



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME Adam Hendrickson

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come and we will dwell together in God's holy sanctuary.

All: We will sing praise to God.

One: We will speak of the wonderful works of God.

All: We will give glory to God.

One: Come and we will dwell together in God's holy sanctuary.

✦ "GOD OF WONDERS" Byrd & Hindalong

✦ TIME OF GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS Judy Hockenberry

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JOHN 5:9B-18

MESSAGE "The Real Problem" Alex Lang
Scripture: Proverbs 8:22-31

SONG "Invisible" Clayton, Evans, Hewson, and Mullen Jr.

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 "Teach Me Your Ways" John Barnett

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦ "BE THOU MY VISION" arr. Hendrickson

✦ 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

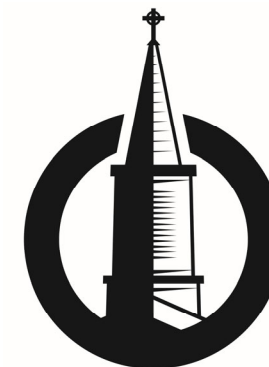
For worship in the Sanctuary, large print bulletins, and hearing amplifiers (some with T-Coil lanyard adapters) are available from the ushers.

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*



**"Don't be pushed by your problems.
Be led by your dreams."
— Ralph Waldo Emerson**

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

**JANUARY 29, 2023
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Be Thou My Vision" *Gordon Young*

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

WELCOME Alex Lang

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✠ HYMN 12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ST. DENIO

CALL TO CONFESSION Judy Hockenberry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving One, we gather to sing your praises and offer our adoration. We come to dwell in your holy sanctuary aware of all that is unholy within us. Forgive us for neglecting watershed moments in our own lives. We have been unwilling to change direction, to change attitude and to change our hearts. Open us to new possibilities and new ways of identifying problems. Encourage in us a sense of determination and a desire to find solutions...

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

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Judy Hockenberry

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING John 5:9b-18
(Pew Bible, p. 866) Judy Hockenberry
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "Prayer for Healing" *Molly Ijames*
"Lord of this barren land swept by the flame, Here in my wilderness I call Your name. Refuge of wounded hearts bend low to hear. Binder of broken things, Father, draw near. Friend of the sorrowing, Knower of grief. Tenderly hovering, bringing relief. Be to my weary soul quiet repose, Be in my desert place, blossoming rose. Come like a gentle wind brining the rain; Come like a healing touch, and soothe my pain. Fill with Your presence this desolate waste; Lord of this barren land, make of these ashes, a beautiful place. Amen."
Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Proverbs 8:22-31
(Pew Bible, p. 515) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "The Real Problem" Alex Lang

✠ HYMN 797 "We Cannot Measure How You Heal"
YE BANKS AND BRAES

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Judy Hockenberry

LORD'S PRAYER

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Be Thou My Vision" *Alice Parker*
Text from Hymn 450
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 694 "Great God of Every Blessing" AURELIA

✠ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE "Postlude in D" *Healey Willan*

✠ 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: **Cynthia Goldsberry**—In loving memory of my dear sister, Barbara Lee Campbell

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
Nancy Kret
Betty Launer

Rhoda Merilatt
Gloria Oak
Barrett Peterson
Patty Richard
Betty Sanders
Susan Scott
Nancy Stautzenbach
Sue Taflinger
Barb Tsutsumi
Gary Walker
Bob Webb

Friends & Family

Mike Ferdinand — husband of Sharon Ferdinand
Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kiepora
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
Dale VanEck—friend of Barrett & Corinne Peterson

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 Director of Youth Ministries: 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

February 1 Wednesday@Noon
February 5 One Worship Service at 10:30 am
February 5 Rev. Judy Hockenberry Retirement Celebration
February 12 Annual Meeting of the Congregation
February 26 Chapel Rededication
February 26 Field Trip—The Negro Motorist Green Book Exhibit
February 26 First Pres PDO & Preschool Online Registration Begins

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 29, 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.

SPECIAL WORSHIP SCHEDULE — *There will only be one worship service at 10:30 am on Sundays, February 5, 12 and 19. We will return to two worship services on Sunday, February 26, when we rededicate our renovated Chapel.*

 **WEDNESDAYS@NOON** — *Wednesday, February 1 / 12:10 pm / Sanctuary* — Join us for our Wednesdays@Noon recital with Christopher Urban, organ, featuring French classics.

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. Call Carol Vega in the church office to RSVP for the luncheon.

