

# 9:00 AM WORSHIP

#### WELCOME

Adam Hendrickson

#### **†CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The works of the Lord are many. All: In wisdom, God created our world.

One: Listen for God;

All: and we will have wisdom.

One: May the meditations of our hearts be full of understanding.

## **†"BE THOU MY VISION"**

arr. Hendrickson

Judy Hockenberry

#### **†TIME OF GREETING**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

#### **2 CHRONICLES 1:7-12**

**MESSAGE** "Managing Misinformation"

Alex Lang

Todd Rundgren

Scripture: Matthew 18:1-4

SONG "Just One Victory"

#### 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**

"Generous Man"

Michael Hansen

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**†"BUILD MY LIFE"** 

Younker, Martin, Kaple, Redman, & Barrett

## **†BENEDICTION**

Alex Lang

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 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. 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 of Arlington Heights

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Organized in 1855



"True humility is staying teachable, regardless of how much you already know." — Unknown

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2022** 9:00 & 10:30 AM

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Please stand as you are able.

# 10:30 AM WORSHIP

# GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**PRELUDE** 

"Hymn of Praise"

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Malik Johnson, cello

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

WELCOME Alex Lang

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**†**Нүмп 369

"Blessing and Honor"

O QUANTA QUALIA

Robert Lau

Daniel Burton

CALL TO CONFESSION

Judy Hockenberry

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Wisdom and Mercy, show us how to live in humility. Forgive us when we exercise our opinion as though it were fact. Lead us into conversations that allow us to discern wise teaching. Teach us to listen to one another. Forgive us when we fail to the training and expertise of others. Help us to discern false teachers and conspiracies. Remind us to use our knowledge and wisdom for building up one another...

#### 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, 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

2 Chronicles 1:7-12 (Pew Bible, p. 337) Judy Hockenberry

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

ANTHEM "Search Me, O God"

Heather Sorenson

"Search me, O God, and know my heart. See if there be any wickedness in me.

Is there strife? Is there pride? A transgression that is hidden from my eyes?

Search me, O God, and know my heart, and lead me in the path eternal.

And lead me to life that's everlasting, eternal."

Chancel Choir; Malik Johnson, cello

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18:1-4

(Pew Bible, p. 799) Alex Lang The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!** 

SERMON "Manag

"Managing Misinformation"

Alex Lang

♦HYMN 3**7**3

"O Day of Peace"

JERUSALEM

# GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Judy Hockenberry

LORD'S PRAYER

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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** 

"God is My Rock"

Paul Leddington Wright

"God is my rock, God is my fortress, our stronghold, a very present help in time of need. How precious are His thoughts to me, if I should count them, they are more than numbers in the sands. Search me, O God, and know my heart, try me, O God, and know my thoughts, Lead me, O God, in the way everlasting. God, my rock, God, my fortress, God, my stronghold. My God, my King, my Saviour everlasting."

Chancel Choir

♦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 802

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

ST. COLUMBA

**†**BENEDICTION

Postlude

"Festal Fanfare"

Gordon Jacob

Alex Lang

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)

Flowers: Mary Halatek—In loving memory of Walt

# **WORSHIP NOTES**

# **Prayer Requests**

## Healing & Comfort

First Pres Community

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

Friends & Family

Karen Johnson

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 Sean Grady — friend of Brian Lock Sheri Jones — friend of Jan Niemeyer Debby & Peter Jung — friends of Ingrid & Jim 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

## Sympathy to

Elaine Chen — on the death of her brother-in-law

## 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 **Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care:** Judy Hockenberry Pastor Emeritus: Harry Thompson **Associate Pastor Emerita:** Dianne Shields

Interim Youth Director Jeni Eklund

Director of Children's Ministries: Katy Allen

Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson

**Associate Director of Music** and Organist: Christopher Urban

Worship Technicians: Amy Senior, Jonah White **Business Administrator:** 

Debbie Walter

Senior Administrative Assistant: Mary Fino

Administrative Assistant / Receptionist: Carol Vega

Facilities Director: Tony Scheurich

**Facilities Coordinator:** Michele Holifield

Director of First Pres PDO & Preschool: Coleen Anzalone

Nursery Coordinator: Beth Johnson

Volunteer Librarian: Matt Meisterheim

# Save the Date

Congregational Meeting Today October 2 New Member Class Wednesday@Noon Returns October 5 October 9 Bruce Blanck Jazz Concert Service Saturday October 15 Bible Sunday & Teacher Commissioning October 16 October 29 Trunk or Treat

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.



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# Church Life

# September 25, 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 worshiping with us in this spirit.

CALL FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — Today / 11:30 am / Sanctuary — Session has called for a meeting of the congregation for the purpose of electing officers for the class of 2025, immediately following the 10:30 am worship service.

NEW MEMBER CLASS IS COMING — Sunday, October 2 / 11:45 am / **Boardroom** — Join Rev. Alex Lang to learn what it means to be a member of this family of faith. To participate in this class, contact the church office by Friday, September 30.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY — Sunday, October 2 — This special day gives us the opportunity to celebrate our oneness in Christ with all of our brothers and sisters around the world. We will receive our Peace and Global Witness Offering next Sunday. This is an offering that is used to promote the peace of Christ locally, nationally, and internationally. Our congregation keeps 25% of this offering for our own use in promoting programs that lead to peace and justice. The remaining 75% is used to help fund ministries of peace and reconciliation nationally and throughout the world. Your Mission Committee invites you to give generously to this offering. An envelope can be found in the pew rack in front of you.

