



**9:00 AM WORSHIP**

**WELCOME**

Adam Hendrickson

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**✦ CALL TO WORSHIP**

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All: **Praise the Lord!**  
One: We give thanks for all we have been given.  
All: **Praise the Lord!**  
One: God's mercy is boundless.  
All: **We come to worship as stewards of God's gifts.**

**✦ "10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)"**

*Myrin & Redman*

**✦ TIME OF GREETING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Judy Hockenberry

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

**MATTHEW 6:19-21**

**MESSAGE**

"Thinking Outside the Box"  
Scripture: Acts 2:37-47

Alex Lang

**SONG**

"Courage to Grow"

*Finley, Williams, Rachmany, & Carey*

**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**

"Rise Up"

*Batie & Decilveo*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**✦ "UP & UP"**

*Berryman, Buckland, Champion, Eriksen, Hermansen, & Martin*

**✦ BENEDICTION**

Alex Lang

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Compass: Dan Berg, bass; AJ Coleman, drums; Adam Hendrickson, piano/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*



"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can,  
in all the ways you can, in all the places you can,  
at all the times you can, to all the people you can,  
as long as ever you can."  
— John Wesley, *Letters of John Wesley*

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**NOVEMBER 6, 2022  
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

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# 10:30 AM WORSHIP

## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Nimrod" *Edward Elgar arr. Hyslop*  
First Pres Brass and Organ

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

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WELCOME Alex Lang

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✦ HYMN 336 "We Gather Together" KREMSER

CALL TO CONFESSION Barbara Broud

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Generous God, you bestow every blessing upon us and we live as though everything depends on our work. We fail to trust you. We stubbornly deny that you know what is best for us. We hoard our resources as if our lives depended on them. We forget your desire for us to live generously and without fear. We are always worried about having enough. Forgive us, O God, and help us to embrace the abundance you offer...**

### 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 Barbara Broud

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 6:19-21  
(Pew Bible, p. 787) Barbara Broud  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "Treasures in Heaven" *Joseph Clokey*  
*"Lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, Where moth and rust doth corrupt,  
and where thieves break through and steal, But lay up for yourselves treasures in  
heaven, For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.  
Ask, and it shall be given you; Seek, and ye shall find; Knock,  
and it shall be opened unto you, For every one that asketh reciveth,  
And he that seeketh findeth, And to him that knocketh it shall be opened."*  
Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:37-47  
(Pew Bible, p. 886) Alex Lang  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Thinking Outside the Box" Alex Lang

✦ HYMN 697 "Take My Life" HENDON

## GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Judy Hockenberry

### LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Upon this Rock" *John Ness Beck*  
*"Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven. And whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven. And whatsoever thou shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Lo, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds has come. Arise and come away; Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell, the gates of hell shall not prevail against it!"*

### Congregation rise and join in singing when directed:

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation by water and the word;  
From Heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Yet she on earth hath union with Father, Spirit, Son,  
And mystic sweet communion those whose rest is won;  
O happy one and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

Chancel Choir and First Pres Brass

### ✦ 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 708 "We Give Thee but Thine Own" SCHUMANN

✦ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE "Fanfare and Flourishes" *James Curnow*  
First Press Brass and Organ

✦ Please stand as you are able.

**Preaching:** Alex Lang

**Pastors:** Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry

**Director of Music and Worship:** Adam Hendrickson

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

**Praise Band:** Compass (9:00 am service)

**First Pres Brass:** Eric Allen and Jered Montgomery, trumpet; Joan Morrone, horn; Todd Smith, trombone

**Flowers:** **Cynthia Goldsberry**—In loving memory of my dear sister, Barbara Lee Campbell

**Mary Halatek**—In loving memory of Walt

**Walter Meyer**—To honor the service of the sailors and soldiers of the MRF Viet Nam

**Bill, Liz and Emily Thompson**—In memory of Liz's brothers, Jimmy, Eddie and William Huntley

## WORSHIP NOTES

# Prayer Requests

## Healing & Comfort

### First Pres Community

Bob Ahrens  
 Mario Alberico  
 Roger Anderson  
 Don & Judy Ayers  
 Wendy Blanck  
 Virginia Blocki  
 Jean Castles  
 Mary Clarbourn  
 Gladys Holtz  
 Marylyn Jirsa  
 Karen Johnson

