

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Organized in 1855



“The star invites us home by another way. It invites us in the direction
of a better world. The star invites us to hope and wonder.
It invites us to live in the light and life of Christ.”
— Judy Hockenberry

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

January 1, 2023

10:30 AM

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GATHERING MUSIC

*This time is your invitation to quietly prepare
for the worship of Almighty God.*

WELCOME

Rev. Judy Hockenberry

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Arise shine, inheritors of God's light.
Bearers of God's light to our darkened world.

**All: The light of God has come into our world.
And nations will come to its brightness.**

One: Arise shine, privileged ones who live in the light of Christ,
bow before God, not in shame but in awe.

**All: All is visible in Christ's eternal light.
In us God's light never goes out.**

One: Arise shine, in Christ, God's light has been revealed to us.
It reaches across time and space.

**All: We have come to see.
We have come to follow.**

✠ HYMN 110

"Love Has Come"

BRING A TORCH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Adam Hendrickson

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. Cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ...

SILENT CONFESSION

(please pray a silent and personal prayer of confession during this time)

...in Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

✠ TIME OF GREETING

COMMUNITY LIFE

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

(Pew Bible, p. 602) Adam Hendrickson
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12

(Pew Bible, p. 783) Judy Hockenberry
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

PRESENTATION OF STAR WORDS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: God who revealed yourself to wise men following a star, guide all who search and journey towards your light today.

All: God whose light shines like a bright guiding star, have mercy on us.

One: God who unveiled yourself in the gift of a son, show yourself to all who seek after justice and righteousness today.

All: God whose light shines like a bright guiding star, have mercy on us.

One: God who was baptized with those who declared their repentance in the Jordan River, manifest yourself to all who come with repentant hearts today.

All: God whose light shines like a bright guiding star, have mercy on us.

One: God who fed the five thousand with a handful of fish and loaves, satisfy our hunger with your word of truth and love.

All: God whose light shines like a bright guiding star, have mercy on us.

One: God who changed water into wine at a wedding, fill all who thirst with the free gift of the water of life.

All: God whose light shines like a bright guiding star, have mercy on us.

(Intercessions for the whole church are offered)

One: Lord God Almighty, thank you that Jesus' epiphany as Son of God reaches across time and space. As we go into this day, may we embrace your call to come and see, come and follow, go and tell others. May we remember that we are bearers of Christ's light sent out to touch others so that they may know Jesus and experience the wonder and hope his message brings.

All: Amen.

THE 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.

OFFERTORY

"Home By Another Way"
Adam Hendrickson, guitar/voice

James Taylor

✦ **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

✦ **HYMN 136**

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

GO TELL IT

✦ **BENEDICTION**

SENDING MUSIC

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Join Us for Worship Next Sunday, January 8

Preacher: Rev. Alex Lang | Scriptures: Mark 6:1-6, Mark 1:4-11 |

Music: 9:00 am Compass, 10:30 am Chancel Choir

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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.

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 (9:45 am – 11:15 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.




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