



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME Adam Hendrickson

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are all children of God; redeemed by Christ.
All: **In Christ we are one.**
One: There is neither black nor brown;
All: **there is neither male nor female;**
One: there is neither slave nor free;
All: **we are one in Christ and we are all heirs to the promise.**
One: Let us worship God with one voice.

✦ “ACT JUSTLY, LOVE MERCY, WALK HUMBLY”
Barrett, Ingram, & Tomlin

✦ TIME OF GREETING

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

GENESIS 4:1-16

MESSAGE “Groundhog Day” Alex Lang
Scripture: Mark 11:15-18

SONG “Arabesque”
Berryman, Buckland, Champion, Martin, Goddard, Kuti, & Van Haver

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 “A Change is Gonna Come” *Sam Cooke*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦ “IMAGINE” *John & Yoko Ono*

✦ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Compass: Milan Arpino, vocals; Dan Berg, guitar; Kevin Carroll, bass/trombone;
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
of Arlington Heights**

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



“Churches remain largely segregated. The reluctance to reckon with racism has led to a chasm between black and white Christians in theology, politics, and culture. This chasm only makes it harder to productively communicate and take effective action around racial issues.”
— Jemar Tisby

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**OCTOBER 9, 2022
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Prelude and Fugue in G Major" *J. S. Bach*
"Arioso" *J. S. Bach*

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

WELCOME Alex Lang

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✦ HYMN 182 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" KINGSFOLD

CALL TO CONFESSION Judy Hockenberry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess that we have turned from you in thought, word, and deed. We take our privileges for granted – education, financial security, and opportunities. We neglect our neighbors in need. We refuse to acknowledge our own parts in the inequities of our country. We continue to believe that if people of color or people without homes just worked harder they could fix their situation. We fail to understand the ways we hold them back. We are comfortable in the status quo that is so uncomfortable for others. Forgive our lack of understanding. Forgive our foolish ways...

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 Genesis 4:1-16
(Pew Bible, p. 3) Judy Hockenberry
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "Oseh Shalom" *Judith Clurman*
"May the one who makes peace in high heavens, make peace for us and for all Israel and let us say: Amen."
Chancel Choir; Howard Green, clarinet

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Mark 11:15-18
(Pew Bible, p. 824)
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Groundhog Day" Alex Lang

✦ HYMN 754 "Help Us Accept Each Other" BARONITA

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Judy Hockenberry

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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 "Distant Land" *John Rutter*

"I see a distant land: it shines so clear. Sometimes it seems so far, sometimes so near.

Come, join together, take the dusty road; Help one another: share the heavy load.

The journey may be long: no end in sight; There may be hills to climb, or gains to fight:

But if you'll take my hand, we'll walk together toward the land of freedom. I hear a

distant song: it fills the air. I hear it, deep and strong, rise up in prayer: O Lord, we are

many; help us to be one. Heal our divisions: let thy will be done. I know the time will

come when war must cease: A time of truth and love, a time of peace. The people cry,

'How long till all our world can join the song of freedom.' I touch a distant hand and

feel its glow, The hand I hoped was there: at last I know. Swords into ploughshares:

can it all come true? Friends out of strangers: start with me and you. I see another

time, another place where we can all be one, one human race. The walls will melt

away, we'll come together on the day of freedom."

Chancel Choir; Howard Green, clarinet

✦ 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 339 "Lift Every Voice and Sing" LIFT EVERY VOICE

✦ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE "Festival Toccata" *Percy Fletcher*

✦ 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: **Kris Ford**—In memory of my mother, Millie Engelbretsen

Jan Niemeyer—In memory of Vicki & Ollie Davenport

WORSHIP NOTES

Prayer Requests

Healing & Comfort

First Pres Community

Mario Alberico
Don & Judy Ayers
Pat Baker
Wendy Blanck
Virginia Blocki
Mary Clarbourn
Bill Hamilton
Gladys Holtz
Marylyn Jirsa
Karen Johnson

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

Friends & Family

Mike Ferdinand—husband of Sharon Ferdinand
Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kiepura
Dorita Godfrey — sister of Karen Wilson

Sheri Jones — friend of Jan Niemeyer
Debby & Peter Jung — friends of Ingrid & Jim Kaufman
John Stotz — friend of the Tsutsumi family

Sympathy to

The Etherton family, on the death of **Joanne Etherton**

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

Today Bruce Blanck Jazz Concert
October 15 Service Saturday
October 16 Bible Sunday & Teacher Commissioning
October 26 God's Honest Truth
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.

