

WELCOME

9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME, GUESTS!

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning.

Adam Hendrickson

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; All: I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

One: I will be glad and exult in you;

All: I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

One: Let us worship God!

†"GOD OF WONDERS"

†TIME OF GREETING

Laura Sherwood

Laura Sherwood

Byrd & Hindalong

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

INTRODUCTION OF YOUTH DIRECTOR MATTHEW 18:6-7		Alex Lang Laura Sherwood
Song	"Hurt"	Trent Reznor

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING OUR GIFTS

"If We're Honest"

Battistelli, Pardo & Reed

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*****"AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)"

Tomlin, Newton & Giglio

†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

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



"Each life is made up of mistakes and learning, waiting and growing, practicing patience and being persistent." — Billy Graham

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 23, 2023 9:00 & 10:30 AM

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GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE		'Pavane''	Paul Drayton
	"This Is M	ly Father's World"	Jason Payne
	The prelude is your in for the worsh	nvitation to quiet pr hip of Almighty God	
WELCOME			Alex Lang
All: I will te One: I will be	ve thanks to the Lord Il of all your wonder glad and exult in you ng praise to your na	r ful deeds. u;	rt;
Ф Нумл 370	"This Is My	y Father's World"	TERRA BEATA
CALL TO CONFESSION		Laura Sherwood	
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God in heaven, we all carry with us past actions and deeds of which we are not proud. Help us not to hide from our mistakes, but to reflect openly and honestly about our history. Allow us to know that with your love, you can take our weaknesses and turn them into strengths. Provide us with the courage to face our fears and be the people you intended us to be...

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.

INTRODUCTION OF YOUTH DIRECTOR

Alex Lang

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

ANTHEM

Laura Sherwood

†BENEDIC

The Word of the Lord/Thanks be to God! POSTLUD

J. S. Bach

Matthew 18:6-7

Preaching: Alex Lang

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING		Genesis 3:1-13		
(Pew Bible, p. 2) Alex La The Word of the Lord/ Thanks be to Go				
SERMON	"A Checkered Past"	Alex Lang		
HYMN 432	"How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord"	REPTON		

"Lord, Have Mercy"

"Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy. Wash me through and through from all my sin. Lord, blot out all my guilt and shame. Hear my prayer. My transgressions bear

upon me. O Lord, hear my prayer. Lord, make pure my heart, inspire my thoughts to

know your truth. O cast me not away, O Lord. Your Holy Spirit guard my soul. Guard

my heart and soul. Make pure my heart. O hear my prayer. O Lord, restore the joy of

Chancel Choir

your salvation. Renew my spirit, Lord. Hear my prayer, O Lord."

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Laura Sherwood

Dan Forrest

LORD'S PRAYER

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OFFERING

- OFFERTORY "Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee"

"Jesus, Lord, we look to Thee; Let us in Thy Name agree; Show Thyself the Price of Peace, Bid our strife forever cease. By Thy reconciling love every stumbling block remove; Each to each unite, endear; Come, spread Thy banner here. Make us of one

heart and mind, Gentle, peaceable and kind, Lowly, meek in thought and word, Altogether like our Lord. Let us each other care, Each the other's burdens bear; To Thy church the pattern give, Show how true believers live. Free from anger and from pride; Let us thus in God abide; All the depths of love express, All the heights of holiness. Jesus. Lord. we look to 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

†HYMN 80

(Pew Bible, p. 799) Laura Sherwood

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GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

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CTION		Alex Lang		
DE	"Carillon de Longpont"	Louis Vierne		
nd as you are able.				

