



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME Adam Hendrickson

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our souls long for God.
All: **We live in a dry and weary place.**
One: We look for God in the sanctuary.
All: **We come to behold God's power and might.**
One: We will bless the Lord as long as we live.

✦ "SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US" Bradbury

✦ TIME OF GREETING

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

JEREMIAH 18:1-6

MESSAGE "The Grandmaster Experiment" Alex Lang
Scripture: Matthew 9:9-13

SONG "Everyday" Ballard & Matthews

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 Things New" Fielding & Ussher

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦ "I WILL FOLLOW" Tomlin, Ingram, & Morgan

✦ 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 worshiping 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.

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Organized in 1855*



"Chess helps you to concentrate, improve your logic. It teaches you to play by the rules and take responsibility for your actions, how to problem solve in an uncertain environment."
— Garry Kasparov

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**JANUARY 15, 2023
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Adagio Cantabile" *J. S. Bach arr. Fox*

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

WELCOME Alex Lang

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✦ HYMN 187 "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" BRADBURY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Judy Hockenberry

Merciful God, forgive us for closing ourselves off to new ideas. You offer us light and we choose darkness. You offer us opportunity and we choose to stick with what we know. We prefer not to grow because growth leads to change. It is so comfortable to just be who we have always been and stay as we have always stayed. Forgive us, O God, and shake us up. Open us to new life in this new year...

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.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Judy Hockenberry

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 18:1-6
(Pew Bible, p. 629) Judy Hockenberry
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "Change My Heart, O God" *arr. Joel Raney*
Text from Hymn 695
Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 9:9-13
(Pew Bible, p. 790) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "The Grandmaster Experiment" Alex Lang

✦ HYMN "Have Thine Own Way, Lord!" ADELAIDE

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" *John Carter*

"I have decided to follow Jesus, No turning back. The world behind me, the cross before me, no turning back. He leadeth me, O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught! Whatever I do, wherever I be, Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me. He leadeth me, By His own hand He leadeth me; His faithful follower I would be, For by His hand He leadeth me."

Chancel Choir

✦ DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

✦ HYMN 295 "Go to the World!" SINE NOMINE

✦ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE "Fanfare" *C. S. Lang*

✦ 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	Rhoda Merilatt
Don & Judy Ayers	Gloria Oak
Wendy Blanck	Stu Olin
Virginia Blocki	Barrett Peterson
Jean Castles	Betty Sanders
Mary Clarbour	Susan Scott
Graham Gutzmer	Nancy Stautzenbach
Marylyn Jirsa	Sue Taflinger
Don Johnson	Barb Tsutsumi
Nancy Kret	Gary Walker
Betty Launer	Bob Webb

Friends & Family

Howard Cameron — partner of Lynn Stoike	Sheri Jones — friend of Jan Niemeyer
Mike Ferdinand — husband of Sharon Ferdinand	Doug Martin — son of Helen Martin
Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kiepura	Bill & Corinne McClintic — friends of Ingrid Kaufman
Dorita Godfrey — sister of Karen Wilson	Lindsey Spalding — friend of the Hockenberrys
Saraya Angle — niece of Tonya Griffin	John Stotz — friend of the Tsutsumi family
Donna Hames — friend of Mary Halatek	Dale Van Eck — friend of Barrett & Corinne Peterson

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	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
Interim Director of Children's Ministries: Nick Pulikowski	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	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
February 26	Chapel Rededication
February 26	Field Trip—The Negro Motorist Green Book Exhibit

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.



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Church Life

January 15, 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — *Today / 11:30 am / Sanctuary* — A Congregational Meeting has been called by the Session for today, immediately following 10:30 am worship. The purpose of the meeting is to dissolve the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC). Questions pertaining to the dissolution of the committee and to the position of Youth Director or Associate Pastor for Youth are the only questions permitted before the body. Please plan to attend.

OFFICE CLOSURE — The office will be closed on Monday, January 16, in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The office will re-open at 8:30 am on Tuesday, January 17.

FIFTH ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE COMMUNITY FOOD AND HOUSEHOLD ESSENTIALS DRIVE — *Today & Monday, January 16 / 9:00 am—1:00 pm* — If you missed bringing your donation to the church today, come by tomorrow, Monday, January 15, between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm to be a part of the community-wide drive-up donation event. Volunteers will be waiting for you on the Dunton steps to unload your car. Donations of non-perishable food items and household essentials will all benefit local food pantries. Questions, contact Michele Holifield at 847-243-7195 or micheleholifield@firstpresah.org.

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.

Sunday, January 15 — Second Sunday after Epiphany
 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
 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 Congregational Meeting — Sanctuary
 11:30 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex
 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.

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, through 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.

PW CIRCLE MEETINGS — *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. **Circles 1, 2 & 3: Wednesday, January 18 / 9:30 am / Parlor** — Morning Circles will meet for monthly Bible study and fellowship. Come join a Circle!

CELEBRATE THE MINISTRY OF REV. JUDY HOCKENBERRY — *Sunday, February 5* — The Rev. Judy Hockenberry will officially retire as a Minister of Word and Sacrament on February 15, 2023. Join us for one worship service on Sunday, February 5, at 10:30 am, followed by a luncheon in Fellowship Hall. There will be no children or youth Sunday School on February 5. Use the QR code to sign up or call the church office to RSVP for the luncheon.



RESTAURANT WALK — *Sign-up throughout January* — 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.



Serving, Giving, and Growing

COFFEE: GROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION & SERVICE — *Sundays / 10:30-11:30 am / Room 110 / Today* — We finish our study on Mitch Albom's latest book, *The Stranger in the Lifeboat*. New study beginning January 22-February 26 (no class February 5 & special activity February 12): *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.

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 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.**

CAREER PLANNING COURSE — *Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22 and March 1, 8, 15 / 7:00 pm / Room 102-104* — This class covers the most important cornerstones of your job search or career journey, including self-assessment, budgeting, resume building, marketing, networking, interview preparation, and negotiations. Whether you're on the hunt for a new job or seeking a change in your career path, you don't have to face these challenges alone. Sign up now! Register by January 31 by emailing CTR@firstpresah.org.

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.

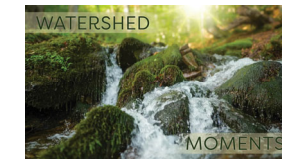
BLANKET DRIVE SPECIAL OFFERING — *Collection through January & February* — PW will be sponsoring a special offering for the Blanket Drive through Church World Services (CWS). CWS Blankets program was created to give a kind, loving and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them 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.

Worship Next Sunday

January 22, 2023: Third Sunday after Epiphany

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

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



Preacher: Alex Lang
Scriptures: Galatians 1:11-24, Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Sermon Title: "Fake It Till You Make It"
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	\$2,583.00
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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.

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.

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.