



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME Adam Hendrickson

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The voice of the Lord is over the waters.
All: The voice of the Lord calls us to worship.
One: The voice of the Lord is powerful and full of majesty.
All: The Lord calls to his people.
One: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

✦ “YOU NEVER LET GO” Beth & Matt Redman

✦ TIME OF GREETING

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

MARK 1:4-11 Judy Hockenberry

MESSAGE “The Magic Shop” Alex Lang
Scripture: Mark 6:1-6

SHARING OUR GIFTS “I Can Go the Distance” Menken & Zippel

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE
(All are invited to share the Lord’s Supper. There is a station with wafers that are free of common food allergens with a separate cup located on the main floor.)

CLOSING PRAYER

✦ “WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS” Lennon & McCartney

✦ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Compass: Dan Berg, guitar; Amy Carroll, piano; Kevin Carroll, bass; 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*



“Every life has a watershed moment,
an instant when you realize you’re about to make a choice
that will define everything else you ever do.”
— Mira Grant

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**JANUARY 8, 2023
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice" Carolyn Hamlin

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

WELCOME Alex Lang

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✦ HYMN 163 "Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice" ABERYSTWYTH

CALL TO CONFESSION Judy Hockenberry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. Have mercy on us, O God, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace...

SILENT CONFESSION

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

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

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

✦ GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen, Amen.

✦ TIME OF GREETING

COMMUNITY LIFE

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

THANKSGIVING FOR KATY ALLEN'S MINISTRY

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Judy Hockenberry

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:4-11
(Pew Bible, p. 812) Judy Hockenberry
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Mark 6:1-6
(Pew Bible, p. 817) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "The Magic Shop" Alex Lang

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

OFFERING Judy Hockenberry

OFFERTORY "A Great New Day!" Linda Spevacek

"It has been a long time coming, oh, my Lord, and I've done my share of dinging, yes, my Lord. But I feel deep in my heart, oh, my Lord, that I'm ready to move on with a brand new start. I can feel it happening, hallelu. Oh, the clouds are lifting, hallelu. I'm so glad I'm gonna survive; I'm so glad I'm feeling alive. I hope this feeling will stay.

It's a great new morning, it's a great new day! Oh, the fog is clearing, hallelu. And the sun is shining, hallelu. I'm so glad I'm gonna survive; I'm so glad I'm feeling alive. I hope this feeling will stay. It's a great new morning, it's a great new day! Oh, the clouds have lifted, and the sun is shining, everyone is smiling, it's a great new day!"

Chancel Choir

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Alex Lang/Judy Hockenberry

THE INVITATION

THE THANKSGIVING

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All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(All are invited to share the Lord's Supper. Please hold your cup and wafer until the pastor indicates it is time to partake of the elements.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

✦ HYMN 498 "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"
BEACH SPRING

✦ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE "Trumpet Tune in D" Martha Sobaje

✦ 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)

WORSHIP NOTES

Prayer Requests

Healing & Comfort

First Pres Community

Mario Alberico
Don & Judy Ayers
Wendy Blanck
Virginia Blocki
Jean Castles
Mary Clarbour
Graham Gutzmer
Marylyn Jirsa
Don Johnson

Betty Launer
Gloria Oak
Stu Olin
Barrett Peterson
Betty Sanders
Susan Scott
Nancy Stautzenbach
Barb Tsutsumi
Bob Webb

Friends & Family

Mike Ferdinand — husband of Sharon Ferdinand
Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kiepura
Dorita Godfrey — sister of Karen Wilson
Saraya Angle — niece of Tonya Griffin
Donna Hames — friend of Mary Halatek

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

Sympathy to

The Borst Family, on the death of **Bill Borst**
Jim & Kathy Doering, on the death of Jim's sister, Patricia Carpenter
Tonya Griffin on the death of her grand-nephew, Hudson
Janis Pinkerton, on the death of her father
Andy Sturgeon, on the death of his grandmother
Ron Wetzel and family, on the death of Ron's mother, Mary Elizabeth Wetzel

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
Interim Director of Children's Ministries: Nick Pulikowski
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

January 11 Family Night Returns
January 15 Congregational Meeting
January 15 & 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Food & Essentials Drive
January 27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day Concert
February 1 Wednesday@Noon
February 5 One Worship Service at 10:30 am
February 5 Rev. Judy Hockenberry Retirement Celebration

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.

Church Life

January 8, 2023

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.

FAMILY NIGHT PROGRAMMING RETURNS THIS WEDNESDAY! — Wednesday, January 11 / 6:00-8:00 pm / Fellowship Hall — Come and share dinner and fellowship with families from First Pres and the broader community. New Adult Ed class also begins. See inside for more information!

FIFTH ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE COMMUNITY FOOD AND HOUSEHOLD ESSENTIALS DRIVE — Sunday, January 15 & Monday, January 16 / 9:00 am -12:00 pm — Hosted by Stone Catchers, the MLK Day of Service is an annual event held nationally to encourage communities to take action to build the beloved community of Dr. King's dream. MLK Day is the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage all to volunteer to improve their community. Donations can be dropped off in the lobby on Sunday, January 15, during worship services. On Monday, January 16, drop off your non-perishable food and paper good donations at the front steps of the church. Volunteers will unload your donations from your car. Walk-up donations are also welcomed. All donations will go to local pantries. *When deciding what to donate, here are some helpful hints:* household items such as paper towels, toilet paper, and dish detergent are not eligible for purchase with a Link card; consider pop-top lids as sometimes people do not have a can opener; olive oil, garlic, salt, pepper and other spices can transform a meal; remember items like Hamburger Helper are only good if you have ground beef; baking mixes that require only water are better; coffee is a luxury; sugar and flour are always needed; Kraft Mac & Cheese requires milk and butter, consider Velveeta that comes with the sauce. Questions? Contact Michele Holifield at 847-243-7195 or micheleholifield@firstpresah.org.