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](https://www.firstpresah.org/register-by-january-31) at CTR@firstpresah.org.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION — *Sunday, February 12 / 11:30 am / Sanctuary* — Mark your calendars for the **Annual Meeting** of the Congregation following the 10:30 am worship on February 12, 2023. The congregation will vote on the Terms of Call for Rev. Lang, the dissolution of the call for Rev. Hockenberry, the Nominating Slate and changes to the By-Laws of the Corporation in accordance with the approved restructuring of the Trustees. Please plan to attend as we need a quorum of the congregation to conduct business.

Sunday, January 29 — Fourth 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
9:00 am Adult Education: Movie Discussion — 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
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.

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 signup or call the church office.



SIGN-UP NOW FOR THE ALL-CHURCH RETREAT — *Saturday, April 29 / 11:00 am – 3:00 pm / Friendship Park Conservatory, Des Plaines / Lead by Rev. Arianne Braithwaite Lehn* — **Theme: Exploration & Authenticity – Time to Rekindle the Gift** — In this retreat, we will accompany one another on one of the most important exploratory journeys we can make—the pilgrimage into our deepest hearts, which is, in turn, God's heart. We will reflect on what our inner voice is and how we connect with this deep wisdom. We will do some digging (however far we need to go!) to listen for what's at the bottom of our hearts. And we will take the next step in returning to and rekindling the gifts God has placed within us. **There are 93 spaces available for the retreat. Cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for those 18 and under.** Please go to firstpresah.org/retreat or use the QR code to register.



SAVE THE DATE: CHAPEL REDEDICATION — *Sunday, February 26 / 9:00 am / Chapel* — Join us for a rededication service and celebration of our newly renovated Chapel worship space!

Serving, Giving, and Growing

COFFEE: GROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION & SERVICE — *Sundays / 10:30-11:30 am / Room 110 / Through 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.

NEW ADULT ED CLASS — *Sundays, February 5, 12 & 19 / 9:00-10:00 am / Boardroom / Michele Holifield / Becoming Ms. Burton* — Join a Sunday morning book study featuring *Becoming Ms. Burton* by our 2022 Annual Speaker, Susan Burton. Ms. Burton's work is to advocate and care for formerly incarcerated women. She is known to many as a modern day Harriet Tubman. Our discussion will center around Susan Burton's book and what she teaches us about mercy, forgiveness and care for all of God's children.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING — *Sunday, February 12* — Help our youth as they participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring by donating a few dollars after worship on February 12. Souper Bowl of Caring supports local hunger relief charities across the nation and encourages neighbors to tackle hunger in their local communities. This year's goal is to raise \$5 million nationally. Please give generously.

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 today, 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 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). Envelopes can be found in the pew rack. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

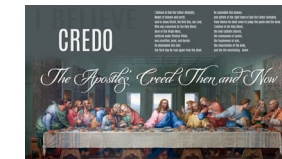
PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT — Each year every Presbyterian church is apportioned a share of the ecclesiastical expenses of the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. These are the activities that make us Presbyterian. This apportionment is based on church membership. In 2023, this apportionment is \$36.50 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

February 5, 2023: Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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

Preacher: Judy Hockenberry
Scriptures: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, Ephesians 3:14-21
Sermon Title: "Hard to Believe"



NEW SERMON SERIES COMING SOON: 'CREDO: THE APOSTLES' CREED THEN AND NOW — *February 22 through April 9* — On Ash Wednesday, we begin our Lenten series which will focus on the Apostles' Creed. The series is called *CREDO: The Apostles' Creed Then and Now*. The Apostles' Creed is one of the most common creeds in the Christian faith. It is recited across many denominations and is the basis of most Christian belief systems. Therefore, each week, we will be examining a line from the Apostles' Creed and ask the question: What did this line of the creed mean to the people who wrote it and what does it mean to us today?

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	\$2,935.00
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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.

MARY AND MARTHA'S LENDING CLOSET — If you have not checked out the Lending Closet yet, now is the time. Reserve items for any event you are hosting. Mary and Martha's Lending Closet is a one-stop shop for all things entertaining, from tables and chairs to serving dishes, dishes, glassware, vases, centerpieces, outdoor games, and even a giant movie screen and projector. It's the perfect place to borrow for your next book club, shower, neighborhood gathering, casual or fancy dinner party. A donation to the Closet goes towards programs that address food insecurity in the Chicagoland area. Make an appointment today to reserve your items or to see what is available. Email maryandmartha@firstpresah.org or contact Michele Holifield or Amy Hempleman.