

9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME

Adam Hendrickson

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Open yourselves to the presence of God. All: We will be present to God in this place.

One: Come to God out of your places of fear and despair.

All: God will provide hope and joy.

One: We will worship God together, seeking light in the midst of darkness.

†"MY LIGHTHOUSE"

Gilkeson & Llewellyn

†TIME OF GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ECCLESIASTES 8:14-17

MESSAGE "Numbing Solution" Alex Lang

Scripture: Mark 8:34-37

SONG "Hopeless Wanderer"

Lovett, Dwane, Mumford, & Marshall

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

"This Wandering Day" Bear McCreary

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†"I WILL FOLLOW"

Tomlin, Ingram, & Morgan

†BENEDICTION

Alex Lang

Compass: 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



"This is what is sad when one contemplates human life, that so many live out their lives in quiet lostness... they live, as it were, away from themselves and vanish like shadows." — Soren Kierkegaard

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 23, 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

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

†Hymn 39

†CALL TO WORSHIP

"It Is Well" Chancel Handbell Choir; Nick Pulikowski, director

The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation

for the worship of Almighty God.

One: We will worship God together, seeking light in the midst of darkness.

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Marilynn Graves

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Ecclesiastes 8:14-17 (Pew Bible, p. 541) Marilynn Graves

The Word of the Lord/Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

"Seek Ye the Lord"

J. V. Roberts

"Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy, and abundantly pardon. Amen.'

Chancel Choir; Nick Pulikowski, tenor

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:34-37

(Pew Bible, p. 820) Alex Lang

The Word of the Lord/Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Numbing Solution"

Alex Lang

†HYMN **738**

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

MARYTON

CALL TO CONFESSION

Marilynn Graves

FAITHFULNESS

Joel Raney

Alex Lang

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, hear us as we confess our sins to you. We are overwhelmed by the suffering of our world and that which is part of our own lives. Forgive us when we numb ourselves to the pain and fail to root out the causes of the suffering. We cling to the illusion that we are in control of life. When we are reminded that we are not in control we feel disoriented and lost. Open our hearts to the truth of life. Allow us to embrace the sorrow so we might also embrace the beauty...

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 (Hvmn 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.

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COMMUNITY LIFE

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Take Up Your Cross"

Austin Lovelace

" 'Take up your cross,' the Savior said, 'If you would my disciple be; Deny yourself, forsake the world, An humbly follow after me.' Take up your cross, let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm; His strength shall bear your spirit up, And brace your heart and nerve your arm. Take up your cross, not heed the shame; Nor let your foolish pride rebel; Your Lord for you the cross endured, To save your soul from death and hell. Take up your cross and follow Christ, Nor think till death to lay it down; For only those who bear the cross May hope to wear the glorious crown."

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!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

†HYMN 726 "Will You Come and Follow Me"

†BENEDICTION Alex Lang

KELVINGROVE

POSTLUDE "Jubilate" Rov Douglas

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: Sally Crooker—In loving memory of Brandt

Happy Birthday, Betty Sanders—Love, Clarke & Lillian

Barbara Nelson—In loving memory of Russell

The Wegener & Schroeder Families—In memory of Elizabeth

Armstrong on her birthday

WORSHIP NOTES

Prayer Requests

Healing & Comfort

First Pres Community

Mario Alberico
Roger Anderson
Sue Minarik
Don & Judy Ayers
Gloria Oak
Wendy Blanck
Virginia Blocki
Jean Castles
Mary Clarbour

Sue Minarik
Gloria Oak
Stu Olin
Barrett Peterson
Betty Sanders
Susan Scott
Sill Hamilton

Bill Hamilton
Gladys Holtz
Marylyn Jirsa

Nancy Stautzenbach
Barb Tsutsumi
Bob Webb

Karen Johnson

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
Hockenberrys
John Stotz — friend of the Tsutsumi

family

Sympathy to

Dan, Laura and Mikayla Carlson, on the death of Laura's sister, Debbie Lois Holyoak, on the death of her husband, Bob Holyoak
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

God's Honest Truth October 26 October 29 Aluminum Can Drive October 29 Trunk or Treat Wednesday@Noon November 2 November 2 Concert Series: Fauré Requiem November 5 Pumpkin Recycling Event All-Church Breakfast November 6 November 8 December Chimes 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.

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

October 23, 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.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS! — Please join in welcoming the seven newest members of the First Pres family of faith, received during the 10:30 am worship service today.

GOD'S HONEST TRUTH — Wednesday, October 26 / 7:00 pm / Sanctuary — The theme for the evening is The Story I've Always Wanted to Tell. Come and join us for dinner at 6:00 pm and stay for what will certainly be a great evening of storytelling! Scheduled presenters for the evening: Dawn Bruce, Marilynn Graves, Jerry Peterson and Todd Smith.

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.

Sunday, October 23—Twentieth 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 - New Members Welcomed — 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

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.

WEDNESDAY@NOON — Wednesday, November 2 / 12:10 pm / Sanctuary — Join us for our Wednesday@Noon recital with Christopher Urban playing organ music featuring harp, chimes and carillon.