Sunday, January 8 — Baptism of the Lord

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 - Holy Communion** — 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 - Holy Communion** — 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
12:00 pm Session Meeting — Parlor
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.

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: 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.

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@firstpresah.org for more details.

NEWS FROM THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE — We are excited to announce that Nick Pulikowski is serving as the Interim Director of Children’s Ministries, effective January 1. You may already know Nick from his work directing our Children’s Choir, Bell Choir and serving as our tenor section leader in the First Pres Men’s Chorus, Chamber Chorus, and Chancel Choir. Nick comes into the role possessing an amazing rapport with the children at First Pres. We feel confident Nick will do an amazing job leading Children’s Ministries throughout the rest of the school year. — Cynthia Hiskes, Chair, Personnel Committee

RESTAURANT WALK — *Sign-up throughout January* — Our popular Restaurant Walk is returning! Sign-ups will be open throughout January, with meals taking place in February. We’ll gather in groups of eight and dine at Carlos & Carlos (27 W. Campbell, Arlington Heights). Come meet some new people and support our local businesses. Dates are: Thursday, February 2 at 6:00 pm, Sunday, February 5 at 5:30 pm, Thursday, February 9 at 6:00 pm, Thursday, February 16 at 6:00 pm and Sunday, February 19 at 5:30 pm (attend the Organ Fest concert at 4:00 pm, just prior to your dinner reservation!) Use the QR code to sign-up or call the church office.



INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY CONCERT — *Friday, January 27 / 7:00 pm / Sanctuary* — Chamber orchestra and Megan Hendrickson, soprano, present Henryk Gorecki’s *Symphony No. 3, the Symphony of Sorrowful Souls*. This moving symphony is set in three movements and commemorates the Holocaust.

Serving, Giving, and Growing

COFFEE: GROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION & SERVICE — *Sundays / 10:30-11:30 am / Room 110 / Today* — 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. Join in the discussion today and next Sunday, January 15.

NEW ADULT ED CLASS — *What Would YOU Do? Moral Questions in Popular Films / David Hogan / Movie Screenings: Fridays, January 20 (Parlor) and 27 (location TBD) / 7:00 pm & Discussion: Sundays, January 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 20 & January 22: The Friends of Eddie Coyle, January 27 & January 29: A Simple Plan**

PW CIRCLE 7 — *Tuesday, January 17 / 7:00 pm / Parlor* — Circle 7 will be continuing the study *What My Grandmothers Taught Me*, Chapter 7, “Mary”. Women of the church are welcome to join us. For more information, contact Liz Thompson at 847-537-9087.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES — The Youth Ministries Committee will be sending care packages to First Pres college students. If you’d like to donate treats or other items to include in the packages, please place the items in the box marked “College Care Packages” in the Narthex on January 22 and January 29, or deliver them to the church office by February 8. Suggested items: prepackaged snacks such as cookies, candy bars, crackers, granola bars, gum, packets of hot chocolate or soup, or other small items. Monetary donations to help cover shipping are also appreciated and can be given online. We also need to collect current mailing addresses for the college students. If you have college students in your family, please send us the addresses via email to Jeni Eklund at jenieklund@firstpresah.org or Darl Pochert at darl.pochert@icloud.com.

BLANKET DRIVE SPECIAL OFFERING — *Collection through January & February* — PW will be sponsoring a special offering for the Blanket Drive through Church World Services (CWS). CWS Blankets program was created to give a kind, loving and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone. Each \$10 gift provides a blanket and enables someone to see and feel God’s love in their lives. Donations may be made by check payable to First Presbyterian Church (indicate Blanket Drive in the memo) or online (select Blanket Drive from the dropdown menu). Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

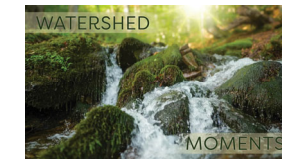
PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT — Each year every Presbyterian church is apportioned a share of the ecclesiastical expenses of the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. These are the activities that make us Presbyterian. This apportionment is based on church membership. In 2023, this apportionment is \$36.50 per member. Any funds you designate for the apportionment will be used for this purpose and will free up our General Fund dollars to be used in supporting the vision, overall ministry, and missions of our congregation. Please consider contributing your share of the Per Capita Apportionment.

Worship Next Sunday

January 15, 2023: Second Sunday after Epiphany

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

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



Preacher: Alex Lang
Scriptures: Matthew 9:9-13, Jeremiah 18:1-6
Sermon Title: “The Grandmaster Experiment”
Sermon Series: “Watershed Moments”

SERMON SERIES: ‘WATERSHED MOMENTS — *Sundays, through January 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 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	\$2,505.00
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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 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 dishes for that special gathering. Tell your family and friends about us. 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. 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.