



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME Adam Hendrickson

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE
Todd Smith, Heather Behles, Hadley & Jovie

✦ **“HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING”** Wesley & Mendelssohn

✦ **TIME OF GREETING**

ANNOUNCEMENTS Judy Hockenberry
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BAPTISM
Lily Marie Sedey, born February 2, 2022—daughter of Jon and Kelly Sedey

MARK 10:17-27

MESSAGE “The Treasure Chest” Alex Lang
Scripture: Matthew 2:10-12

✦ **“I DANCED IN THE MORNING”** Sydney Bertram Carter

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 “All You Need is Love” Lennon & McCartney

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦ **“GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN”** arr. Greg Schultz

✦ **BENEDICTION** Alex Lang

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Compass: Dan Berg, bass; Amy Carroll, piano; Kevin Carroll, trombone; 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).

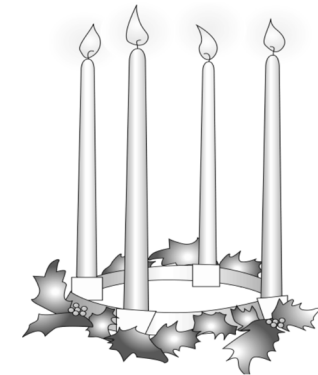
CLASSES FOR ALL AGES
From September through May, Sunday morning Christian education classes are held for all ages. These include classes for preschool, elementary, middle school, and high school students, as well as education and discussion groups for adults. To learn more, visit firstpresah.org or call 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

*A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
Organized in 1855*



“Life is a dance, and when you are dancing, you are not intent on getting somewhere. The meaning and purpose of dancing is the dance.”
— Alan Watts

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**DECEMBER 18, 2022
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Christmas Fantasy" *Joel Raney*
First Pres Brass and Organ

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

WELCOME Alex Lang

INTROIT "Star Carol" *Elizabeth Carter*
"A silver star in Bethlehem shines out on holy ground. For Christ is born in manger stall, The King and Lord of all. Sing now, O starry sky, Heaven and earth reply, Jesus, our Lord, is born! The host of angels in the sky sing out the Saviour's birth. From heaven He brings good will to men, and peace to all the earth."
Children's Choir & Middle School Chime Choir; Nick Pulikowski, director

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE Preschool Class

✠HYMN 143 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" REGENT SQUARE

CALL TO CONFESSION Judy Hockenberry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we hide our treasure and we hoard it for our own purposes. We think our lives are defined by how much we have and by how hard we work. We push ourselves beyond reasonable limits. We strive for that top rung of the ladder. We think "when this happens I can stop" and we are never satisfied. Forgive our greediness and our selfishness. Teach us to live in the moment. Give us the freedom to dance through life paying attention to the present without concern for the future...

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

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

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Judy Hockenberry

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Mark 10:17-27
(Pew Bible, p. 822) Judy Hockenberry
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "In the Bleak Midwinter" *Gustave Holst*
"In the bleak midwinter, Frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron Water like a stone; Snow had fallen, snow on snow, In the bleak midwinter, Long ago. Our God heaven cannot hold him, Nor earth sustain; Heaven and earth shall flee away When he comes to reign; In the bleak midwinter A stable place sufficed The Lord God Almighty Jesus, Jesus, Christ. What can I give him, Poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; If I were a wise man, I would do my part; What I can I give him; Give him my heart."
Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:10-12
(Pew Bible, p. 784) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "The Treasure Chest" Alex Lang

✠HYMN 157 "I Danced in the Morning" LORD OF THE DANCE

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

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Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Festival First Nowell" *Dan Forrest*
"The first Nowell the angels did say Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep: Nowell, Born is the King of Israel. They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far; And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. Nowell, Born is the King of Israel. Then let us all with one accord Sing praises to our heavenly Lord That hath made heaven and earth of nought, and with His blood man kind hath brought: Nowell, Born is the King of Israel."
Chancel Choir and First Pres Brass

✠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 119 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" MENDELSSOHN

✠BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE "March of the Three Kings" *Robert MacDonald*
First Pres 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 Colin Stanhope, trumpet; Joan Morrone, horn; Todd Smith, trombone

Flowers: **The Dean Family**—In memory of Paul Dean

Susan, Robert & Matthew Kogan—In loving memory of Steve Kogan

Earl & Gloria Oak—In celebration of our 65th anniversary

WORSHIP NOTES

Prayer Requests

Healing & Comfort

First Pres Community

Mario Alberico
Don & Judy Ayers
Wendy Blanck
Virginia Blocki
Lee Bruce
Jean Castles
Jo Christian
Mary Clarbourn
Graham Gutzmer
Marylyn Jirsa
Karen Johnson
Nancy Johnson

Betty Launer
Karen Lindquist
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

Doug Martin — son of Helen Martin
Bill & Corinne McClintic — friends of Ingrid Kaufman
Lindsey Spalding — friend of the Hockenberrys
John Stotz — friend of the Tsutsumi family

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 Cookie Walk
Today Concert: The Glory of Christmas
December 23 Office Closed
December 24 Christmas Eve Worship at 4:00, 8:00 and 10:00 pm
December 25 Worship Service at 10:30 am Only
January 1 Worship Service at 10:30 am Only
January 6 Jan's Jam
January 7 Undecorate the Church
January 11 Family Night Returns

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 18, 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 worshipping with us in this spirit.

COOKIE WALK — Today / 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!



THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS — Today / 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!

SHARE A PART OF YOUR CHRISTMAS STORY — Final Day to Submit Your Photo — In the season of Advent, our sermon is focusing on objects from the Christmas narrative that have particular significance to us 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 and enjoy the display in the Narthex through January 8.

