

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.

A Technicolor Promise

The Cast

Noah	Haleigh Smith
Noah's Wife	Mikayla Carlson
The Dove	Brynn Miller
Storytellers	Oliver Anderson Sidney Drey Andrew Haines Jayne Martinka Hadley Smith
The Choir	Elsie Anderson Lachlan Anderson Mallory Grochocki Sawyer Gutzmer Lily Hendrickson Everett Landwehr Mary Martinka Eliana Pulikowski Louie Pulikowski George Richardson Jonathan White
The Crew	Elliott Drey Myles Grochocki James Gutzmer Piper Juszczuk Lucas Lang Kiefer Miller Max Richardson James White
Director	Nick Pulikowski
The Band	Chris Urban, piano Todd Smith, drums

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 16, 2023
10:30 AM

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Morning Has Broken" *Ron Boud*

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

WELCOME Alex Lang

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

All: For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

One: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

All: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

One: Let us worship God!

✦ HYMN 15 (vv. 1,2,4,6) LASST UNS ERFREUEN
"All Creatures of Our God and King"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings and our mistakes. You alone know how often we have wandered from your ways. Have mercy on us for misusing our gifts and not spreading your love. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior...

SILENT CONFESSION

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

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

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

✦ GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen, Amen.

✦ TIME OF GREETING

COMMUNITY LIFE

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Evan & Jennifer Baker, Peter & Jeanne Doheny, Brenda Sawyer, Don Sortor & Tara Riley and Judy Thorson

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Anika Larson

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 7:1-5; 8:6-12
(Pew Bible, p. 5) Anika Larson
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "Rainbow, Rainbow, High and Bright" *Sockeye Media*
*"Rainbow rainbow, high and bright. Rainbow rainbow, made of light.
From the clouds down to the ground, I see colors all around.
Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet too."
First Pres PDO Choir*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 9:8, 11-12, 16-17
(Pew Bible, p. 6) Brianna Smith
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

A MUSICAL MESSAGE *Allen Pote & Carole McCann*

A Technicolor Promise

Presented by
Kids Connect

A Technicolor Promise—*The Choir*
A Man Named Noah—*The Choir*
Ha! Ha! Ha!—*Noah, Mrs. Noah, and the Choir*
The Storm—*Noah, Mrs. Noah and the Choir*
Dancing Two by Two—*The Choir*
Forty Days—*The Choir*
Fly Away, Little Dove—*Dove and the Choir*
The Triumphal March
This Is the Day—*Noah and the Choir*
Finale—*The Choir*

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 "Peace Begins with a Smile" *Linda Kachelmeier*
*"Peace begins with a smile. When you meet somebody new, give them a smile,
say 'How do you do?' Love begins in your heart. If you've got some love to share,
open your heart, show how much you care. Hope begins with a seed.
Plant a seed and watch it grow, tend it with love, how far will it go?
Joy begins with a song. Come on in, you can't go wrong,
we feel so good when you sing along!"
First Pres PDO 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 315 "In the Midst of New Dimensions" NEW DIMENSIONS

✦ BENEDICTION Laura Sherwood

POSTLUDE "All Creatures of Our God and King" *Hal Hopson*

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Children's Choir

Pastors: Alex Lang, Laura Sherwood

Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson

Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban

WORSHIP NOTES

Prayer Requests

Healing & Comfort

First Pres Community

Mario Alberico
Roger Anderson
Don & Judy Ayers
Wendy Blanck
Virginia Blocki
Laura Carlson
Jean Castles
Mary Clarbour
Graham Gutzmer
Marylyn Jirsa
Don Johnson
Tom Krigas

Betty Launer
Frank Lopuszynski
Rhoda Merilatt
Barrett Peterson
Patty Richard
Betty Sanders
Richard & Susan Scott
Nancy Stautzenbach
Barb Tsutsumi
Bob Webb
Jenell Wetzal
Al Wilson

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
Klee Family — family of the Ficks
Bill & Corinne McClintic — friends of Ingrid Kaufman
Jerry Shields — husband of Dianne Shields
Lindsey Spalding — friend of the Hockenberrys
Ken Stiles
Dale VanEck — friend of Barrett & Corinne Peterson

Sympathy to

Scott Sinclair, on the death of his sister-in-law, Diane Sinclair

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

Director of Youth Ministries:

Ben Graham

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	Children's Musical (one worship service 10:30 am)
April 22	Service Saturday
April 23	Spring Choral Concert
April 29	All-Church Retreat
April 30	90th Birthday Celebration
April 30	Safe Sanctuary Training
May 3	Wednesday@Noon
May 10	God's Honest Truth

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, extension 229 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 email 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!



