pres has performed his choral music. In addition to composing, Richard has been the Organist and Choirmaster of Christ Church in Winnetka, IL for twenty-nine years.

He has served as Sub-Dean of the North Shore (Chicago) Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and is a member of the Association of Anglican Musicians.

OFFICE CLOSURE — Monday, September 5 — In observance of the Labor Day holiday, the office will be closed 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 (use the QR code on the right), 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). Please contact Katy Allen (children's programming) or Jeni Eklund (youth programming) with any questions.

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 in the lobby today 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 for more details.

THE BRIDGE is a group of parents and singles, 40's & 50's plus. This group, which is going on 20 years strong, is led by it's members and focuses on events for social, service and spirit.

COFFEE: GROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION & SERVICE is a Sunday morning study group with members leading Bible study and discussion that vary from week-to-week and month-to-month. During the Advent session, the group focuses on service projects. Coffee Grounds will begin meeting weekly on **September 11 from 10:30-11:30 am** on the lower level of the education wing in Room 110. We'd loved for you to join us! Bring your coffee with you or help yourself to a cup from our Keurig! Contact Kelly Dean at k_p_dean@hotmail.com with any questions. Watch for upcoming announcements in the Church Life, Chimes, and emails!

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. Books will be available for purchase on Sunday mornings in the lobby and are also available digitally for your preferred e-reader format. 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

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.

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 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.

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.

If you give electronically but would like to put something in the offering plate, we invite you to use the laminated bookmarks in the pew rack. We will keep you abreast of your generosity.

Bookmarks	\$ 795.00
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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
Gladys Holtz
Marylyn Jirsa
Karen Johnson
Nancy Johnson

Sue Minarik
Gloria Oak
Stu Olin
Barrett Peterson
Betty Sanders
Susan Scott
Bea Sonderegger
Nancy Stautzenbach
Barb Tsutsumi
Bob Webb

Friends & Family

Dave & Debbie Arnold — cousins of Laura Carlson
Mike Ferdinand — husband of Sharon Ferdinand
Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kiepora
Dorita Godfrey — sister of Karen Wilson
Sean Grady — friend of Brian Lock

Sheri Jones — friend of Jan Niemeyer
Debby & Peter Jung—friends of Jim & Ingrid Kaufman
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

Congratulations to

Andy and Sam Sturgeon — on the birth of their son, Kai Evan Sturgeon

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, or call the church office to share your pastoral needs.

Staff Directory

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Welcome, Guests!

Thank you for worshiping 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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