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 his birthday

WORSHIP NOTES

Prayer Requests

Healing & Comfort

Betty Launer

Frank Lopuszynski

Ruth McCormcik

Rhoda Merilatt

Barrett Peterson

Patty Richard

Betty Sanders

Barb Tsutsumi

Bob Webb

Al Wilson

Ienell Wetzel

Richard & Susan Scott

Sheri Jones — friend of Jan Niemeyer

Klee Family — family of the Ficks

of Ingrid Kaufman

Shields

Ken Stiles

Hockenberrys

Corinne Peterson

Bill & Corinne McClintic — friends

Jerry Shields — husband of Dianne

Lindsey Spalding — friend of the

Dale VanEck — friend of Barrett &

Nancy Stautzenbach

First Pres Community

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

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

Sympathy to

Chuck Beech, on the death of his mother The Watson family, on the death of Rick Watson

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

Business Administrator:

Administrative Assistant /

Receptionist: Carol Vega

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Volunteer Librarian:

Matt Meisterheim

Michele Holifield

Senior Administrative Assistant:

Facilities Director: Tony Scheurich

Nursery Coordinator: Beth Johnson

Director of First Pres PDO &

Preschool: Coleen Anzalone

Debbie Walter

Marv Fino

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

Save the Date

Today Spring Choral Concert All-Church Retreat April 29 April 30 90th Birthday Celebration April 30 Safe Sanctuary Training May 3 Wednesday@Noon God's Honest Truth May 10 **Final Family Night** May 17

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.

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BUY STOCK TO SUPPORT OUR YOUTH - Sundays, through April 30 -The Youth Stock Sale is back! 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.

SPRING CHORAL CONCERT — Today / 4:00 pm / Sanctuary — Join the Chancel Choir, Men's Chorus and orchestra in a light program featuring music from American musicals and film.

LAST DAYS TO SIGN-UP FOR THE ALL-CHURCH RETREAT -Registration closes tomorrow, April 24 — 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. Cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for those 18 and under.

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!

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 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 301/303 10:30 am Confirmation — Room 109/111 10:30 am Coffee: Grounds for Discussion & Service — Room 110/112 11:30 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex 11:30 am Youth Ministries Parent Meet & Greet - Room 301/303 11:45 am Wednesday Market Planning Meeting — Boardroom 2:30 pm Concert Rehearsal — Sanctuary 4:00 pm Concert Series: Spring Choral Concert — Sanctuary 6:00 pm HSYG — Room 301/303, Gym

Church Life

April 23, 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.

April 23 — Third Sunday of Easter

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 / 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.

ENGAGE & ENCOUNTER: Father Abraham's Many Children: The Bible in a World of Religious Difference — Wednesdays, April 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 (No Meeting April 26) / 7:00-8:00 pm / Parlor -? 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.

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!

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING - Sunday, April 30 / 12:00 pm /

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.

FINAL WEDNESDAY@NOON — Wednesday, May 3 / 12:10 pm / Sanctuary - Christopher Urban, organ and John Eckhardt, violin, featuring music for violin and organ.

Serving, Giving, and Growing

COFFEE: GROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION & SERVICE - Sundays through April 30 / 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 we 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.

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-yearold 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 HILY **Trouble makers** — 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/vbsholy-troublemakers/

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

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

Laura Sherwood *Preacher:* Scriptures: Psalm 23; John 10:1-10 Sermon Title: "I AM the Front Door"

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.

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.

UPDATE YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPE PREFERENCE — With so many people taking advantage of giving through stock transactions, IRA Contributions, ACH bank withdrawals and online donations, the use of offering envelopes of First Presbyterian Church continues to decline. Many still use offering envelopes; however, we are asking if you no longer want to receive offering envelopes please call the church office so we can remove you from the envelope mailing list. The expense for offering envelopes has increased due to the price of envelopes, shipping costs and postage. If you still want to receive the envelopes, there is no need to contact the church office. If you currently do not receive envelopes but would like to, you may also call the church office and we can add your name to the offering envelope mailing list.

MARY AND MARTHA'S LENDING CLOSET - If you have not checked out the Lending Closet vet, 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.

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 30, 2023: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Bookmarks \$2,427.00