



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME Adam Hendrickson

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE
Kevin and Carol Kelley

✠“SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US” *arr. Hendrickson*

✠TIME OF GREETING

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

1 SAMUEL 16:1-13A

MESSAGE “The Sheep” Alex Lang
Scripture: Luke 2:8-15

SONG “Shepherd” *Crowder, Bentley, Fieldes, & Millard*

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
“All Things Work Together” *Twila Paris*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✠“ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH” *arr. Edward Barnes*

✠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

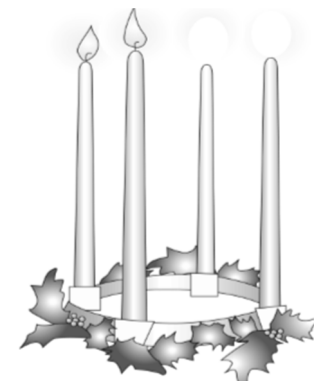
For worship in the Sanctuary, large print bulletins, and hearing amplifiers (some with T-Coil lanyard adapters) are available from the ushers.

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

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Organized in 1855*



“But we your people, the sheep of your pasture,
will give thanks to you forever;
from generation to generation
we will recount your praise.”
— Psalm 79:13, ESV

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 2022
9:00 & 10:30 AM

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

“Noël Grand Jeu et Duo”

Louis-Claude Daquin

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

WELCOME

Alex Lang

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Rev. Jan, Rev. Jerri, and Rev. Betty

✠HYMN 87

“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

GENEVAN 42

CALL TO CONFESSION

Judy Hockenberry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we are struggling to prepare for your coming. We are not even close to being ready. We hold ourselves up as pillars of virtue and fail to recognize the virtue in others. We judge one another harshly. We are even more judgmental to those who are strangers to us. We fail to practice the humility and gentleness to which you invite us. Forgive us, O Lord, and make us better followers of our Shepherd Jesus...

SILENT CONFESSION

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

...in Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

✠RESPONSE (Hymn 84 vs.1)

Creator of the stars of night, your people’s everlasting light, O Christ, redeemer of us all, we pray you, hear us when we call.

✠TIME OF GREETING

COMMUNITY LIFE

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HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Judy Hockenberry

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13a

(Pew Bible, p. 226) Judy Hockenberry

The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

“Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow”

Jack Schrader

“There’s a star in the east on Christmas morn. Rise up, shepherd, and follow. It will lead to the place where the savior’s born. Rise up, shepherd and follow. If you take good heed to the angel’s word, Rise up, shepherd, and follow. You’ll forget your flock, you’ll forget your herd. Rise up, shepherd and follow.”

Men’s Chorus

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:8-15

(Pew Bible, p. 833) Alex Lang

The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“The Sheep”

Alex Lang

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles’ Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

✠HYMN 113

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

GLORIA

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Judy Hockenberry

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Nos. 16 and 17 from *Messiah*”

G. F. Handel

RECITATIVE

“And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying:”

Diana Richardson, soprano

CHORUS

“Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, goodwill towards men.”

Chancel Choir

✠DOXOLOGY (Tune: THE FIRST NOWELL)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

✠PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

✠HYMN 93

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

TRURO

✠BENEDICTION

Alex Lang

POSTLUDE

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

Edwin Johnson

based on “For Unto Us a Child is Born” from *Messiah*

✠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:

Bob Ahrens—In memory of Nancy Ahrens

Ron and Pat Baker—Celebrating 60 years of marriage

Richard and Meredith Levinsky—In celebration of our wedding anniversary

Leslie and Jeff Richmond—In loving memory of Glenn Richmond

WORSHIP NOTES

Prayer Requests

Healing & Comfort

First Pres Community

Mario Alberico	Betty Launer
Don & Judy Ayers	Karen Lindquist
Wendy Blanck	Gloria Oak
Virginia Blocki	Stu Olin
Lee Bruce	Barrett Peterson
Jean Castles	Patty Richard
Jo Christian	Betty Sanders
Mary Clarbour	Susan Scott
Graham Gutzmer	Nancy Stautzenbach
Marylyn Jirsa	Barb Tsutsumi
Karen Johnson	Bob Webb
Nancy Johnson	

Friends & Family

Mike Ferdinand — husband of Sharon Ferdinand	Sheri Jones — friend of Jan Niemeyer
Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kiepora	Doug Martin — son of Helen Martin
Dorita Godfrey — sister of Karen Wilson	Lindsey Spalding — friend of the Hockenberrys
	John Stotz — friend of the Tsutsumi family

