



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME Adam Hendrickson

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God holds us fast.
All: In the good times and in the bad times we belong to God.
One: God will never let us go.
All: God is our refuge in troubled times.
One: Let us worship the God who is with us always.

✦ **“EVERLASTING GOD”** *Brown & Riley*

✦ **TIME OF GREETING**

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

1 PETER 3:18-20 Rev. Mark Adams

MESSAGE “Suffered Under Pontius Pilate” Alex Lang
Scripture: Luke 23:1-4; 18-25

SONG “Fix You”
Martin, Buckland, Berryman, & Champion

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 “Walk With Me”
Ingram, Thatcher, Mabury, & Girrard

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦ **“LEAN ON ME”** *Bill Withers*

✦ **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.

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



“God had one son on earth without sin,
but never one without suffering.”
— Saint Augustine

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

**MARCH 5, 2023
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Prière à Notre Dame" *Leon Boëllmann*

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

WELCOME Alex Lang

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✦ HYMN 415 "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" RESTORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION Kris Ward

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we come to you in this season of Lent and we ask for your mercy. We have failed to be your people time after time. We forget to trust you. We forget to turn to you. We forget that you understand our suffering. We fail to understand that you are always with us, even in the darkest moments. Remind us of your mercy, O God. Restore us to a right relationship with you...

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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Alex Lang

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Kris Ward

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 1 Peter 3:18-20
(Pew Bible, p. 985) Kris Ward
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "Agnus Dei" *David Pettit*
"Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi. Miserere, nobis."
Translation: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Chancel Choir; Diana Richardson, soprano; Dan Richardson, bass

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 23:1-4; 18-25
(Pew Bible, p. 859) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Suffered Under Pontius Pilate" 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 209 "My Song Is Love Unknown" LOVE UNKNOWN

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 "This Little Light of Mine" *John Leavitt*
"This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Hallelujah!
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine; Hallelujah!
I'm gonna let it shine all the time, let it shine!"
Chancel Choir

✦ DOXOLOGY (Hymn 609)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

✦ HYMN 727 "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" THE SERVANT SONG

✦ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE "Toccata" *Leon Boëllmann*

✦ 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)

Flowers: Bill, Liz & Emily Thompson—In memory of Liz's mom, Ruth E. Huntley

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
Tom Krigas
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
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

Helen Martin, on the death of her son, Doug Martin

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 /

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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	Bring a Friend to Church
Today	Frontera de Cristo Mission
March 7	Grove City College Touring Choir
March 19	New Member Class
March 19	Talent Show
April 2	Palm Sunday
April 5	Wednesday@Noon
April 6	Maundy Thursday
April 7	Good Friday
April 9	Easter Worship: 6:30, 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am

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Church Life

March 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.



FRONTERA DE CRISTO PRESBYTERIAN BORDERLANDS

MINISTRY — Today — We 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 will 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 Frontera de Cristo's ministry and 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.

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.

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.

March 5 — Second 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
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 — Room 304
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 Frontera de Cristo Lunch & Discussion — Parlor
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, 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, 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.

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.

 **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.



Serving, Giving, and Growing

COFFEE: GROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION & SERVICE — *Sundays / 10:30-11:30 am / Room 110 / March 5 - April 16 (No Class: March 26 & April 9)* — Our Bible lessons will follow the theme *Freedom*, an adult Bible study by Cokesbury. The lessons explore the concept of salvation and God's gracious acts in redeeming us. They challenge us who have experienced God's gracious salvation to work for freedom and justice on behalf of others. They acknowledge that as we do, we will encounter those whose beliefs and values are different from our own, so they encourage us in ways to remain faithful to our beliefs while we act as neighbors to others. In the fall, we completed the "Rescue" portion of the study. This spring, we will finish up the two remaining parts called "Justice" and "Faithful Conversation."

LENT ADULT EDUCATION CLASS — *Sundays, 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* — *through 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.

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.

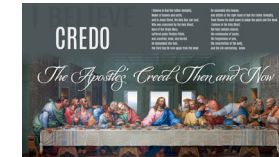
Worship Next Sunday

March 12, 2023: Third Sunday in Lent

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

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

Preacher: Alex Lang
Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 15:42-53, 1 Corinthians 15:3-8
Sermon Title: "The Third Day"
Sermon Series: "Credo: The Apostles' Creed Then and Now"



SERMON SERIES: 'CREDO: THE APOSTLES' CREED THEN AND NOW — *Sundays, through April 9* — We began our Lenten series which focuses 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	\$1,289.00
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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.

GIVING IN RESPONSE TO THE EARTHQUAKE DEVASTATION IN TURKEY AND SYRIA — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is currently working with partners near the Turkey-Syria border in response to the earthquake that struck on February 6. Please consider giving to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance during the month of March either online (select "Earthquake" in the drop down) or by check to support disaster relief for the earthquake

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.