CONCERT SERIES: ALL SAINTS' DAY SERVICE — Wednesday, November 2 / 7:00 pm / Sanctuary — The Concert Series and the Arlington Heights Ministerial Association will provide a community-wide All Saints' Day service with a presentation of Gabriel Fauré's Requiem. The choir will be made up of singers from First Pres and neighboring Arlington Heights churches. They will be joined by soloists and orchestra. Free will offering will support the Arlington Heights Emergency Assistance Fund.

PUMPKIN RECYCLING EVENT — *Saturday, November 5 / 9:00 am - 2:00 pm / East Parking Lot* — To divert pumpkins from landfills and contributing to the emission of greenhouse gas methane, University of Illinois Extension in Cook County is partnering to provide a place for pumpkin recycling. Bring them to the East Parking Lot on November 5.

ALL-CHURCH BREAKFAST — Sunday, November 6 / 8:00 am-10:30 am / Fellowship Hall — Children's Ministries will be hosting an all-church breakfast on Sunday, November 6. Join us for a delicious breakfast either before or after your favorite worship service. A freewill offering will be collected to benefit Partners for Our Communities (POC), a local organization that provides critical resources to help meet the needs of underserved families.

Serving, Giving, and Growing

COFFEE: GROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION & SERVICE — Sundays / 10:30-11:30 am / Room 110 / Freedom: Rescue from Cokesbury — The lesson explores the concept of salvation and God's gracious acts in redeeming us. New Class starting October 30 through November 20 / Christianity's Family Tree: What Other Christians Believe and Why by Adam Hamilton — Hamilton presents a welcoming, inspiring vision of eight Christian denominations and faith traditions. Comparing the Christian family to our own extended families, he contends that each denomination has a unique, valuable perspective to offer on the Christian faith. For each group, he gives a brief history, outlines major beliefs and describes some things we can learn from that tradition to strengthen our own Christian faith. 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.

SERVICE SATURDAY— *November 12 / 9:00-11:30 am* — We will be packing and delivering cookies to some First Pres members, preparing and delivering lunch for the fire stations in Arlington Heights and packaging hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Beginning today, the Mission Committee will be collecting specific items for the hygiene kits: hand towels, washcloths, nail clippers, bars of soap, single packaged toothbrushes and standard sized band-aids. Items can be dropped off on Sundays or during the week in the basket by Door 9. Questions? Contact Michele Holifield.

HELP US MAKE A HOME FOR REFUGEEONE — The Mission Committee would like to thank you for your overwhelming and generous support of our Make-a-Home project. All of our item leaves have been selected but you can still participate by donating gift cards (Aldi, Jewel, Target) or cash. Team members will be at a table in the Lobby on Sunday mornings to accept your donations if you have already selected a leaf, accept donations of gift cards and cash or to answer any questions you might have. You can also sign up to be on the list to get a call when we are ready to move in. If you have questions, please contact one of the Make-a-Home leaders – Amy Hempleman, Amy Lumsden or Michele Holifield.

CHRISTOPHER HOUSE FAMILY TO FAMILY — Once again, we will be able to adopt a family and buy Christmas gifts for each member of that family. The sign up will start November 13. 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.

LITURGISTS WANTED — 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.

Worship Next Sunday

October 30, 2022: Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am — Worship (Sanctuary)

Music: Compass

10:30 am — Worship (Sanctuary)

Music: Chancel Choir



Preacher: Alex Lang

Scriptures: John 15:12-17, Matthew 26:69-75

Sermon Title: "Ghost Stories"

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	\$ 454.00
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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 — Mary and Martha's Lending Closet is ready to help you with all of your holiday hospitality. We have all that you need to host friends and family. If you have not visited Mary and Martha's, stop in on a Sunday morning, Wednesday evening or make an appointment to see all that we have to offer. We have the turkey roaster you might need when you run out of oven space or a complete set of Christmas dishes for that special gathering. Tell your family and friends about us. We love referrals. We look forward to seeing you this holiday season. Contact Mary and Martha's Lending Closet at maryandmartha@firstpresah.org.

PADS — 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 -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 pads@firstpresah.org with any questions.

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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS October 23, 2022



Melissa Anderson — Melissa and her husband, Ryan, have been married for nine years. They have resided in Arlington Heights for seven years. Melissa is a National Commercial Underwriter for Chicago Title. Her hobbies include gardening, coloring, kayaking, hiking, crocheting/knitting and reading.

She enjoys the sermons and community atmosphere at First Pres.

Ryan Anderson — Ryan has been married to Melissa for almost ten years and they have lived in Arlington Heights for seven. He is an aviation/airport consultant and his hobbies include aviation, camping and fishing. Ryan is looking forward to learning about different ways to be a part of, serve and give back to the First Pres community. Ryan finds First Pres to be very welcoming and the entire family loves coming to worship.



Nancy Antrim — Nancy has lived in Arlington Heights for 50 years. She was married for 56 years. Nancy has been attending First Pres and credits the music for her desire to join the church.

Also Joining: The Daniel Family



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