Sympathy to

The family of Marlene Hayman

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	Business Administrator: Debbie Walter
Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care: Judy Hockenberry	Senior Administrative Assistant: Mary Fino
Pastor Emeritus: Harry Thompson	Administrative Assistant / Receptionist: Carol Vega
Associate Pastor Emerita: Dianne Shields	Facilities Director: Tony Scheurich
Interim Youth Director: Jeni Eklund	Facilities Coordinator: Michele Holifield
Director of Children's Ministries: Katy Allen	Director of First Pres PDO & Preschool: Coleen Anzalone
Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson	Nursery Coordinator: Beth Johnson
Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban	Volunteer Librarian: Matt Meisterheim
Worship Technicians: Amy Senior, Jonah White	

Save the Date

Today	Messiah Sing-Along
December 11	All-Church Christmas Caroling
December 14	Wednesday@ Noon
December 14	PW Christmas Tea
December 18	Cookie Walk
December 18	Concert: The Glory of Christmas
December 24	Christmas Eve Worship at 4:00, 8:00 and 10:00 pm
December 25	Worship Service at 10:30 am Only

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

December 4, 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.



MESSIAH SING-ALONG — *Today / 4:00 pm / Sanctuary*
— Join Northwest Symphony Orchestra and soloists for Handel's *Messiah*. The many will become one as the audience serves as the chorus. Warm up your vocal cords as we fill the Sanctuary with beautiful music, such as the *Hallelujah Chorus*, honoring the birth of our Savior.

SHARE A PART OF YOUR CHRISTMAS STORY — In the season of Advent, our sermon series will focus on objects from the Christmas narrative that have particular significance to us as Christians and inform our understanding of Jesus and how we are to live as Christians. To go along with our sermon series, we would like to invite you to share a picture of an object that has meaning to you in the Christmas season. Perhaps an ornament, a nativity scene passed down through generations or a movie. *When you submit the picture, please include a short description of why the object is particularly meaningful to you.* You can submit your photo and description to Katy Allen at katyallen@firstpresah.org or at church **through December 18** and enjoy the display in the Narthex through January 8.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL — Pick up your family Advent Devotional today: **From Generation to Generation**. Devotionals will be available in the literature rack in the back of church. A link to the digital version of the devotional is also available in Weekly Highlights.

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.

Sunday, December 4 — Second Sunday of Advent

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 Sunday School (3- & 4-year olds) — Room 206
10:30 am K-5 Sunday School — Room 304
10:30 am Confirmation (Grade 8) — Room 109/111
10:30 am Sunday School (Grades 6-7 & 9-12) — Room 301/302
11:30 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex
4:00 pm Concert Series: Messiah Sing-Along — Sanctuary
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
6:00-6:30 pm: Middle School Hand Chimes
6:45-8:00 pm: Christmas Camp (Preschool-5th grade)
7:00-8:00 pm: Middle School Youth & Adult Education

ENGAGE & ENCOUNTER: Restorative Faith — Wednesdays, through December 14 / 7:00 pm / New Location: Boardroom / Instructor: Rev. Alex Lang — Rev. Lang is 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.


MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC OPPORTUNITY — Wednesday nights: December 7, December 14 and December 21 during Family Night / 6:00-6:30 pm — Middle Schoolers will have the opportunity to learn hand chimes, leading up to ringing a piece at the 4:00 pm Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve. Practice will take place just before dinner and youth group. Youth of all musical abilities are welcome to participate (it's easy) and they should be able to attend a minimum of two rehearsals. If your middle schooler is interested in participating, please contact Jeni Eklund at jenieklund@firstpresah.org.

 **CHRISTMAS CAMP SCHEDULE – Wednesday evenings, through December 21 / 6:45-8:00 pm** — Preschoolers-5th graders will participate in Christmas Camp during Family Night. Children will learn the music and drama for our Christmas Eve Family Worship and Pageant. They'll also enjoy making some Christmas crafts. Children's Choir and Kids Connect will return to their usual times on January 8.

 **ALL-CHURCH CAROLING — Sunday, December 11 / 4:00 pm** — Join a caroling group to spread Christmas cheer throughout our community, followed by a pizza dinner at 6:00 pm in the Parlor. RSVPs are not necessary, but helpful. Contact Katy Allen at katyallen@firstpresah.org with questions or to RSVP.

 **WEDNESDAY@NOON — December 14 / 12:10 pm / Sanctuary** — Christmas music for harp and organ. Christopher Urban, organ and Samantha Bittle, harp.

