



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME Adam Hendrickson

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come to the high mountain.
All: **We will renew our strength.**
One: Speak truth to the powers of this world.
All: **We will tell of God’s amazing love.**
One: Come, and we will worship together.

✦ “HOW GREAT THOU ART” *arr. Hendrickson*

✦ TIME OF GREETING

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

1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-8 Laura Sherwood

MESSAGE “The Third Day” Alex Lang
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:42-53

SONG “I Saw the Light” *Hank Williams Sr.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Laura Sherwood

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 “Keep Me in Your Heart” *Calderón & Zevon*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Laura Sherwood

✦ “I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY” *Fischer & Hankey*

✦ 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
of Arlington Heights**

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



“The symbolic language of the crucifixion is the death of the old paradigm; resurrection is a leap into a whole new way of thinking.”
— Deepak Chopra

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

**MARCH 12, 2023
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PRELUDE “My Lord! What a Morning” *Raymond Haan*

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

WELCOME Alex Lang

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✦ HYMN 352 MY LORD, WHAT A MORNING
“My Lord! What a Morning”

CALL TO CONFESSION Laura Sherwood

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, forgive our unbelief. Allow us to see you in our world and in our lives. Enable us to follow you even when we struggle with belief. Remind us of the essential truth of our faith — our invitation to love you above all else and the invitation to love others. Walk with us through the dark times and allow us to be the light for others as we struggle together in our belief...

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 Laura Sherwood

COMMUNITY LIFE Alex Lang

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HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Laura Sherwood

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 15:3-8
(Pew Bible, p. 935) Laura Sherwood
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM “The Apple Tree” *K. Lee Scott*

“The tree of life my soul hath seen, Laden with fruit and always green: The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ, the apple tree. His beauty doth all things excel: By faith I know, but ne’er can tell the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ, the apple tree. For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought: I missed of all; but now I see tis found in Christ, the apple tree. I’m weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile: Under the shadow I will be, Of Jesus Christ, the apple tree. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive it keeps my dying faith alive; which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ, the apple tree.”
Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 15:42-53
(Pew Bible, p. 936) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “The Third Day” 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 361 “O Christ, the Great Foundation” Aurelia

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Laura Sherwood

LORD’S PRAYER

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY “I Believe in Christ” *Mack Wilberg*

“I believe in Christ; he is my King! With all my heart to him I’ll sing; I’ll raise my voice in praise and joy, In grand amens my tongue employ. I believe in Christ; he is God’s Son. On earth to dwell his soul did come. He healed the sick; the dead he raised. Good works were his; his name be praised. I believe in Christ—my Lord, my God! My feet he plants on gospel sod. I’ll worship him with all my might; He is the source of truth and light. I believe in Christ; he ransoms me. From Satan’s grasp he sets me free, And I shall live with joy and love In his eternal courts above. I believe in Christ; he stands supreme! From him I’ll gain my fondest dream; And while I strive through grief and pain, His voice is heard: “Ye shall obtain.” I believe in Christ; so come what may, With him I’ll stand in that great day When on this earth he comes again To rule among the sons of men.”
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 Laura Sherwood

GOING FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

✦ HYMN 354 “Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory” BATTLE HYMN

✦ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE “Fanfare” *William Mathias*

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Alex Lang

Pastors: Alex Lang, Laura Sherwood

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
Tom Krigas
Betty Launer

Rhoda Merilatt
Barrett Peterson
Patty Richard
Betty Sanders
Richard & Susan Scott
Nancy Stautzenbach
Barb Tsutsumi
Gary Walker
Bob Webb
Jenell Wetzell

Friends & Family

Saraya Angle — niece of Tonya Griffin
Mike Ferdinand — husband of Sharon Ferdinand
Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kiepura
Dorita Godfrey — sister of Karen Wilson
Henry Hagenmann, Jr. — uncle of Lauren Kelleher
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

Interim Pastor for Pastoral Care:

Laura Sherwood

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

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Debbie Walter

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Michele Holifield

Director of First Pres PDO &

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Nursery Coordinator: Beth Johnson

Volunteer Librarian:

Matt Meisterheim

Save the Date

March 19 Scout Sunday
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 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.



WELCOME REV. LAURA M. SHERWOOD, INTERIM PASTOR FOR PASTORAL CARE — We are excited to announce the arrival of Rev. Laura Sherwood who will be acting as our Interim Pastor for Pastoral Care. Laura comes with a wealth of experience and will be an amazing asset in caring for the needs of our congregation. Laura is excited to begin partnering with the Session to help assess our needs as a congregation. We are blessed to have such a talented pastor coming into First Pres who can help us through this critical transitional period in the life of our church.

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 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.

March 12 — Third 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 Confirmation (Grade 8) — Room 109/111
10:30 am Coffee: Grounds for Discussion & Service — Room 110/112
11:30 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex
12:00 pm Session Meeting — Boardroom
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 / 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.

ALL-AGES EASTER EGG HUNT — *Saturday, April 8 / 10:00-11:00 am / Parlor, Narthex, Library* — Children's Ministries is sponsoring an all-ages Easter Egg Hunt with donuts, juice and coffee. Join us for fun and fellowship. You just might find the golden egg! Registration is open through March 25. Contact Nick Pulikowski at nickpulikowski@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 90 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 through April 16 (No Class: March 26 & April 9) / 10:30-11:30 am / Room 110* — 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.

PW CIRCLE MEETINGS — *Circles 1, 2 and 3 / Wednesday, March 15 / 9:30 am / Parlor* — Morning Circles will meet for their monthly Bible study and fellowship. Come join a circle! *Circle 7 / Tuesday, March 21 / 7:00 pm / Parlor* — Circle 7 will study Chapter 9, "What are These Women Doing in a Place Like This?" Call Liz Thompson 847/537-9087 for more information.

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.

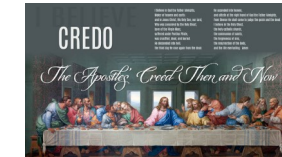
Worship Next Sunday

March 19, 2023: Fourth Sunday in Lent / Scout Sunday

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

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

Preacher: Alex Lang
Scriptures: Matthew 16:27-28, 25:31-33; Acts 1:6-11
Sermon Title: "Judge the Living and the Dead"
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

\$1,468.00

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.

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.