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Church Life


April 16, 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.

CHILDREN'S SPRING MUSICAL — 10:30 am / Sanctuary — Presenting "A Technicolor Promise" with music by Allen Pote and words by Carole McCann. This catchy 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.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS! — Please join in welcoming the seven newest members of the First Pres family of faith, received during the 10:30 am worship service today.

BUY STOCK TO SUPPORT OUR YOUTH — Sundays, April 16 through April 30 — The Youth Stock Sale is back! Mark your calendars for when you can buy shares from the middle and high school youth following each worship service. Shares cost \$10 each and 100% of proceeds support Youth Missions! This year, the middle schoolers will be serving with Youth Works in Louisville, KY, and the high schoolers will be attending the Montreat Youth Conference.

 **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 71 spaces available for the retreat. Cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for those 18 and under. Registration is now open to members of First Presbyterian Church of Wilmette. Please go to firstpresah.org/retreat or use the QR code to register. **Registration closes April 21.**



April 16 — Second Sunday of Easter / Youth Sunday

9:00 am Musical Rehearsal — Sanctuary
9:00 am Coffee: Grounds for Discussion & Service — Off-site
10:15 am – 11:45 am — Child care (infants – 4 years) — Room 205/207 (Blue Room), Main Floor Christian Education (CE) Wing
10:30 am **Worship: Musical / New Members Received** — Sanctuary
11:30 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex
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.

- 6:00-7:00 pm:** Drop-in dinner time for all ages
- 6:30-7:00 pm:** Children's Choir (grades K-5)
- 7:00-8:00 pm:** Classes and programs, including:
 - ENGAGE & ENCOUNTER adult Christian education
 - Interest Groups
 - Kids Connect (grades K-5)
 - Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR — *Wednesday evenings, through May (NO Choir April 19) / 6:30-7:00 pm / Sanctuary* — Come for dinner from 6:00-6:30 pm and then join us in the Sanctuary for 30 minutes of music making and fellowship. Children will sing in worship throughout the program year. Contact Nick Pulikowski at nickpulikowski@firstpresah.org for more details.

NEW! ENGAGE & ENCOUNTER: Father Abraham's Many Children: The Bible in a World of Religious Difference — *Wednesdays, April 19, 26 and May 3 / 7:00 pm / Chapel / Rev. Ken Hockenberry* — In the past 70 years in America, we have seen a vast increase in the diversity of religious affiliations and commitments. Many of us have neighbors and co-workers who are Christians (Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox), as well as Muslim, Hindus, Jews, Buddhists, Mormons, Bahais – among others, as well as many who are “nones” – those with no religious affiliation. As Christians of the Presbyterian sort, how do we participate in the religious diversity that is all around us? What do our sacred texts and stories in the Bible tell us about living in a society of religious diversity and pluralism? Join our class led by Rev. Ken Hockenberry, as we explore this topic using this new book by Dr. Tyler Mayfield, *Father Abraham's Many Children*. (You can order this book on Amazon).

'GARDENING KNOW HOW' GATHERING — *Wednesday evenings, through May 3 / 7:00-8:00 pm / Parlor* — Are you getting excited about spring and warmer weather? Do you have gardening questions to ask experienced gardeners? Get ready for your spring and summer gardens during First Pres' 'Gardening Know How' 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. Seasoned gardeners, some with Master Gardener Certification, will be available to answer questions and facilitate information sessions.

SPRING CHORAL CONCERT — *Sunday, April 23 / 4:00 pm / Sanctuary* — Join the Chancel Choir, Men's Chorus and orchestra in a light program featuring music from American musicals and film. It will be an incredibly fun afternoon of music!

GOD'S HONEST TRUTH STORYTELLERS WANTED — *Wednesday, May 10 / 7:00 pm / Sanctuary* — The theme for the evening is **The Watershed Moments: The Moment That Changed Everything**. If you are interested in sharing your story, contact Pastor Alex Lang at alexlang@firstpresah.org and he will help you prepare. Come and join us for what will certainly be a great evening!

Serving, Giving, and Growing

COFFEE: GROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION & SERVICE — *Sundays through April 30 (No Class April 16) / 10:30-11:30 am / Room 110* — Our Bible lessons follows the theme *Freedom*, an adult Bible study. 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.