PW CHRISTMAS TEA — Wednesday, December 14 / 12:10 pm / Sanctuary, Parlor — The entire congregation is invited to a Christmas Concert featuring harp and organ in the Sanctuary followed by tea in the Parlor at 1:00 pm.

 **THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS — December 18 / 4:00 pm / Sanctuary** — Chancel Choir, Men's Chorus and orchestra present Ola Gjielo's *Dreamweaver* as the featured work on the program, as well as other Christmas favorites from John Rutter, Dan Forrest, and Elaine Haganberg. Audience participation is encouraged as we raise our voices in singing familiar carols of the season. Come early to get a seat!


Serving, Giving, and Growing

COFFEE: GROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION & SERVICE — Sundays / 10:30-11:30 am / Room 110 — This Advent Season, Coffee Grounds will focus on service each Sunday with a different project. Whether or not you will be able to join us, won't you please consider providing some items to help us out as we strive to show love and support to others during this season? We'd love to have you with us in person or in spirit. December 11 — BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS: Join us to create bags of items that you can keep in your car to hand out as needed. Items can also be donated prior to December 11. Contact Kelly Dean at k_p_dean@hotmail.com.

THE BRIDGE: ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY — Saturday, December 10 / 7:00 / The Ingemunson Home — Bring an appetizer, \$10 per person for the beverage fund, and an unwrapped toy. Please RSVP to Kate at kate.ingemunson@gmail.com or text 773-405-3735.

NEW SUNDAY ADULT ED CLASS — Sundays, through December 18 / 9:00 am / Boardroom / Rev. Ken Hockenberry / Advent in Plain Sight by Jill J. Duffield — Duffield will draw our attention to ten ordinary objects that appear in the biblical narratives of messianic prophesy and incarnation. Through everyday objects, we can find new meaning in the biblical account of Jesus' coming.

COOKIE WALK — Sunday, December 18 / Parlor — Support Youth Ministries by participating in this delicious event. Stop in the Parlor after each service to select cookies for each \$5-per-box donation!

 **HAVE YOU TURNED IN YOUR COMMITMENT CARD?** — If you have not yet had a chance to turn in your Commitment Card for 2023, you are invited to place your card in the offering plate today. Or, you can drop it off or mail it to the church office, to the attention of Debbie Walter, business administrator. You can also enter your commitment online at firstpresah.org. Thank you for your support!

WINTER ITEM COLLECTION FOR FIRMAN HOUSE — Donate throughout December — Our congregation truly was the light that changed the lives of so many children at Firman Community Services last winter. Your generosity allowed so many children the warm winter items needed to face our cold winter winds. Once again, Presbyterian Women are asking for donations to the 2023 winter item drive. Your donations will warm the hearts and the bodies of the less fortunate clients of Firman House. Checks can be made out to Presbyterian Women (note winter items in memo), or by donating online on our website. Thank you from Presbyterian Women and the children of Firman House. Questions? Contact Kathy Doering at 847-255-4364.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING — We will be receiving the *Christmas Joy Offering* on all Sundays of December and at the Christmas Eve service. This is a Presbyterian denomination Special Offering. This offering, which has been taken for many years, is divided so half is used to support mission and church workers who have retired with modest pensions or others who are experiencing emergency needs. The other portion is directed for support of Presbyterian related schools and colleges which are equipping communities of color. Last year, our congregation contributed over \$6,500. Let's make it our goal to exceed this amount in 2022. Thank you for your generosity!

Worship Next Sunday

December 11, 2022: Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 am — Worship (Sanctuary)

Music: Compass

10:30 am — Worship (Sanctuary)

Music: Chancel Handbell Choir and Chancel Choir

Preacher: Alex Lang

Scriptures: Matthew 2:1-9, Exodus 13:20-22

Sermon Title: “The Star”

Sermon Series: “Christmas Tableaus”



NEW SERMON SERIES: ‘CHRISTMAS TABLEAUS’ — Sundays, through December 24 — Our Advent sermon series, *Christmas Tableaus*, will look at five illustrations, or tableaus, that are associated with Jesus' birth. Each sermon will take an illustration (which could be objects, animals or things like stars) and discuss how that illustration informs, not only the story of Jesus' birth, but also our faith. As we will discover, each of these illustrations within the birth narrative have particular significance to us as Christians in that they tell us interesting information about the person of Jesus, who he was and how we are supposed to live as Christians.

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	\$1,996.00
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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 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 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.

DON'T FORGET OUR FOOD BARRELS! — Please remember our food barrels, which are located throughout the church. Donations of nonperishable food items benefit many families and individuals who are clients of several local organizations that we support. Please note that foods past their expiration dates will have to be thrown away.