



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME Adam Hendrickson

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God summons us to worship.
All: Created in God's image, we long for a connection to God.
One: God breathes life into us.
All: Breathe deeply and know the presence of God.
One: Come and we will worship the God of life and breath.

✦ "GREAT ARE YOU LORD" Leonard, Ingram, & Jordan

✦ TIME OF GREETING

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

MARK 1:9-11

MESSAGE "The Holy Spirit" Alex Lang
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:3-11

✦ "HOLY SPIRIT" Katie & Brian Torwalt

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 "Spirit in the Sky" Norman Greenbaum

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦ "HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD" Tomlin, Cash, & Reeves

✦ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Compass: Dan Berg, guitar; Amy Carroll, piano; AJ Coleman, drums; Adam Hendrickson, guitar/vocals; Greg Schultz, bass

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*



"O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart.
Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected
dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams."
— Saint Augustine

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

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

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PRELUDE “At the Cross” *Lloyd Larson*
“Sweet, Sweet Spirit” *Linda Lamb*
Chancel Handbell Choir; Nick Pulikowski, director

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

WELCOME Alex Lang

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✦ HYMN 1 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!” NICAEA

CALL TO CONFESSION Laura Sherwood

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of God, you know our hearts. There is nothing we can hide from you. You know our successes and our failures. You know when we turn from you and your gifts. You know when we fail to acknowledge Jesus. Spirit of God, you know all things. Forgive us and breathe new life into us...

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

✦ TIME OF GREETING

COMMUNITY LIFE

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HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Laura Sherwood

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:9-11
(Pew Bible, p. 812) Laura Sherwood
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM “Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit” *William Dawson*
“Ev’rytime I fell the spirit, Moving in my heart, I will pray. Upon the mountain my Lord spoke, Out of His mouth came fire and smoke; Looked all around me, It looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine. Ev’rytime I feel the spirit, Moving in my heart, I will pray. Jordan river is chilly and cold, it chills the body, but not the soul; There ain’t but one train upon this track, It runs to heaven an’ right back. Ev’rytime I feel the spirit, Moving in my heart, I will pray.”
Chancel Choir; Dan Richardson, bass

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 12:3-11
(Pew Bible, p. 933) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “The Holy Spirit” 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 688 “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart” MORECAMBE

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 “Gracious Spirit Dwell with Me” *K. Lee Scott*
“Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be; Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee; And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal; And, with actions bold and meek, For Christ, my Savior, speak. Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be’ Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee; And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear; And, with actions brotherly, Speak Christ’s sincerity. Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be; Show thy mercy tenderly, Make me more like thee; Separate from sin, I would And cherish all things good, And whatever I can be Give him who gave me thee. Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be’ Help me now thy power to see, I would be like thee; ‘Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield; Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory. Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!”
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 “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve” LAND OF REST

✦ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE “Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit” *arr. Richard Elliott*

✦ 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: **Cynthia Goldsberry**—In loving memory of my beloved husband, William Goldsberry

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

April 2 Palm Sunday
April 5 Wednesdays@Noon
April 6 Maundy Thursday
April 7 Good Friday
April 8 All-ages Easter Egg Hunt
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.

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

March 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.

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 26. 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. Arienne 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 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.



March 26 — Fifth 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
11:30 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex



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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.

Schedule Note: Family Night dinner, children’s and youth programming will be on Spring Break Wednesday, March 29. The Engage & Encounter class **WILL** meet on March 29. Join us again on Wednesday, April 5, when full programming returns with dinner beginning at 6:00 pm.

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* — 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 (NO REHEARSAL WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29) — *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

‘GARDENING KNOW HOW’ GATHERING — *Wednesday evenings, April 5 through May 3 / 7:00-8:00 pm / Parlor* — Are you getting excited about spring and warmer weather? Is this the year for an awesome garden? Do you have gardening questions to ask experienced gardeners? Get ready for your spring and summer gardens during First Pres’ ‘Gardening Know How’ gatherings on Wednesday nights. These gatherings are for both new and experienced gardeners. Learn key concepts for yard gardens and landscaping, the right gardening tools, how to improve your soil, the right plant for the right place, maintaining your gardens, and other topics you want to address. Seasoned gardeners, some with Master Gardener Certification, will be available to answer questions and facilitate information sessions.

UPCOMING PATHWAYS EVENT — *Saturday, April 15 / 5:30-7:00 pm / Bullseye Axe Throwing, Schaumburg* — Pathways (a non-formal group of adults in our congregation ages 30s & 40s, married/single, with/without children) aims to create meaningful relationships in a fun setting. Our next event will be at Bullseye Axe Throwing in Schaumburg. We will try our hand at axe throwing from 5:30–7:00 pm and then head for dinner at Granite City in Schaumburg at 7:15 pm. Register by using the QR code at the right.



90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION — *Sunday, April 30 / 10:30 am Worship Service* — It’s time to recognize those in our congregation turning 90 years old in 2023. Join us for the joyous honor of recognizing our amazing nonagenarians!

Serving, Giving, and Growing

COFFEE: GROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION & SERVICE — *Sundays through April 16 (NO CLASS: Today & 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.

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. 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.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 2: Palm Sunday Worship: 9:00 (Chapel) & 10:30 am (Sanctuary)
April 6: Maundy Thursday Worship: 7:00 pm / Sanctuary
April 7: Good Friday Service of Darkness: 7:00 pm / Sanctuary
April 9: Easter Sunday

6:30 am — Sunrise Worship in North School Park (in the event of inclement weather, worship will be in the Chapel)
8:00 am — Modern Worship in the Chapel
9:30 & 11:00 am — Traditional Worship with Chancel Choir and First Pres Brass in the Sanctuary

**Childcare will be available for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and 9:30 & 11:00 am only on Easter Sunday.*

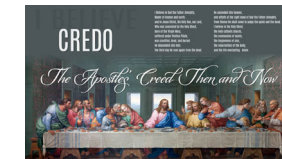
Worship Next Sunday

April 2, 2023: Palm Sunday

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

10:30 am — **Worship** (Sanctuary)
Music: Chancel Choir and Children’s Choir

Preacher: Alex Lang
Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30, Matthew 21:1-11
Sermon Title: “The Holy Catholic Church”
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	\$1,747.00
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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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN THANK YOU — Presbyterian Women thanks the First Pres congregation and friends for their generous contributions to this year’s Worldwide Blanket Drive. We collected \$2,355 to be used to support this program which provides blankets for people facing disasters worldwide. These blankets give a kind, loving and tangible response to those facing a difficult time, reminding them they are not alone. Thank you for making a difference!

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.