



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME Adam Hendrickson

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our God is great and greatly to be praised.
All: **Blessed is God's name in all the earth.**
One: Come and we will worship together.

✦ "10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)" Myrin & Redman

✦ TIME OF GREETING

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

EXODUS 2:15B-22

MESSAGE "Guess Who's Back?" Alex Lang
Scripture: Daniel 2:19-23

SONG "The River of Dreams" Billy Joel

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Judy Hockenberry

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.

SHARING OUR GIFTS "Refresh My Heart" Geoff Bullock

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦ "BLESSED BE YOUR NAME" Beth and Matt Redman

✦ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

✦ Please stand as you are able.

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

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. You are also invited to join the conversation on Facebook, at facebook.com/firstpresah, Twitter, at @FirstPresAh, and Instagram, at @firstpresah. We look forward to connecting with you again.

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 (8:45 am – 11:45 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 or call the church office at 847-255-5900.

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. 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.

**First Presbyterian Church
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Organized in 1855*



"A pastor's sabbatical is time away from the church to reconnect with God and to rediscover God's purposes for their life."
— The Pastor's Soul

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**SEPTEMBER 11, 2022
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "St. Andrews Processional" *arr. Mark Schweizer*
First Pres Brass, Bagpipes and Organ
*The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation
for the worship of Almighty God.*

WELCOME Alex Lang

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

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✦ HYMN 687 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" ST. ANNE

CALL TO CONFESSION Judy Hockenberry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others...

SILENT CONFESSION

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

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

✦ GLORY TO GOD (Hymn 582)

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.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Judy Hockenberry

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 2:15b-22
(Pew Bible, p. 43) Judy Hockenberry
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "I Walk a Stranger on this Land" Dale Wood
"I walk a stranger on this land and weary have I grown, but with the setting sun there comes a peace that I have known; For though I walk a narrow road, I do not walk alone. So many strangers pass my way; Some speak, then disappear. They walk in shadow toward the night in loneliness and fear. The words of hope I longed to share were words they would not hear. Regret and sorrow know this road. At times they walk along to bring a tear in to my eye and sadness to my song. They say that what should be is not and that which is, is wrong. I do not walk a lonely road or take a lonely stand. The steps I follow do not make impressions in the sand. Yet in God's word, I hear His voice and know His guiding hand."
Chancel Choir; Howard Green, clarinet; Steve Walter, guitar

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Daniel 2:19-23
(Pew Bible, p. 717) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Guess Who's Back?" Alex Lang

✦ HYMN 432 (vs. 1, 2, & 4)
"How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord" REPTON

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Judy Hockenberry

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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Amazing Grace" *arr. Mack Wilberg*
Text from Hymn 649
Chancel Choir, First Pres Brass and Other Instrumentalists

✦ DOXOLOGY (Hymn 609)
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

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

✦ HYMN 307 "God of Grace and God of Glory" CWM RHONDDA

✦ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE "Amazing Grace" *Pardini arr. Morrone*
First Pres Brass and Organ

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Alex Lang

Pastors: Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry

Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson

Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban

Praise Band: Compass (9:00 am service)

First Pres Brass: Eric Allen and Jered Montgomery, trumpet; Joan Morrone, horn; Joe Pascarello, trombone

Other Instrumentalists: Joe Coakley, bagpipes; Michelle Fielder, oboe; Howard Green, clarinet; Steve Walter, guitar

WORSHIP NOTES

Prayer Requests

Healing & Comfort

First Pres Community

Mario Alberico	Nancy Johnson
Don & Judy Ayers	Sue Minarik
Wendy Blanck	Gloria Oak
Virginia Blocki	Stu Olin
Mary Clarbour	Barrett Peterson
Joanne Etherton	Betty Sanders
Bill Hamilton	Susan Scott
Gladys Holtz	Nancy Stautzenbach
Marylyn Jirsa	Barb Tsutsumi
Karen Johnson	Bob Webb

Friends & Family

Dave & Debbie Arnold — cousins of Laura Carlson	Sheri Jones — friend of Jan Niemeyer
Mike Ferdinand—husband of Sharon Ferdinand	Debby & Peter Jung — friends of Ingrid & Jim Kaufman
Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kiepora	Al Kossett — former member and friend of Bill & Jo Christian
Dorita Godfrey — sister of Karen Wilson	Greg Shane — son-in-law of Al & Karen Wilson
Sean Grady — friend of Brian Lock	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

