



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME Adam Hendrickson

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, all who are weary.
All: **We come to worship our Lord.**
One: Our Lord is gentle and humble.
All: **We will walk with him and find our rest.**

✦ “10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)” Myrin & Redman

✦ TIME OF GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHAPEL REDEDICATION

LUKE 1:26-35

MESSAGE “His Only Son, our Lord” Alex Lang
Scripture: Matthew 11:25-30

SHARING OUR GIFTS “Pressing On” Bob Dylan

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

One: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: **We lift them to the Lord.**
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(All are invited to share the Lord’s Supper. There is a station with wafers that are free of common food allergens with a separate cup located at the front of the Chapel.)

CLOSING PRAYER

✦ “SHOUT TO THE NORTH” Martin Smith

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



“Love, following in the footsteps of Christ,
in concern and compassion for all,
is the highest expression
of our faith and hope.”
— Pope Francis

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

**FEBRUARY 26, 2023
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Sheep May Safely Graze" *J. S. Bach arr. Fox*

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

WELCOME Alex Lang

INTROIT "Pie Jesu" *Mary Lynn Lightfoot*
"Pie Jesu domine, dona eis requiem. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi."
Children's Choir; Nick Pulikowski, director

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

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✦ HYMN 166 "Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days" ST. FLAVIAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, forgive us when we fail to follow the path you have paved for us. We prefer our own way. We would rather figure things out for ourselves. We call you "Lord" and we ignore your directions. You show us the way and we take what seems to be an easier road. Put us back on the right path. Instill in us a desire to follow in your footsteps and live as you invite us to live...

SILENT CONFESSION

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

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

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

✦ KYRIE (Hymn 551)

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

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✦ TIME OF GREETING

COMMUNITY LIFE

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Alex Lang

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:26-35
(Pew Bible, p. 831) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 11:25-30
(Pew Bible, p. 792) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "His Only Son, Our Lord" Alex Lang

✦ 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.

✦ HYMN 720 "Jesus Calls Us" GALILEE

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Come to Me" *Dan Forrest*
"Come to Me, all you who labor, Come to Me, and I will give you rest. Come, My Child, Learn My heart, For I am gentle and lowly. See how great My love for you, That I have called you My child."
Chancel Choir

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

THE THANKSGIVING

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All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please partake of the bread as it is served. We will hold the cup and drink together. There are wafers provided on each tray that are free of these common food sensitivities: gluten, wheat, casein, dairy, nut, egg, corn, yeast, soy, low/no sodium.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

✦ HYMN 182 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" KINGSFOLD

✦ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE "Concerto No.4 in C Major" *J. S. Bach*

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Alex Lang

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
Jenell Wetzell

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
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

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

Chapel Rededication

Today

Field Trip—The Negro Motorist Green Book Exhibit

Today

First Pres PDO & Preschool Online Registration Begins

March 1

Wednesday@Noon

March 5

Bring a Friend to Church

March 5

Frontera de Cristo Mission

March 7

Grove City College Touring Choir

March 19

New Member Class

March 19

Talent Show

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!

Church Life

February 26, 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.

PW EASTER FLOWERS — *Today* — 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.

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.

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.

FRONTERA DE CRISTO PRESBYTERIAN BORDERLANDS MINISTRY — *Sunday, March 5* — We will welcome Rev. Mark Adams, PC(USA) mission co-worker and co-director of Frontera de Cristo. Frontera de Cristo is a Presbyterian Borderland Ministry of the PC(USA) located in Douglas, AZ and Aqua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico. Mark will share news from the border in worship and work with our children and youth in Sunday School. All are invited to lunch in the Parlor following the 10:30 am service to learn about service opportunities at the border. If you are interested in a possible First Pres immersion experience at the border you will not want to miss this exciting opportunity.

February 26 — First Sunday in Lent

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: Chapel Rededication** — Chapel

9:00 am Adult Education: Presbyterian Creeds — Boardroom

10:00 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex

10:00 am Adult Choir Rehearsal — Choir Auditorium

10:30 am **Worship** — Sanctuary

10:30 am Preschool Sunday School (3- & 4-year olds) — Room 206

10:30 am K-5 Sunday School — Sanctuary, Room 304

10:30 am Confirmation (Grade 8) — Room 109/111

10:30 am Sunday School (Grades 6-7 & 9-12) — Room 301/302

10:30 am Coffee: Grounds for Discussion & Service — Room 110/112

11:30 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex

11:45 am Nominating Committee — Boardroom

11:45 am Stone Catcher's Lunch & Field Trip — Off-site

6:00 pm HSYG — HS Lounge, Gym



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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:

- 6:00-7:00 pm: Drop-in dinner time for all ages
- 7:00-8:00 pm: Classes and programs, including:
 - ENGAGE & ENCOUNTER adult Christian education
 - Kids Connect Musical Rehearsal (grades K-5)
 - Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8)

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 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. For more info, contact Nick Pulikowski at nickpulikowski@firstpresah.org or visit firstpresah.org/musical to register.

NEW MEMBER CLASS — *Sunday, March 19 / 11:45 am / Boardroom* — If you would like to learn more about this community of faith or membership at First Pres, our next new members class will take place on Sunday, March 19, immediately following the 10:30 am worship service. For more information or to RSVP, contact Alex Lang at alexlang@firstpresah.org.

 **FIRST PRES PDO AND PRESCHOOL— CELEBRATING 45 YEARS!** — Registration Sunday is today, 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.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN TALENT SHOW — *March 19 / 4:00 pm / Sanctuary* — Come and clap your hands for many of the talented members of First Presbyterian Church and the broader community. There will be four categories of performers: K-5th grade, 6th-12th grade, adults (non-retired), and adults (retired). To sign up, contact Adam Hendrickson at adamhendrickson@firstpresah.org.

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.

THE BRIDGE: WINE & CHEESE TASTING SEMINAR — *Saturday, March 4 / 7:00 pm / Larson's Home* — Join The Bridge for a Wine & Cheese Tasting Seminar with bonus dessert tastings. Then hang out and enjoy more snacks and drinks. Cost will be \$25 per person. Gather at the home of Brian & Mary Larson (1149 Kenilworth Ave, Palatine). RSVP to reserve your spot at brianlarson63@gmail.com or text at 224-456-9752 by **Wednesday, March 1**.

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.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS) — *Repairers of the Breach* — *February 22 - April 9* — For over 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. The three programs supported by OGHS - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance and hope. Typically received during the season of Lent, each gift to OGHS supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. We will collect the OGHS fish banks on Palm Sunday, April 2. Please give generously.

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** — 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 by reflecting 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.



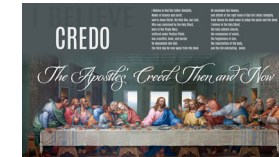
Worship Next Sunday

March 5, 2023: Second Sunday in Lent

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

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

Preacher: Alex Lang
Scriptures: Luke 23:1-4; 18-25, 1 Peter 3:18-20
Sermon Title: "Suffered under Pontius Pilate"
Sermon Series: "Credo: The Apostles' Creed Then and Now"



SERMON SERIES: 'CREDO: THE APOSTLES' CREED THEN AND NOW — *Sundays, through April 9* — 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

\$1,177.00

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.

JOIN THE FIRST PRES GOLF LEAGUE — The First Pres Golf League is organizing teams for the 2023 season at Palatine Hills Golf Course. During May through August, we will have Tuesday evening tee-times for 9-hole rounds. Whether you are already a great golfer or just learning how to play, you are welcome to join the League. We also need substitutes! For additional information, please contact Arlene Bullerman at 847-670-0319 or abullerman@earthlink.net.

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.