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 18 — Fourth 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 - Baptism** — 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: The Glory of Christmas — Sanctuary
6:00 pm HSYG — HS Lounge, Gym

Upcoming Events

FAMILY NIGHT PIZZA DINNER & CELEBRATION — *December 21 / 6:00-7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall* — Enjoy a wonderful pizza dinner and fellowship, featuring special Christmas activities for everyone, including children and middle school youth. Regular programming for Family Night will be on break December 28 and January 4, and will resume on Wednesday, January 11.

LOOKING AHEAD: ENGAGE & ENCOUNTER COMING IN JANUARY: Ratification of the Christian Canon: Our New Testament — *Wednesdays, January 11 - February 15 / 7:00 pm / Sanctuary / Dr. Donald Kaasch* — How did the Christian Canon come into being? Did it fall out of the sky on Easter Monday? Who decided what was in it? Who wrote what was included? Where did they write it? Were there other writings to choose from? When was the Canon ratified into what we know? All of this and much more will be covered from a historical perspective. Join in on the discussion and learn things you just might want to know.

PW CIRCLE 7 — *Tuesday, December 20 / 6:30 pm* — Circle 7 will be celebrating the holidays with dinner at Toscana Restaurant (1859 W Central, AH). RSVP to Karen Wilson at 847-669-2677.

OFFICE CLOSURE & UPDATED WORSHIP SCHEDULE — The office will be closed on Friday, December 23, Monday, December 26, and Monday, January 2. The office will be open from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Tuesday, December 27-Thursday, December 29 and until 12:30 pm on Friday, December 30. There will be only one worship service at 10:30 am on Sundays, December 25 and January 1.

HELP UNDECORATE THE CHURCH — Thank you to the many volunteers who came out to decorate our church for Advent and Christmas. Many hands made light work! Enjoy the beauty of the season, but don't forget—we will meet, once again, on **January 7 at 9:30 am**, to take down and store all the decorations. Please mark your calendar now!

JAN'S JAM — The iconic all night bus lock-in is coming back on January 6, 2023! All Middle and High School youth are invited to a night of fun, as we bus from activity to activity from 7:00 pm -12:00 am for middle schoolers, and 7:00 pm—7:00 am for high schoolers. Along the way, we will get to do things like laser tag, mini golf, and trampolining! It is truly the biggest new year kick-off youth ministries could ask for. Jan's Jam is named in memory of Jan Munz, who was deeply committed to youth ministry here at First Pres, and was often known to say, "You gotta hook 'em before you can reel 'em in." Please contact Jeni to RSVP for your youth!

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

All Christmas Eve services will be webcast at firstpresah.org/experiencelivestream.

Christmas Eve — Saturday, December 24

4:00 pm: Christmas Pageant

Featuring children in preschool through fifth grade, the First Pres Children's Choir and Middle School Hand Chime Choir

8:00 pm: Lessons, Carols & Candlelight

Featuring the Chancel Choir, harp and trumpet

10:00 pm: Communion & Candlelight

Featuring High School & College Ensemble



Serving, Giving, and Growing

COFFEE: GROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION & SERVICE — *Sundays / 10:30-11:30 am / Room 110 / Today* — **PREP A CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST FOR OUR FIRST PRES STAFF:** Join us in the kitchen of Fellowship Hall where we will prep casseroles. You can also donate ingredients! Contact Chuck Yedor at cyedor@gmail.com, Mark Allen at markallen586@gmail.com or Kate Ingemunson at kate.ingemunson@gmail.com. **New Book Study Coming in January:** We will kick off the new year with a study on Mitch Albom's latest book, *The Stranger in the Lifeboat*. This book is a quick read and would be great to put on your Christmas list. Join in the discussion on January 8 and 15.

LOOKING AHEAD: NEW ADULT ED CLASS COMING IN JANUARY — ***What Would YOU Do? Moral Questions in Popular Films / David Hogan / Movie Screenings: Fridays, January 6, 20 and 27 / 7:00 pm / Parlor & Discussion: Sundays, January 8, 22 and 29 / 9:00 am / Boardroom*** — Join us for an innovative class called **WHAT WOULD YOU DO?** where we look at moral questions in popular film. Each of the three Sunday morning sessions will be preceded by the screening of a popular film on Friday evening at 7:00 pm at church. The class will be taught by First Pres member David Hogan who worked in Los Angeles as an entertainment journalist before coming to Chicago, where he spent nearly thirty years as an executive editor and publisher in book publishing. **January 6 & January 8: *All the King's Men*, January 20 & January 22: *The Friends of Eddie Coyle*, January 27 & January 29: *A Simple Plan***

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING — We will be receiving the *Christmas Joy Offering* on all Sundays of December and at the Christmas Eve services. 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!

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.



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.

Worship Next Sunday

December 25, 2022: Nativity of the Lord / Christmas Day

Service of Lessons and Carols

10:30 am — Worship (Sanctuary)

Music: Garrett Childs, piano; Kathy Sobeski, soprano



UPCOMING SERMON SERIES: 'WATERSHED

MOMENTS — *Sundays, January 8-29* — A watershed moment is a moment where a person goes through something transformational. These moments come in all different types of experiences, but for the person they are

a moment that defines everything that comes before and after. Within this series, we are going to look at five different stories about remarkable watershed moments and how those moments transformed the people themselves and, in some instances, the world around us. These watershed moments are important because each of them speak to the larger ways that we as Christians need to move past the barriers preventing us from becoming the people who God intended for us to be.

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	\$2,326.00
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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.