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

### Friends & Family

Mike Ferdinand — husband of Sharon Ferdinand  
 Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kiepora  
 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  
 Tim Stone — son of Patty Richard  
 John Stotz — friend of the Tsutsumi family  
 Maddie Thompson—niece of Amy Carroll and granddaughter of JoAnn Thompson

### Sympathy to

The Garland family, on the death of **Saralu Garland Darah Landwehr** and family, on the death of her grandfather, Richard Middleton

### 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	All-Church Breakfast
November 8	December <i>Chimes</i> Deadline
November 12	Service Saturday
November 13	Commitment Sunday
November 20	Concert Series: Organ Concert
November 20	Wise & Sage Dinner
November 26	Decorate the church for Christmas

**LIVE WEBCAST & WORSHIP RECORDINGS** — Services are webcast live at [firstpresah.org/experience/livestream](http://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](http://firstpresah.org/experience/sermons). If you need help with technical problems, please send an e-mail to [webcasting@firstpresah.org](mailto:webcasting@firstpresah.org).

**GET CONNECTED** — Join the conversation on Facebook, at [facebook.com/firstpresah](https://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](http://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](mailto:judyhockenberry@firstpresah.org) or 847-255-5900, or call the church office to share your pastoral needs.

# Church Life

November 6, 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.

**SHARE WHAT YOU ARE THANKFUL FOR** — During our worship services in November, you will find leaf-shaped notes in the pews. You are encouraged to write something you are thankful for on a note and post it on the Wall of Thanks in the Narthex. Let's create a forest of thanksgiving during the month of November!

**ALL-CHURCH BREAKFAST** — *Today / 8:00 am-11:00 am / Fellowship Hall* — Children's Ministries will be hosting an all-church breakfast this morning. 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.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CHRISTMAS FLOWER ORDERS** — *Today / after worship / Lobby* — Presbyterian Women will be in the Lobby after both worship services accepting donations for Christmas Flowers to beautify our Sanctuary during the Christmas season. Suggested donation is \$25, but any amount is appreciated.

**ADVENT CANDLELIGHTERS WANTED** — *Sign Up Today & Sunday, November 13* — The Worship, Music and Sacrament (WMS) Committee will be holding sign-ups for Advent candlelighters in the Narthex. We are looking for couples, singles, families or groups to read the liturgy and light the Advent candles for the 9:00 and 10:30 am services, as well as Christmas Eve. No experience is needed! If you have any questions, contact WMS Chair, Kris Ward, at [keward\\_us@yahoo.com](mailto:keward_us@yahoo.com).

**DECEMBER CHIMES DEADLINE** — *Tuesday, November 8* — Submit articles for the December issue of *The Chimes* to Mary Fino at [maryfino@firstpresah.org](mailto:maryfino@firstpresah.org) by Tuesday, November 8.

### Sunday, November 6 — Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost / Stewardship

8:00 am – 11:00 am — All-Church Breakfast — Fellowship Hall  
 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 Confirmation (Grade 8) — Room 109/111  
 11:30 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex  
 1:30 pm Scout Troop 32 Eagle Court of Honor — Sanctuary  
 2:30 pm Brass Rehearsal — Choir Auditorium/Sanctuary  
 3:00 pm Scout Troop 32 Reception — Parlor, Narthex  
 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](mailto: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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:nickpulikowski@gmail.com) for more details.

