

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*



“My point, once again, is not that those ancient people told literal stories and we are now smart enough to take them symbolically, but that they told them symbolically and we are now dumb enough to take them literally.”
— John Crossan

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

**FEBRUARY 19, 2023
10:30 AM**

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Trumpet Tune" *Gordon Young*
"Air" *Florence Price*

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

WELCOME Adam Hendrickson

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As God spoke, calling light out of darkness,
All: **God's glory shines in the face of Jesus Christ.**

✦ HYMN 189 "O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair" DEO GRACIAS

CALL TO CONFESSION Jo Christian

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior...

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

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Jo Christian

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 34:29-35
(Pew Bible, p. 71) Jo Christian
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain" *Carolyn Jennings*
"Climb to the top of the highest mountain, Joyous tidings proclaim to the world. Lift up your voice, Shout the good news: Behold, your Lord comes to you. He will feed his flock like a shepherd, He will carry the lambs in his arms, He will ever keep them safe from harm. Behold, your Lord comes to you. He who made the stars in the heaven, He who fashioned the earth and the sea, From time eternal he was God, the Alpha and Omega, He. Behold, you Lord! He will come in power and glory, He will rule with mercy and truth, Hope of the nations, Light of all the world. He will love the little children, He will hold them in his arms. Love and trust him as a child, Behold, your Lord comes to you."
Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 17:1-9
(Pew Bible, p. 798) Ken Hockenberry
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "The Imprint of God's Glory"

✦ HYMN 377 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" HOUSTON

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Adam Hendrickson

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 "To God Be the Glory" *Johannes Brahms*
"To God be the glory, Ye hosts of the highest heaven! O tell ye the story, All honor to him be given. Ye stars brightly glowing, majesty showing, Deep in the silent sky, Ye lamps of the night, proclaim by your light the Lord and King most high. To God be the praises, His works are his power declaring; Their voice ever upraises, Glad tribute forever bearing. The hills have revealed him, homage they yield him, Tell of his goodness nigh, While waves as they roll, unceasing extol the greatness of the Lord most high! Amen."
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 193 "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain" UNSER HERRSCHER

✦ BENEDICTION Ken Hockenberry

POSTLUDE "Fanfare Paean" *Oliphant Chuckerbutty*

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Ken Hockenberry

Pastor: Alex Lang

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

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
Jerry Shields — husband of Dianne Shields
Diane Sinclair—sister-in-law of Scott Sinclair
Lindsey Spalding — friend of the Hockenberrys
Ken Stiles
Dale VanEck—friend of Barrett & Corinne Peterson

Sympathy to

Earl Oak, on the death of his wife, Gloria Oak
Kathy Sobeski, on the death of her brother, Jim Sobeski
Lindsay and Dan Tsutsumi on the death of Lindsay's sister, Cassie

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
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

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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

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| Today | 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 |
| March 1 | Wednesday@Noon |
| March 5 | Bring a Friend to Church |
| March 5 | Frontera de Cristo Mission |

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Church Life

February 19, 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.

CHAPEL REDEDICATION NEXT WEEK! — We will return to two worship services next week Sunday, February 26, when we rededicate our renovated Chapel.



TODAY: GUEST PREACHER KEN HOCKENBERRY — *Today* — Today we welcome the Rev. Kenneth J. Hockenberry as our guest preacher. Ken is a graduate of Grove City College (Bachelor of Music / Voice Major) in PA, and Princeton Theological Seminary (Master of Divinity) in NJ. He has served churches in Syracuse, NY, Louisville, KY, and Skokie, IL. Currently he is serving as Stated Clerk and Business Manager for Chicago Presbytery. Ken is married to Rev. Judy Hockenberry. Ken and Judy have three grown children, Katie (35), Jenny (32), and Andrew (30).

THE 38TH ANNUAL ORGAN FEST — *Today / 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 *Credo: The Apostles' Creed Then and Now*.

February 19 — Transfiguration of the Lord

9:00 am Adult Education: Becoming Ms. Burton — Boardroom
9:00 am Coffee: Grounds for Discussion & Service — Room 110/112
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
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
2:30 pm Concert Rehearsal — Sanctuary
4:00 pm Concert Series: 38th Annual Organ Fest — Sanctuary
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.

Weekly Schedule: (No programming February 22 — Ash Wednesday)
6:00-7:00 pm: Drop-in dinner time for all ages
7:00 pm: Ash Wednesday Worship Service

ENGAGE & ENCOUNTER: *Rituals and Ceremonies* — *Wednesdays, March 1 through April 5 (No Class March 8) / 7:00 pm / Chapel / Dr. Mladen Turk, Baltzer Distinguished Chair of Theology and Religion; Professor and Chair, Religious Studies at Elmhurst University* — Over five classes, Dr. Turk will be teaching on Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Chinese Religions and Japanese Shinto. Not only will we have the opportunity to learn about the origins of these faiths, but we will be learning about the rituals and ceremonies that define many of these religions. Hence the name of the class is *Rituals and Ceremonies Across Religious Traditions*. This class is designed to compliment the sermon series during Lent on the Apostles' Creed.