About First Pres

STAFF

Pastor / Head of Staff: Alex Lang	Business Administrator: Debbie Walter
Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care: Judy Hockenberry	Senior Administrative Assistant: Mary Fino
Pastor Emeritus: Harry Thompson	Administrative Assistant / Receptionist: Carol Vega
Associate Pastor Emerita: Dianne Shields	Facilities Director: Tony Scheurich
Interim Youth Director: Jeni Eklund	Facilities Coordinator: Michele Holifield
Director of Children's Ministries: Katy Allen	Director of First Pres PDO & Preschool: Coleen Anzalone
Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson	Nursery Coordinator: Beth Johnson
Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban	Volunteer Librarian: Matt Meisterheim
Worship Technicians: Amy Senior, Jonah White	

Save the Date

Today	Sunday School for Children & Youth Returns
Today	Fall Kickoff Celebration
September 13	October <i>Chimes</i> Deadline
September 14	Family Night Returns
September 18	Sunday Adult Education Returns
September 24	Annual Speaker & Congregational Dinner
September 25	Congregational Meeting

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. If you need help with technical problems, please send an e-mail to webcasting@firstpresah.org.

GET CONNECTED — Join the conversation on Facebook, at facebook.com/firstpresah; Twitter, at @FirstPresAH; and Instagram, at @firstpresah. Download the free ACS Church Life app or visit the website to access the church directory or manage your giving online. Simply set up a user account at firstpresah.org under the Member Login tab to get started. We look forward to connecting with you!

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

Church Life

September 11, 2022

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.



WELCOME BACK — Today we welcome back our Head of Staff, Alex Lang, after his three-month sabbatical. Alex has been our pastor for nine years. His seven-year sabbatical scheduled for 2020 was delayed due to COVID-19. This summer, Alex and his family spent six weeks in London and another two weeks travelling through Spain and Hungary. Alex spent his last month at home working on his second book. We are very glad to welcome Alex back to our pulpit.

CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL—*Today / 10:30-11:30 am* — Preschool Sunday School, (3- & 4-year-olds) in the Green Room (CE Wing), K-5th grade in Room 304, 6th & 7th grades in the Y-Search Room (Room 105/107), 8th grade in the Confirmation Room (Room 109/ 111), 9th-12th grades in the High School Lounge (Room 301). Nursery care is available 8:45-11:45 am in the Red Room (Room 209).

SUNDAY EDUCATION FOR ADULTS — *Today / Coffee: Grounds for Discussion / 10:30-11:30 am / Room 110* — *Thriving the Empty Nest* from Christianity Today — See more information on the inside panel. *Beginning Sunday, September 18 / 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.

KICKOFF CELEBRATION — *Today / Following 10:30 am worship and Sunday School / East Parking Lot* — All are invited to celebrate the beginning of the new program year! Join us in the East Parking Lot. We will have food, a bounce house, petting zoo and pony rides and live music. Tickets for food will be available at the festival. Each ticket is \$3. Come join the fun!

Sunday, September 11 — Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 am – 11:45 am — Child care (infants – 4 years) — Room 209/211 (Red Room), Main Floor Christian Education (CE) Wing
 9:00 am **Worship** — Sanctuary
 10:00 am Adult Choir Rehearsal — Choir Auditorium
 10:00 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex
 10:30 am **Worship** — Sanctuary
 10:30 am Coffee: Grounds for Discussion & Service — Room 110/112
 10:30 am Preschool (3- & 4-year-old) Sunday School — Room 206 (Green Room), Main Floor CE Wing
 10:30 am K-5th Grade Sunday School — Room 304, CE Wing
 10:30 am Y-Search (Grades 6 & 7) — Room 105/107, (Middle School Lounge)
 10:30 am Confirmation (Grade 8) — Room 109/111
 10:30 am High School Sunday School (Grades 9-12) — Room 301/303, (High School Lounge)
 11:30 am Kickoff Celebration — East Parking Lot
 6:00 pm HSYG — High School Lounge, Gym



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Upcoming Events

FAMILY NIGHT PROGRAMMING — *Begins Wednesday, September 14 / 6:00-8:00 pm / September through May* — Come and share dinner and fellowship with families from First Pres and the broader community. This program includes dinner, adult education, mentoring classes, and programs for youth and children. Contact Katy Allen at katyallen@firstpresah.org for more details.

Weekly Schedule:

- 6:00-7:00 pm:** Drop-in dinner time for all ages
- 6:30-7:00 pm:** Children's Choir (grades K-5)
- 7:00-8:00 pm:** Classes and programs, including:
 - ENGAGE & ENCOUNTER adult Christian education
 - Kids Connect (grades K-5)
 - Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8)

ENGAGE & ENCOUNTER: Restorative Faith — *Wednesdays, September 14-December 14 / 7:00 pm / Sanctuary / Instructor: Rev. Alex Lang* — 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 a 21st century worldview. The book can be purchased on Amazon.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR — *Wednesdays, starting September 14 / 6:30-7:00 pm / Sanctuary* — Come for dinner from 6:00-6:30 pm and then join us in the Sanctuary for 30 minutes of music making and fellowship. Children will sing in worship throughout the program year. Contact Nick Pulikowski at nickpulikowski@gmail.com for more details.