RESTAURANT WALK IS BACK! — Our popular Restaurant Walk fellowship program returns for another session! Meals will take place at Peggy Kinnane's (8 N. Vail Ave.) in downtown Arlington Heights during May. This is a great way to connect with other members of the congregation and support a local business. Available dates: **Thursday, May 4, 6:00 pm; Sunday, May 7, 12:00 pm; Thursday, May 11, 6:00 pm; Thursday, May 18, 6:00 pm; Sunday, May 21, 12:00 pm.** Signup online or in person Sunday mornings.



GARDENERS WANTED — The church's volunteer gardeners are looking for a couple of people to help maintain our landscaping. The job would require two to four hours a week, watering and keeping the gardens clean. Please contact Walt Meyer at 847-253-1701 for more information.

PW CIRCLE MEETINGS — *Circle 7 / Tuesday, April 18 / 7:00 pm / Parlor* — Join Circle 7 for evening fellowship and Bible study For more information, contact Liz Thompson at lizht85@yahoo.com. *Circles 1, 2, 3 / Wednesday, April 19 / 9:30 am / Parlor* — Join the morning circles for fellowship and Bible study!

SERVICE SATURDAY ALL-CHURCH CLEAN-UP — *Saturday, April 22 / 9:00 am - 12:00 pm* — The Board of Trustees and the Facilities Team are sponsoring an all-church clean-up day. Meet in Fellowship Hall to get your assignment and help keep our facility beautiful. There will be jobs for all ages including closet clean-outs, cleaning kitchens and stair railings, trips to Goodwill and much more. We will serve a pizza lunch at 11:30 am to celebrate all of our hard work. For questions, please contact Michele Holifield at 847-243-7195 or micheleholifield@firstpresah.org.

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING — *Sunday, April 30 / 12:00 pm / in the Boardroom* — New and current volunteers who work with children or youth (birth – 18 years) must have Safe Sanctuary training. If you have not been trained within the past three years, consider attending this session. To check your training status or register for training, contact Mary Fino at 847-255-5900 or maryfino@firstpresah.org.

90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION — *Sunday, April 30 / 10:30 am 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!

JOIN THE MEN'S BIBLE STUDY! — The Men's Bible Study is meeting every Monday at 8:00 am via Zoom and in person. If you are interested in joining the group or if you have questions, contact Bill Dillon at (847) 956-2871 or Dave Berkow at (847) 323-2800.

Worship Next Sunday

April 23, 2023: Third Sunday of Easter

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

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

Preacher: Alex Lang
Scriptures: Genesis 3:1-13, Matthew 18:6-7
Sermon Title: “A Checkered Past”

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	\$2,427.00
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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.

VBS & HOLY TROUBLEMAKERS (FORMERLY MISSIONFACTORY)
REGISTRATION IS OPEN! / Register Online / Programs run Monday, July 10 - Friday, July 14 / 9:00 am - 12:00 pm / 4-year-old Preschoolers

– Incoming 4th Graders: Register for VBS — In the depths of a colorful underground cave, is the beating heart of the hero community, the *Hero Hotline Headquarters* where everyone's gifts are valued and every hero has a role to play. Each day at the *Hero Hotline Headquarters*, superheroes of all ages and abilities answer the call and join the Professor and veteran hero, Super Meer the Meerkat, to provide expert assistance and solutions to Hero Teams everywhere. When Heroes in the field call in, the Professor, Super Meer and our team of heroes will spring into action and explore the ultimate Hero Handbook (the Bible) to discover how all Heroes can follow the examples set by a cast of supporting Bible Heroes in stories from the Old and New Testaments, who work together to bring peace, build each other up and share the great story of God's love for us where they are and with the whole world. As our kids experience these stories through music, drama and storytelling, games, arts and crafts, science and even snacks, they'll learn that Heroes are called to **Follow Jesus, Help Others, Work Together, Listen to God, and Show Grace!** And, best of all, they'll be invited to answer this call at VBS, at church, at home and every area of their lives.



Incoming 5th & 6th Graders: Register for Holy Troublemakers — Join us this summer to cause some holy trouble. Join your friends

for a week of learning about doing the right thing, working together to show kindness, hope and compassion. Sometimes during the week we will be loud and active, and other times we will be quiet, but always learning how our faith calls us to work for good. You do not want to miss this week of holy troublemaking at First Pres. Invite a friend and register today for either program at firstpresah.org/programs/children-families/vbs-holy-troublemakers/