CHILDREN'S SPRING MUSICAL – *Wednesday evenings, March 1 through April 12 / 7:00-8:00pm / Sanctuary* – Presenting Allen Pote's "A Technicolor Promise" retelling the story of Noah and the ark through music and drama. Come for dinner from 6:00-7:00 pm and then join us in the Sanctuary at 7:00 pm for an hour of musical rehearsal and creative activities! Children can opt into the "cast" for singing and acting roles or the "crew" for set design and art projects. FYI: Spring musical programming will take the place of Kids Connect during these six weeks (no programming on Wednesday, March 26, for spring break). Children will perform their musical in worship on Sunday, April 16, at the 10:30 am service. Contact Nick Pulikowski at nickpulikowski@firstpresah.org for more details. For more information and to register online, please visit firstpresah.org/musical.

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 Illinois Holocaust Museum. We will meet for lunch in the Parlor and then travel to the museum for the Negro Motorist Green Book Exhibit. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children and youth. **Please register by Tuesday, February 21**, at firstpresah.org/events/the-negro-motorist-green-book/. The *Green Book* provided black travelers of the era with information on facilities where they would be welcomed. 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. Contact Michele Holifield at micheleholifield@firstpresah.org.

PW CIRCLE MEETINGS — *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". Contact Liz Thompson at lizht85@yahoo.com.

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* — *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. 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.

LENT ADULT EDUCATION CLASS — *Sundays, February 26 through April 2 / 9:00 am / Boardroom / Rev. Ken Hockenberry* — As Presbyterian Christians, we are people of faith who continually seek understanding. From the early days of our Reformed Tradition, we have emphasized the value of education for people of all ages. Whenever we pass by a public school, we see the results of Presbyterians from generations ago pushing for public education to grow an informed citizenry. We also see the value of growing in our understanding of the faith we profess. You are invited to join this class as we explore the Book of Confessions, part of a curriculum series published by our church, called *Being Reformed; Faith Seeking Understanding*. This class will help participants grow in understanding the foundational elements of our faith, guided by using our heads, our hearts, and our hands.

PW EASTER FLOWERS — *Today & Sunday, February 26* — Presbyterian Women will be accepting donations for the fresh flowers used to decorate the Sanctuary on Easter morning. Stop by the PW Flower Committee table in the Narthex after both services to make your contribution. Suggested donation is \$40, but any amount is accepted. Please make your checks payable to Presbyterian Women. If you wish, you may dedicate your flowers and choose to pick them up after the final service. For any questions, please contact Sue Henderson at 847-804-1682.

AN EVENING AT ARLINGTON ALE HOUSE — *Friday, February 24 / 5:00-7:00 pm / Arlington Ale House* — Church members and regular attendees 69 and older are invited to an evening at the Arlington Ale House (located upstairs of the Metropolis in Arlington Heights). Although they don't serve food at the Ale House, they do allow food to be brought in or ordered from local restaurants. You may buy drinks there, sample the appetizers folks will bring, socialize and perhaps even decide when we will meet again. Please plan to attend! Contact Susan Carroll at tcarroll60@aol.com or 847-956-4086 to RSVP and get directions.

CONCERT: GROVE CITY COLLEGE TOURING CHOIR — *Tuesday, March 7 / 7:00 pm / Sanctuary* — This select group of 43 singers under the direction of Associate Professor of Music, Dr. Katherine Mueller, will be offering a free concert at First Pres. The choir tours annually throughout the United States. Choir members desire to make beautiful music using the gifts and talents given them by God.

HOUSING NEEDED FOR GROVE CITY COLLEGE TOURING CHOIR — We need your help in providing housing for members of the Grove City College Touring Choir. 43 students need overnight accommodations, Tuesday, March 7. Hosts will need to provide a light breakfast on Wednesday, March 8, a ride back to the church and a bagged lunch. Please contact Chris Urban, at chrisurban@firstpresah.org if you can host.

WEDNESDAYS@NOON — *Wednesday, March 1 / 12:10 pm / Sanctuary* — Join us for our Wednesdays@Noon recital with Michael Rees, Organ Scholar, from Fourth Presbyterian Church.

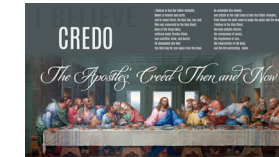
Worship Next Sunday

February 26, 2023: First Sunday in Lent

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

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

Preacher: Alex Lang
Scriptures: Matthew 11:25-30, Luke 1:26-35
Sermon Title: "His only Son, our Lord"
Sermon Series: "Credo: The Apostles' Creed Then and Now"



NEW SERMON SERIES: '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.

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| Bookmarks | \$1,089.00 |
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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.



FIRST PRES PDO AND PRESCHOOL — Registration Sunday is February 26. All registration takes place online. Please visit the PDO & Preschool page of our church website to register your child for the 2023–2024 school year. Still have questions? Email our Director, Coleen Anzalone, at coleenanzalone@firstpresah.org.

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 91 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.