CALL FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — Session has called for a meeting of the congregation for the purpose of electing officers for the class of 2025 on Sunday, September 25, 2022, immediately following the 10:30 am worship service, in the Sanctuary.

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.



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.

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 submit photos by email to Katy Allen at katyallen@firstpresah.org or drop off an actual photo at the display in the lobby. Photos will be collected until Thursday, September 29 and displayed until Sunday, October 2.

Serving, Giving, and Growing

COFFEE: GROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION & SERVICE — *September 11-25 / 10:30-11:30 am / Room 110 / Thriving the Empty Nest* from Christianity Today — When the kids leave home, it is a time of transition. It can be sad, but it doesn't have to be devastating. In fact, it can be a time to grow as a person and find new meaning. Perhaps it is your time to thrive as never before. This three-session course will help you think through this season of your life. Contact Kelly Dean at k_p_dean@hotmail.com with any questions.

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 its members and focuses on events for social, service and spirit. Watch for upcoming announcements in the Church Life, Chimes, and emails!

FAMILY NIGHT HELP WANTED — The Family Night kitchen crew is looking for a few new people! We are looking for people who would be willing to serve dinner and assist with cleaning up. This is a great way to meet new people and have some fun. If you are interested, please contact Michele Holifield at micheleholifield@firstpresah.org.

PW CIRCLE MEETINGS — *Circle 7 / Tuesday, September 20 / 7:00 pm / Parlor* — Join Circle 7 as we continue with our book, *What My Grandmothers Taught Me*, Lesson 4, "Ruth and Loyal Love". For more information, contact Liz Thompson at lizht85@yahoo.com. *Circles 1, 2, 3 / Wednesday, September 21 / 9:30 am / Parlor* — Join the morning Circles in the Parlor for fellowship and our new Bible study, *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight*, by Carol M. Bechtel.

CHIMES DEADLINE — *Tuesday, September 13* — The deadline for the October issue of *The Chimes* is this Tuesday. Please submit your articles to Mary Fino at maryfino@firstpresah.org.

FIRST PRES PDO AND PRESCHOOL RESUMES — We are excited to kick-off our 44th year, tomorrow, September 12. Our wonderful staff, comprised of First Pres members and local educators, have been preparing the school for our new and returning students. Looking forward to another great year!

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE — During 2022, the facilities team has been diligently working with contractors to create a new worship space in our historic Chapel building. While we hoped to be complete and ready to open on September 11, many supply and service issues means that the opening will be delayed. A new date will be announced as we get firmer dates on supply shipments. We regret that we will not be able to gather on September 11 in our newly designed Chapel. We look forward to the day when the space will be open for all to enjoy. If you have questions concerning the project, please contact Michele Holifield at micheleholifield@firstpresah.org.

JOIN THE MEN'S BIBLE STUDY! — The Men's Bible Study is meeting every Monday at 8:00 am via Zoom and in person. If you are interested in joining the group or if you have questions, contact Bill Dillon at (847) 956-2871 or Dave Berkow at (847) 323-2800.

Worship Next Sunday

September 18, 2022: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am — Worship (Sanctuary)
Music: Compass

10:30 am — Worship (Sanctuary)
Music: Chancel Choir

Preacher: Alex Lang
Scriptures: Matthew 8:1-4, Genesis 11:1-9
Sermon Title: "The Technology Paradox"
Sermon Series: "Come to Jesus Moment"

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.

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	\$ 887.00
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CURRENT 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.

MARY AND MARTHA'S LENDING CLOSET — If you have not checked out the Lending Closet yet, now is the time. Reserve items for 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, 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. Make an appointment today to reserve your items or to see what is available. Email maryandmartha@firstpresah.org or contact Michele Holifield or Amy Hempleman.

PADS — For many years, First Pres has welcomed individuals and families experiencing homelessness into our building on Tuesday evenings for a warm meal, a place to sleep, and breakfast. Once again, First Pres plans to re-open our Tuesday evening PADS site on Tuesday, October 4, and we need your help. If you have questions, or would like more information on getting involved, please contact the PADS team at pads@firstpresah.org. You can also call Michele Holifield at 847-243-7195, Amy Hempleman at 847-312-5211, or Cathy Mataloni at 847-682-4806 to see how you can be a part of the team.