



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME Adam Hendrickson

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God's word is a lamp that lights our path;
All: **God's word endures forever.**
One: God's word can still the universe.
All: **God's word is written on our hearts.**
One: Come and worship God.

✦ "GREAT ARE YOU LORD" Leonard, Ingram, & Jordan

✦ TIME OF GREETING

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

COMMISSIONING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & VOLUNTEERS

TITUS 1:7-9 Kim Hogan

MESSAGE "Unrealistic Expectations" Alex Lang
Scripture: James 5:1-6

SONG "Clocks"
Berryman, Buckland, Champion, & Martin

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 "Now to Live the Life" Matt Redman

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Kim Hogan

✦ "AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)" Tomlin, Newton, & Giglio

✦ 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 of Arlington Heights

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Organized in 1855*



"The great enemy of the truth is very often not the lie, deliberate, contrived and dishonest, but the myth, persistent, persuasive and unrealistic."
— John F. Kennedy

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**OCTOBER 16, 2022
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Trumpet Tune in D Major" *Paul Fey*
"Elegy" *Paul Fey*

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

WELCOME Alex Lang

INTROIT "Ubi Caritas" *Becki Slagle Mayo*
"Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est. Where there is charity and love, God is there. We have gathered in this place, joining hearts in love and praise, giving thanks to God above, we go out to serve in love."
Children's Choir; Nick Pulikowski, director

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✦ HYMN 459 "O Word of God Incarnate" MUNICH

CALL TO CONFESSION Tom Carroll

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O Lord, for the ways in which we disregard your holy word. We forget the light your word can bring to our lives. We fail to live into your word when it speaks to us. We do not devote ourselves to understanding scripture, yet it speaks truth to us. Allow us to read your word with fresh appreciation. Forgive us for thinking that it always speaks to us of old things. Help us to see the new that comes every day from your word and to allow that word to teach us and guide us...

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

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

BIBLE PRESENTATION

ANTHEM "Order My Steps" *Glenn Burleigh*
"Order my steps in your word, dear Lord, lead me, guide me everyday. Send your anointing, Father, I pray. Order my steps in your Word, please, order my steps in your Word. Humbly I ask thee, teach me your will, while you are working, help me be still. Tho' Satan is busy, God is real! Order my steps in your Word! I want to walk worthy, my calling to fulfill. Please order my steps, Lord, and I'll do your blessed will. The world is ever changing, but you are still the same. If you order my steps, I'll praise your name. Order my steps in your Word, order my tongue in your Word, guide my feet in your Word, wash my heart in your Word. Show me how to walk in your Word, show me how to talk in your Word. When I need a brand new song to sing, show me how to let your praises ring, in your Word!"
Men's Chorus

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Tom Carroll

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Titus 1:7-9
(Pew Bible, p. 968) Tom Carroll
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING James 5:1-6
(Pew Bible, p. 982) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Unrealistic Expectations" Alex Lang

✦ HYMN 717 "For the Life That You Have Given" PLEADING SAVIOR

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Judy Hockenberry

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Give Me Jesus" *Dale Grotenhuis*
*"O when I am alone, give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.
O when I come to die, give me Jesus.
When I want to sing, give me Jesus."*
Men's Chorus

✦ 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 700 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" I'M GONNA LIVE

✦ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE "Toccata" *Paul Fey*

✦ 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: **Christopher Urban**—In celebration of Dale and Suzanne Urban's 52nd Wedding Anniversary

WORSHIP NOTES

Prayer Requests

Healing & Comfort

First Pres Community

Mario Alberico
 Roger Anderson
 Don & Judy Ayers
 Pat Baker
 Wendy Blanck
 Virginia Blocki
 Jean Castles
 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
 Doug Martin — son of Helen Martin
 Lindsey Spalding — friend of the Hockenberry's
 John Stotz — friend of the Tsutsumi family

Sympathy to

Dan, Laura and Mikayla Carlson, on the death of Laura's sister, Debbie The Etherton family, on the death of **Joanne Etherton**
Dan and Carolyn Selke on the death of Dan's mother, Rose Marie Selke

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	Bible Sunday & Teacher Commissioning
October 26	God's Honest Truth
October 29	Trunk or Treat
November 2	Wednesday@Noon
November 2	Concert Series: Fauré Requiem
November 5	Pumpkin Recycling Event
November 6	Intergenerational Breakfast
November 15	December <i>Chimes</i> Deadline
November 20	Concert and Wise & Sage Dinner

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.

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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

October 16, 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.

BIBLE SUNDAY & TEACHER COMMISSIONING — *Today* — 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.

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 16 — Nineteenth 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 Officer Training & Safe Sanctuary Training — Boardroom
 12:00 pm Restaurant Walk — Hey Nonny
 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 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.

PW CIRCLES — Presbyterian Women Circles have started! We are a community of women helping to make a difference in the lives of others. PW supports Christopher House, Firman House and FamilyForward. We look forward to another year of growing, supporting each other and listening to God's word. Everyone is welcome. Join us for a Circle meeting this month. — *Circles 1, 2, 3: Wednesday, October 19 / 9:30 am / Parlor* — Our Bible study this year is *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight*, by Carol M. Bechtel. We will study Lesson 2, "Sabbath and Creation". *Circle 7: Tuesday, October 18 / 7:00 pm / Parlor* — Join the evening Circle for fellowship and learning.

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 — *Final day today!* — Presbyterian Women is collecting 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 the church 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.

NEW OFFICE HOURS — The office will be open for business from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday through Thursday, and 8:30 am - 12:30 pm on Fridays year-round. If you need access to the building on Friday afternoons, please contact Michele Holifield at micheleholifield@firstpresah.org or 847-255-5900 prior to Friday.

Worship Next Sunday

October 23, 2022: Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am — Worship (Sanctuary)

Music: Compass

10:30 am — Worship (Sanctuary)

Music: Chancel Choir & Chancel Handbell Choir



Preacher: Alex Lang

Scriptures: Mark 8:34-37, Ecclesiastes 8:14-17

Sermon Title: "Numbing Solution"

Sermon Series: "Come to Jesus Moments"

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	\$ 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 by this disaster.

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.