Church Life

October 9, 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.

CONCERT SERIES KICK-OFF — *Today / 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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS — Presbyterian Women will be in the lobby after both services today, to receive donations for Sanctuary flowers. When you are remembering your loved ones and special dates in your lives, please consider a donation to the Sanctuary Flower Fund. You may also donate via the church website and select "PW-Flowers-Sunday" from the dropdown menu. Suggested donations are \$30, but any amount is appreciated. Your memorial or celebration will be published in the Sunday bulletin.

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.

RESTAURANT WALK — *Sign-up Now!* — Use the QR Code or call the church office. 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. Remaining dates are: Sunday, October 16 at noon and Thursday, October 20 at 6:00 pm.



Sunday, October 9 — Eighteenth 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
11:30 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex
11:45 am Session Meeting/Meet New Members — Parlor
4:00 pm Concert — Sanctuary
6:00 pm HSYG — HS Lounge, Gym



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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 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, through May / 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.

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 or by contacting Michele Holifield at micheleholifield@firstpresah.org.



BIBLE SUNDAY & TEACHER COMMISSIONING — *Sunday, October 16* — Sunday school teachers and volunteers will be commissioned at the 9:00 am worship service, and 3rd and 8th graders will receive Bibles at the 10:30 am worship service.

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!

THIRD ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT — *Saturday, October 29 / 1:00-3:00 pm / West Parking Lot* — Children's Ministries and First Pres PDO & Preschool are teaming up again to share some Halloween fun with our church family and community this fall. If you would like to decorate a trunk in our West Parking Lot and pass out candy to costumed kiddos, please contact Katy Allen at katyallen@firstpresah.org. All are welcome to participate.

ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE — *Saturday, October 29 / 9:00-11:00 am / West Parking Lot* — Bring your crushed aluminum cans to the can drive sponsored by the Men's Bible Study. Proceeds support the Men's Bible Study's sponsored charities. Questions? Contact Dave Berkow at dwberkow@att.net. Please do not bring cans to the church office before the collection date.

Serving, Giving, and Growing

COFFEE: GROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION & SERVICE — *Sundays, through October 23 / 10:30-11:30 am / Room 110 / Freedom: Rescue* from Cokesbury — The lessons explore the concept of salvation and God's gracious acts in redeeming us. They challenge us 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.

HELP US MAKE A HOME FOR REFUGEEONE — During the months of October and November, there will be an opportunity for all to participate in donating items needed for First Pres to make a home and welcome a new refugee family. Items will range from kitchen supplies to personal care items, everything we need to make a welcoming home. We will also be collecting gift cards to specific stores in order to purchase items as needed while we set-up the home. Stop by the tree and table in the lobby on Sunday mornings or at Family Night on Wednesdays to pick a leaf or two and participate in this new ministry at First Pres. If you have questions, please contact one of the Make-A-Home leaders – Amy Hempleman, Amy Lumsden or Michele Holifield.

PW COLLECTION FOR FIRMAN AND CHRISTOPHER HOUSES — *Sundays, through October 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 made on the church website. All donations will help these organizations to purchase nutritious items for their clients. Stop by the table in the lobby today!

CHRISTOPHER HOUSE FAMILY TO FAMILY — We will be able to adopt a family and buy Christmas gifts for each member of that family. The sign up will start in November. We will also have the option to donate money on our website to the Thrive Fund, which Christopher House uses for clients in emergency situations. Any questions, call or email Liz Thompson at (847) 537-9087 or lizht85@yahoo.com.

Worship Next Sunday

October 16, 2022: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am — Worship (Sanctuary)

Music: Compass

10:30 am — Worship (Sanctuary)

Music: Men's Chorus and Children's Choir



Preacher: Alex Lang

Scriptures: James 5:1-6, Titus 1:7-9

Sermon Title: "Unrealistic Expectations"

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.

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| Bookmarks | \$ 200.00 |
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CURRENT GIVING OPPORTUNITY: Hurricane Ian caused catastrophic damage and flooding in the state of Florida. Any money attached to our bookmarks will be donated to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, which is providing support to those affected.

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. Mary and Martha's Lending Closet is 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 backyard movie viewing. It's the perfect place to borrow for your next book club, shower, neighborhood gathering, casual or fancy dinner party. 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 has opened. 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.