**CHRISTMAS CAMP REGISTRATION / Sign Ups Now Open** — Children's Ministries and First Pres' Music Ministries are excited to offer a new Christmas Pageant experience for our preschoolers – 5th graders. Christmas Camp will incorporate drama, music and crafts on Wednesday nights beginning November 30 through December 21, from 6:45-8:00 pm. Registration is free and all are welcome. Visit <https://firstpresah.org/programs/children-families/christmas-camp/> to register. Please contact Katy Allen at [katyallen@firstpresah.org](mailto:katyallen@firstpresah.org) to learn more.

**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. **Through November 11**, the Mission Committee will be collecting specific items for the hygiene kits: hand towels, washcloths, nail clippers, bar 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.

**CONCERT SERIES: SCHANTZ ORGAN 50TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT** — *Sunday, November 20 / 4:00 pm / Sanctuary* — Join First Pres Brass and organist Christopher Urban for a concert celebrating the 50th anniversary of the installation of the Schantz pipe organ. The featured work will be Josef Rheinberger's *Concerto No. 2* for organ and brass.

**WISE & SAGE DINNER** — *Sunday, November 20 / 5:30 pm / Fellowship Hall* — The High School youth will host the annual Thanksgiving dinner for members who are 60+ years of age. Watch for your invitation in the mail. Be sure to attend the 4:00 pm concert just prior to the dinner!

**DECEMBER CHIMES DEADLINE** — *Tuesday, November 8* — Submit articles for the December issue of *The Chimes* to Mary Fino at [maryfino@firstpresah.org](mailto:maryfino@firstpresah.org) by Tuesday, November 8.

## Serving, Giving, and Growing

**COFFEE: GROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION & SERVICE** — *Sundays / 10:30-11:30 am / Room 110 / 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. If you have any questions, contact Kelly Dean at [k\\_p\\_dean@hotmail.com](mailto:k_p_dean@hotmail.com).

**THE BRIDGE: GAME WATCH PATIO PARTY** — *Sunday, November 13 / 12:00 pm* — The Bridge (parents and singles, 40's & 50's plus) is hosting a Bears (v. Lions) 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](mailto:k_p_dean@hotmail.com).

**COMMITMENT SUNDAY** — *Sunday, November 13* — Bring your commitment card to worship as we celebrate and dedicate these gifts in worship.

**HELP US CLOSE THE 2022 BUDGET DEFICIT** — As we near the end of the year, we are facing a budget deficit of \$200,000. In worship on October 30, Gary Gehm, chair of the Administration & Finance Committee, challenged each member to prayerfully consider giving an additional \$400 (or \$800 per couple) in 2022. It will only take 500 members giving \$400 to totally erase our deficit. Your vital gift will help us maintain the life changing mission and ministry that First Pres offers. For questions or more information, contact Gary Gehm at [AdminFinance@firstpresah.org](mailto:AdminFinance@firstpresah.org).

**DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS** — *Saturday, November 26 / 9:30 am* — Come out and enjoy a morning beautifying our building for Christmas. All ages are welcome!

**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.

**CHRISTOPHER HOUSE FAMILY TO FAMILY** — Many have enjoyed providing wrapped Christmas gifts for Christopher House families in the past. Your gifts meet needs of a family and help them have a special holiday. Please consider participating this year. Individuals, families, clubs or groups of friends can sign up on *Sundays, November 13, 20 or 27*. Stop by the table in the Narthex. If you choose to contribute to the Thrive Fund, visit the website by *December 10*, and select PW-CH Thrive Fund from the drop-down menu or send a check to the church office (please note Thrive Fund on the memo line). If you have questions, contact Liz Thompson at [lizht85@yahoo.com](mailto:lizht85@yahoo.com).

**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.

## Worship Next Sunday

**November 13, 2022: Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost / Commitment Sunday**

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

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



*Preacher:* Alex Lang  
*Scriptures:* Matthew 27:45-54, Genesis 50:15-21  
*Sermon Title:* “Community Matters”  
*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	\$1,043.00
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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 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](mailto: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](mailto:pads@firstpresah.org) with any questions.