

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*



“Often when you think you’re at the end of something,
you are at the beginning of something else.”
— Fred Rogers

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 5, 2023
10:30 AM

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "God's Peace" *Brenda Austin*
*"Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace;
From our vain ambition's worry, come to Christ and find release.
Come away from noise and clamor, life's demands and frenzied pace;
Come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God's face."*
Chancel Handbell Choir; Nick Pulikowski, director

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

WELCOME Judy Hockenberry

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 103)

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
All: bless God's holy name.
One: Do not forget the benefits of the Lord.
All: God redeems our lives and crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.
One: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

✠ HYMN 35 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN

CALL TO CONFESSION Alex Lang

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, Holy One, when we fail to trust your mercy. Remind us of your faithfulness. Keep us on track. We fear change. We fail to understand it as opportunity. We like the comfortable and the familiar. You call us to new possibilities, God. Forgive us when we fail to heed your call. Open our hearts to do your work. When we are weak, make us strong. When we are afraid, give us courage...

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 Alex Lang

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
(Pew Bible, p. 537) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "A Jubilant Song" *Allen Pote*
"Sing to the Lord a jubilant song. Rejoice and sing and let the earth be glad, Let the heavens be filled with joy, and a jubilant song. Sing alleluia to the Lord. Tell of His salvation from day to day. Shout His marvelous works among the people, For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised. Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were made, of the land and the sea were born, From age to age you are God, and we pray for the coming of your Kingdom. We shall rejoice, we shall be glad all the days of our lives."
Chancel Choir; Chancel Handbell Choir; First Pres Brass

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 3:14-21
(Pew Bible, p. 950) Judy Hockenberry
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Hard to Believe" Judy Hockenberry

✠ HYMN 686 "God of Our Life" SANDON

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Alex Lang

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Amazing Grace" *Mack Wilberg*
Text from Hymn 649
Chancel Choir; First Pres Brass; Michelle Fielder, oboe;
Dave Johnston, bagpipes

✠ 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 462 "I Love to Tell the Story" HANKEY

✠ BENEDICTION Judy Hockenberry

POSTLUDE "When Morning Guilds the Skies" *Wood arr. Morrone*
First Pres Brass and Organ

✠ Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Judy Hockenberry

Pastors: Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry

Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson

Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban

Praise Band: Compass

First Pres Brass: Eric Allen & Jered Montgomery, trumpet; Joan Morrone, horn; Kevin Carroll, trombone

Flowers: In honor of the ministry of Rev. Judy Hockenberry, with love from your family

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
Rhoda Merilatt

Gloria Oak
Barrett Peterson
Patty Richard
Betty Sanders
Richard Scott
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
Betty Mitchell
Lindsey Spalding — friend of the Hockenberrys
Ken Stiles
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

Today	One Worship Service at 10:30 am
Today	Rev. Judy Hockenberry Retirement Celebration
February 12	One Worship Service at 10:30 am
February 12	Confirmation Sunday/Guest Preacher
February 12	Annual Meeting of the Congregation
February 12	Souper Bowl of Caring
February 19	38th Annual Organ Fest
February 21	Shrove Tuesday
February 22	Ash Wednesday
February 26	Chapel Rededication
February 26	Field Trip—The Negro Motorist Green Book Exhibit
February 26	First Pres PDO & Preschool Online Registration Begins

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Church Life

February 5, 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 12 and 19. We will return to two worship services on Sunday, February 26, when we rededicate our renovated Chapel.*



CELEBRATE THE MINISTRY OF REV. JUDY HOCKENBERRY — *Today* — The Rev. Judy Hockenberry will officially retire as a Minister of Word and Sacrament on February 15, 2023. Join us after worship today for a luncheon in Fellowship Hall. There will be no children or youth Sunday School. Let's send Judy off into the next chapter of her life with our arms wrapped around her. She has been a loving, bright light in our First Pres community.

