



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME Adam Hendrickson

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We are the people of God, the sheep of God's pasture.
All: **Like good sheep, we follow our shepherd.**
One: God, the good shepherd, knows his sheep.
All: **Like sheep, we have all gone astray.**
One: Like a shepherd, God seeks us all.

✦ **“SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US”** Bradbury

✦ **TIME OF GREETING**

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

ACTS 1:6-11

MESSAGE “Judge the Living and the Dead” Alex Lang
Scripture: Matthew 16:27-28; 25:31-33

SONG “All These Things That I’ve Done” Brandon Flowers

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 “Jesus, Friend of Sinners” Hall & West

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦ **“BUILD MY LIFE”** Younker, Martin, Kaple, Redman, & Barrett

✦ **BENEDICTION** Alex Lang

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Compass: Dan Berg, guitar; Amy Carroll, piano; Kevin Carroll, bass; Adam Hendrickson, drums/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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Organized in 1855*



“If you want to see what judgment looks like,
go to the cross.
If you want to see what love looks like,
go to the cross.”
— D.A. Carson

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT SCOUT SUNDAY

**MARCH 19, 2023
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Aria" Paul Manz

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

WELCOME Alex Lang

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

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✦ HYMN 263 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" CORONATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of unconditional love, we turn to you and ask for your forgiveness. We are too quick to name the faults of others. It is easy to point the finger at someone else. It is much harder to consider our own failings. We admit that we want to serve a God who judges others. At the same time we fear your judgment of our lives. Forgive us, God. Cover us with your unconditional love. Allow us to live into that love...

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 Laura Sherwood

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Acts 1:6-11
(Pew Bible, p. 884)
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "Soon and Very Soon" Andraé Crouch
"Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;
Hallelujah! We're going to see the King.
No more dying there, we are going to see the King;
Hallelujah! We're going to see the king."
Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 16:27-28; 25:31-33
(Pew Bible, p. 798, 807) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Judge the Living and the Dead" 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 427 "Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart" LOE DE ÍSÁ

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "The Servant Song" David Schwoebel
"If anyone would be first, they shall be the last of all. We are travelers on a journey, Fellow pilgrims on the road; We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load. I will hold the Christlight for you in the nighttime of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, Speak the peace you long to hear. Sister, let me be your servant, Let me be as Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace to Let you be my servant, too. Brother, let me be your servant, Let me be as Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace to Let you be my servant, too. If anyone would be first, they shall be the last of all, be the servant of all. I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you; I will share your joy and sorrow. Till we've seen this journey through. When we sing to God in heaven, We shall find such harmony, Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony. If anyone would be first, they shall be the last of all, be the servant of all."
Chancel Choir; Michelle Fielder, oboe

✦ 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 265 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" DUKE STREET

✦ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE "Toccatà on 'To God Be the Glory' " Joel Raney

✦ 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)

Flowers: Mary Halatek—Remembering Walt on our anniversary

Members of Scout Troop 32: Delaney Lopuszynski, Henry Lopuszynski, Nora O'Donnell, Thomas O'Donnell, Gianni Scaletta, Gavin Wakefield, Wyatt Wakefield; Nick Lopuszynski, Scoutmaster and Al Wilson, Charter Rep

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 Hagemann, Jr. — cousin of Tom Krigas
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

Steve and Kristen Walter, on the death of Steve's father

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

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

Scout Sunday

Today

New Member Class

Today

Talent Show

April 2

Palm Sunday

April 5

Wednesdays@Noon

April 6

Maundy Thursday

April 7

Good Friday

April 9

Easter Worship: 6:30, 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am

PASTORAL CARE — If you have a death in the family, an anticipated surgery, the birth of a new baby, or if you or a loved one are struggling, your pastors and church family want to be there to support you. Please contact Pastor Laura Sherwood, at laurasherwood@firstpresah.org or 847-255-5900, or call the church office to share your pastoral needs.

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Church Life

March 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.

SCOUT SUNDAY — Today — Boy Scouts of America celebrated 113 years of scouting on February 8, 2023. Troop 32B for Boys celebrates 80 years of scouting and Troop 32G for girls is celebrating 4 years of scouting. The troops are chartered by First Presbyterian Church Men's Bible Study group. Scouting is an extension of our Youth Ministries program and provides fun, fellowship and leadership development to First Pres youth, as well as youth in our community. It emphasizes honesty, self-reliance, character development and respect. The success of our scouting program depends on our volunteers, who serve in a variety of leadership roles, so our youth may benefit from our scouting ministry. As the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) celebrates its anniversary, we salute the splendid volunteers who serve as Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, Committee Chairman and other positions of leadership. The two troops would like to invite you and your family to be a part of our program. Contact Al Wilson, Chartered Organization Representative for Troop 32 at alwilson100@comcast.net or 847-669-2677.

NEW MEMBER CLASS — Today / 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 takes place today immediately following the 10:30 am worship service.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN TALENT SHOW — Today / 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).

March 19 — Fourth 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

11:45 am New Members Class — Boardroom

2:30 pm Talent Show Rehearsal — Sanctuary

4:00 pm Concert Series: Talent Show — 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:


- 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 and CE Wing* — Presenting "A Technicolor Promise" with music by Allen Pote and words by Carole McCann. This catchy, fun musical retells the familiar story of Noah and the ark through music and drama. The show also reminds us of God's overwhelming love, grace and the wonder of creation through the magic of rainbow imagery and song. Our K-5th grade children will perform their musical in worship on Sunday, April 16, at the 10:30 am service. PDO preschoolers and their families are also invited to attend Sunday, April 16, to participate in singing additional pieces of the worship service that morning. For more info, contact Nick Pulikowski at nickpulikowski@firstpresah.org or visit firstpresah.org/musical

PW CIRCLE MEETING — *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.

WEDNESDAYS@NOON — *Wednesday, April 5 / 12:10 pm / Sanctuary* — Join us for our Wednesdays@Noon recital with Christopher Urban, organ, featuring music of Holy Week.

 **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.


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.

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.

 **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 Lehm* — 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 89 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.



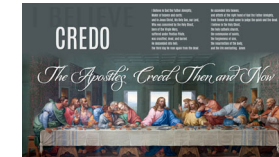
Worship Next Sunday

March 26, 2023: Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

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

Preacher: Alex Lang
Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 12:3-11; Mark 1:9-11
Sermon Title: "The Holy Spirit"
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

\$1,544.00

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.