

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.

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

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



“Part of being successful is about asking questions
and listening to the answers.”
— Anne Burrell

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

**FEBRUARY 12, 2023
10:30 AM**

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

GATHERING MUSIC

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

WELCOME Alex Lang

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather here, looking for God.

All: We come with questions too deep for words.

One: We wait for answers and wonder at meanings.

All: We seek understanding and wisdom.

One: We seek the One who created us.

✦ HYMN 418 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" *Softly and Tenderly*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, forgive us for our ignorant faith. We accept answers without probing their meaning. We fail to think for ourselves. We are afraid to ask too many questions. We long for understanding and yet, we don't want to work too hard for that understanding. We are promised wisdom but we don't seek wisdom. Teach us to question and explore our faith. Help us to deepen our connection to you...

SILENT CONFESSION

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

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

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

✦ AMEN (Hymn 600)

Amen. Amen.

Amen. 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 Evelyn Ganan

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 9:10-13
(Pew Bible, p. 790) Evelyn Ganan
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "Friend of Sinners" *Mulligan, Hulse & Pardo*
Compass

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 18:18-20
(Pew Bible, p. 799) Caleb Lehman
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "The Community of Questions" Caleb Leman

RECEPTION OF CONFIRMANDS

May Anne Allen Cathryn Wascher
Evelyn Ella Ganan Nathaniel Russell
Kaitlin E. Olszewski

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Stand by Me" *King, Lieber & Stoller*
Compass

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Cathryn Wascher

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

✦ HYMN "How Great Thou Art" *arr. Hendrickson*

✦ BENEDICTION Caleb Lehman

SENDING MUSIC

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Caleb Leman

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
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 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
Betty Mitchell
Lindsey Spalding — friend of the Hockenberrys
Ken Stiles
Dale VanEck—friend of Barrett & Corinne Peterson

Sympathy to

Kathy Sobeski, on the death of her brother, Jim Sobeski

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	Confirmation Sunday/Guest Preacher
Today	Annual Meeting of the Congregation
February 19	Souper Bowl of Caring
February 21	38th Annual Organ Fest
February 22	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
March 1	Wednesday@Noon
March 5	Bring a Friend to Church
March 5	Frontera de Cristo Mission

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!



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Church Life

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



TODAY: CONFIRMATION SUNDAY & GUEST PREACHER CALEB LEMAN — Today / 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 — Today / 11:30 am / Sanctuary — The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will follow 10:30 am worship. 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.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING — Today — Help our youth as they participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring by donating today. 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.

February 12 — Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 am Adult Education: Becoming Ms. Burton — Boardroom
9:30 am Praise Band Rehearsal — Sanctuary
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
10:30 am Coffee: Grounds for Discussion & Service — Kitchen
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 Annual Meeting — Sanctuary
11:30 am Kids Connect — Upper Level CE Wing
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 — 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 date is: 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.



THE 38TH ANNUAL ORGAN FEST — *February 19 / 4:00 pm / Sanctuary* — In celebration of Black History Month, organists Michael Gagne, Marianne Kim, Christopher Urban, and Gary Wendt team up to provide a dynamic program of music written for organ by Black composers or influenced by music of the Black community. Featured works include a rousing toccata on We Shall Overcome and a toe-tapping arrangement of Every Time I Feel the Spirit.

SHROVE TUESDAY — *Tuesday, February 21 / 6:30-9:30 pm / Hey Nonny* — Join Bruce Blanck and Friends at Hey Nonny in downtown Arlington Heights for an evening of jazz and celebration before we begin our Lenten journey.

ASH WEDNESDAY — *Wednesday, February 22 / 6:00 pm dinner; 7:00 pm service / Sanctuary* — Begin the Lenten journey with dinner at 6:00 pm, followed by worship at 7:00 pm that includes Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes. We will also start our Lenten sermon series *The Apostles' Creed Then and Now*.

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 / Special activity today!*: Join us today in the Fellowship Hall kitchen at 9:00 am to prep a Chili & Baked Potato Dinner for PADs, to be served on Valentine's Day. Our study *Christianity's Family Tree: What Other Christians Believe and Why* by Adam Hamilton, will resume next week at a special time!

THE BRIDGE CHILI MULLIGAN PARTY — *Saturday, February 18 / 6:00 pm / Kraske Home* — Join us at the home of Keith & Karyn Kraske (3678 Winston Pl, Hoffman Estates) for a Chili Mulligan Party. Participants are requested to bring 2-3 servings of their favorite chili. Only restriction is that it needs to be a brown chili, not white. Anything else goes! We will combine all the chili together and see what we get! Appetizers will also be needed. \$10 per person for the beverage fund. Please text your RSVP and/or questions to Keith at 847-341-1805. Let him know if you are bringing chili and/or an appetizer.

ADULT ED CLASS — *Sundays, Today & February 19 / 9:00-10:00 am / Boardroom / Michele Holifield / Becoming Ms. Burton* — Join this 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.

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 exhibit 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.

PW CIRCLE MEETINGS — *Circles 1, 2, 3 / Wednesday, February 15 / 9:30 am / Parlor* — Join us for fellowship and bible study! *Circle 7 / Tuesday, February 21 / 7:00 pm / at the home of Jo Christian* — Join Circle 7 as we continue, *What My Grandmothers Taught Me*, Lesson 8, "Mary in Faith and Tradition of the Church". For more information, contact Liz Thompson at lizht85@yahoo.com.

FIRST PRES AND PRESCHOOL KICKING OFF 45 YEARS — *Sunday, February 26* — Registration Sunday is coming up on February 26 for First Pres members. Our school enrolls children 6 months (by September 1) - 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 Director, Coleen Anzalone, at coleenanzalone@firstpresah.org for more details.

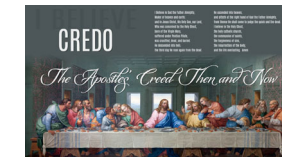


Worship Next Sunday

February 19, 2023: Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

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

Preacher: Ken Hockenberry
Scriptures: Exodus 34:29-35; Matthew 17:1-9
Sermon Title: "The Imprint of God's Glory"



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	\$916.00
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CURRENT GIVING OPPORTUNITY: A New Way of Life — A New Way of Life Reentry Project promotes healing, power, and opportunity for formerly incarcerated people by taking a multifaceted approach to mitigating the effects of, and ultimately eliminating, mass incarceration. Our Fall 2022 Annual speaker, Susan Burton is the founder and executive director of A New Way of Life.

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.

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.