NEXT WEEK: CONFIRMATION SUNDAY & GUEST PREACHER CALEB LEMAN — *Sunday, February 12 / 10:30 am / Sanctuary* — Caleb Leman serves as the Chicago coach for the Sustainable Solutions for Sacred Sites program, which resources historic congregations in the exploration of long-term solutions for the financial sustainability of their buildings. Caleb is in his final year of the Master of Divinity program at McCormick Theological Seminary in Hyde Park and has a particular interest in ecological theology and earth-centered spirituality. He lives in an intentional living community in Humboldt Park with his wife, our Interim Director of Youth Programs, Jeni Eklund, three other "chosen family" members, and two bunnies. Caleb is excited to preach at First Pres.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION — *Sunday, February 12 / 11:30 am / Sanctuary* — The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will follow 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. Judy 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, February 5 — Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
9:00 am Adult Education: Book Discussion: *Becoming Ms. Burton* — Boardroom
10:00 am Adult Choir Rehearsal — Choir Auditorium
10:15 am – 11:45 am — Child care (infants – 4 years) — Room 205/207 (Blue Room), Main Floor Christian Education (CE) Wing
10:30 am **Worship** — Sanctuary
11:30 am Rev. Judy Hockenberry Retirement Luncheon — Fellowship Hall
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 — 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. Remaining dates are: today at 5:30 pm, Thursday, February 9 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.



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!



FIRST PRES AND PRESCHOOL KICKING OFF 45 YEARS — *Sunday, February 26* — Registration Sunday is February 26 for First Pres members. Our school enrolls children six months (by September 1) through Kindergarten. This will kick-off our 45th year serving our congregation and the community. Please see the PDO & Preschool page of our church website or contact PDO and Preschool Director, Coleen Anzalone at coleenanzalone@firstpresah.org for more details.

BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH — *Sunday, March 5* — Whichever service feeds your faith, share the message and the music with a friend, neighbor or family member. If you have children participating in our Sunday school programs, at any level, encourage them to bring a friend and share their Sunday morning experience. Frontera de Cristo will be sharing an age-appropriate mission message in Sunday school classes that day. We will be hosting a Welcome Table in the Narthex after both services and will have welcome bags and refreshments for you to share with your guests.

Serving, Giving, and Growing

COFFEE: GROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION & SERVICE — *Sundays / 10:30-11:30 am / Room 110 / Through February 26 (no class today & 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 — *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 life'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 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.

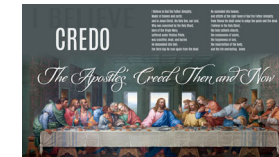
THE NEGRO MOTORIST GREEN BOOK EXHIBIT AT THE ILLINOIS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM AND EDUCATION CENTER — *Sunday, February 26 / 11:45 am – 4:00 pm* — Stone Catchers is sponsoring an all-church field trip to the Smithsonian Institution's traveling exhibition. The exhibition is appropriate for youth and adults. We will meet for lunch in the Parlor and then travel by car to the museum. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children and youth. *Please register by February 21* at firstpresah.org/events/the-negro-motorist-green-book/. For questions, contact Michele Holifield at micheleholifield@firstpresah.org or 847-243-7195. The *Green Book*, as it was known, provided black travelers of the era with information on hotels, restaurants, service stations and other facilities where they would be welcomed. In the era of Jim Crow and "sundown towns," this knowledge was not just helpful--it could be lifesaving. The Smithsonian Institution brings this story to life with the exhibition, *The Negro Motorist Green Book*. The exhibit features an immersive look at the harsh reality of travel for blacks in mid-century America and the vibrant parallel world of African American-friendly businesses that supported this travel. Visitors are transported back to a time when, if you were black, it took bravery and a *Green Book* to cross the country safely.

Worship Next Sunday

February 12, 2023: Sixth Sunday after Epiphany / Confirmation Sunday

10:30 am — Worship (Sanctuary)
Music: Compass Praise Band

Preacher: Caleb Lehman
Scriptures: Matthew 9:10-13, Matthew 18:18-20
Sermon Title: "The Community of Questions"



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 *Crede: 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	\$738.00
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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 92 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.



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.