Members of the Board of Deacons and the Worship, Music, and Sacraments Committee have made the decision to continue to use the individually prepared communion elements. Different strains of COVID continue to be among us and we want everyone to feel as safe as possible taking communion. Going forward, we ask that you would hold the communion elements until the pastor indicates it is time to partake of them. Remember that we partake of the bread first, so you do not want to open the cup before you have opened the bread!

## Sunday, September 25 — Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 am - 11:45 am — Child care (infants - 4 years) — Room 205/207 (Blue Room), Main Floor Christian Education (CE) Wing 9:00 am Worship — Sanctuary 9:00 am Adult Education — Boardroom 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 Sunday School (Grades 6-7 & 9-12) — Room 301/303, (High

School Lounge)

10:30 am Confirmation (Grade 8) — Room 109/111 Congregational Meeting — Sanctuary Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex 11:30 am

6:00 pm HSYG — HS Lounge, Gym

# **Upcoming Events**

FAMILY NIGHT PROGRAMMING — Wednesday Evenings / 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, through 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 — Wednesday Evenings / 6:30-7:00 pm / September-May / 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.

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 or call the church office), with meals taking place in October.

We'll gather in groups of eight 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.

WEDNESDAY@NOON — Wednesday, October 5 / 12:10 pm / Sanctuary — Join us for the first Wednesday@Noon of the season as Christopher Urban, organ, and Chuck Beech, piano, present a recital of favorite hymns.

**CONCERT SERIES KICK-OFF** — *Sunday*, *October 9 / 4:00 pm / Sanctuary* — The opening concert of our series features long-time member, Bruce Blanck, who brings his inimitable jazz piano stylings coupled with other musicians. The program will include both sacred and secular selections.

GOD'S HONEST TRUTH STORYTELLERS WANTED — Wednesday, October 26 / 7:00 pm / Sanctuary — The theme for the evening is The Story I've Always Wanted to Tell. If you are interested in sharing your story, please contact Pastor Alex Lang and he will help you prepare. Come and join us for what will certainly be a great evening!

SHOW US WHAT YOU DID OVER THE SUMMER — 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 — Today / 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 course will help you think through this season of your life. New Class Sundays, October 2-23 / Freedom: Rescue from Cokesbury — The lessons explore the concept of salvation and God's gracious acts in redeeming us. They challenge we who have experienced God's gracious salvation to work for freedom and justice on behalf of others. They acknowledge that as we do, we will encounter those whose beliefs and values are different from our own, so they encourage us in ways to remain faithful to our beliefs while we act as neighbors to others. Contact Kelly Dean at k\_p\_dean@hotmail.com with any questions.

THE BRIDGE: GAME WATCH PATIO PARTY — *Sunday*, *October 30 /* 12:00 pm — The Bridge (parents and singles, 40's & 50's plus) is hosting a Bears (v. Cowboys) watch party at the home of Vince & Heidi Wiltse (107 S. Patton, Arlington Heights). Guests may bring a small appetizer and BYOB. RSVP to Kelly Dean at k\_p\_dean@hotmail.com.

SUNDAY EDUCATION FOR ADULTS — Sundays, through 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.

LITURGISTS WANTED — Having liturgists from the congregation worked out so well this summer that we want to continue the program. You can serve at 9:00 am or 10:30 am. Pastor Judy will send you a script the Wednesday before you are the liturgist. Signup with the link in Weekly Highlights or call the church office.

PW COLLECTION FOR FIRMAN AND CHRISTOPHER HOUSES —

Sundays, October 2-16 — Presbyterian Women will be holding its annual collection of financial donations for the purchase of food items for the families served by Firman Community Services and Christopher House, two organizations that help families in need. Cash and checks made out to Presbyterian Women will be accepted. Donations can also be accepted on the church website. All donations will help these organizations to purchase nutritious items for their clients.

SERVICE SATURDAY — Saturday, October 15 / 12:30-4:00 pm — The Mission Committee will host a work day in North Lawndale at Spaulding Memorial Urban Garden. We will gather for lunch at First Pres at 12:30 pm and then head to the garden to do some fall harvesting and clean-up. Signup using the QR code at the right or by contacting 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

October 2, 2022: Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am — Worship with Holy Communion (Sanctuary) *Music*: Compass

**10:30 am — Worship with Holy Communion** (Sanctuary) *Music:* Chancel Choir



Alex Lang

Scriptures: Galatians 5:2-6, Isaiah 43:15-21

Sermon Title: "Back to the Future"
Sermon Series: "Come to Jesus Moments"

NEW FALL SERMON SERIES: 'COME TO JESUS MOMENT' — Sundays,

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 \$ 1,160.00

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 — The First Pres PADS site will open on Tuesday, October 4. Through generous donations and hours of service of friends and members of First Pres, our shelter has opened during the fall, winter and spring months for over 30 years. We are grateful for your continued generosity. Follow the links in Weekly Highlights to donate goods and money for meals or to volunteer. We are especially looking for volunteers for our 3:00 am -7:00 am shift. If this is something you could do even once per month, please consider signing up. PADS site directors this year are Amy Hempleman, Cathy Mataloni and Michele Holifield. Please contact us at pads@firstpresah.org with any questions.