



**9:00 AM WORSHIP**

**WELCOME** Adam Hendrickson

**✦ CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We gather together to worship God, the Shepherd of our souls.  
All: **The one who has created us, who sustains us, who redeems us,**  
One: the one who walks beside us in good times and bad,  
All: **and who calls us to follow.**  
One: This is our God!  
All: **Let us worship God together!**

**✦ “SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US”** *arr. Hendrickson*

**✦ TIME OF GREETING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Alex Lang  
*Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along to those around you.*

**PSALM 23**

**MESSAGE** “I AM the Front Door” Laura Sherwood  
Scripture: John 10:1-10

**SONG** “Shepherd” Millard, Crowder, Bentley, & Fieldes

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Alex Lang

**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** “Generous Man” Michael Hansen

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**✦ “I WILL FOLLOW”** Tomlin, Ingram, & Morgan

**✦ BENEDICTION** Laura Sherwood

✦ Please stand as you are able.

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

**WELCOME, GUESTS!**

**Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.**

Stop by the Welcome Center in the Narthex (lobby) to pick up information that will acquaint you with our church services and programs. You are also invited to join the conversation on Facebook, at facebook.com/firstpresah, Twitter, at @FirstPresAh, and Instagram, at @firstpresah. We look forward to connecting with you again.

**CHILD CARE**

Children of all ages are warmly welcomed and encouraged to participate in worship. Child care is available (infants through age four) in the Christian Education Wing (8:45 am – 11:45 am).

**CLASSES FOR ALL AGES**

From September through May, Sunday morning Christian education classes are held for all ages. These include classes for preschool, elementary, middle school, and high school students, as well as education and discussion groups for adults. To learn more, visit firstpresah.org or call the church office at 847-255-5900.

**SPECIAL ASSISTANCE**

For worship in the Sanctuary, large print bulletins, and hearing amplifiers (some with T-Coil lanyard adapters) are available from the ushers.

**IMPORTANT WORSHIP REMINDERS**

Please silence cell phones and refrain from taking photos or recording the worship service. Services are webcast live at firstpresah.org/experience/livestream. To download or listen to a podcast of today’s sermon, search Apple podcasts for **The Word @ First Pres**. Past sermons are available at firstpresah.org/experience/sermons.

**First Presbyterian Church  
of Arlington Heights**

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



“Home is the nicest word there is.”  
— Laura Ingalls Wilder

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**APRIL 30, 2023  
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

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# 10:30 AM WORSHIP

## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Beside Still Waters" *Joe Utterback*

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

WELCOME Laura Sherwood

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✠ HYMN 475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION Alex Lang

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, we would follow you wherever you might lead.**

**Lord, we would follow you.**

**Forgive us when we stumble and when we stray.**

**Forgive us when, distracted, we lose our way.**

**Be the one to whom we turn, whose hand we hold,**

**the Shepherd who leads us safely to the fold.**

**Lord, we would follow you wherever you might lead.**

**Lord, we would follow you.**

### 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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM Laura Sherwood

Ryan Morris Zanchelli — born March 30, 2021, son of Jeffrey and

Amanda Zanchelli

COMMUNITY LIFE Alex Lang

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### 90TH BIRTHDAY RECOGNITION

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Alex Lang

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 23  
(Pew Bible, p. 435) Alex Lang  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "The Lord Is My Shepherd" *Thomas Matthews*  
*Text from Psalm 23*  
Chancel Choir; Diana Richardson, soprano

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 10:1-10  
(Pew Bible, p. 872) Laura Sherwood  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "I AM the Front Door" Laura Sherwood

✠ HYMN 803 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" RESIGNATION

## GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Alex Lang

### LORD'S PRAYER

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### OFFERING

OFFERTORY "He Shall Feed His Flock" *John Ness Beck*  
*"He shall feed His flock like a shepherd: He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently shall lead those that are with young. He shall gather the lambs in His arm, and carry them close to His heart; and gently, so gently shall lead those with young. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. Amen."*  
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 542 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" GOD BE WITH YOU

✠ BENEDICTION Laura Sherwood

POSTLUDE "Come, Thou Fount" *Jason Payne*

✠ Please stand as you are able.

**Preaching:** Laura Sherwood

**Pastors:** Alex Lang, Laura Sherwood

**Director of Music and Worship:** Adam Hendrickson

**Associate Director of Music and Organist:** Christopher Urban

**Praise Band:** Compass (9:00 am service)

## WORSHIP NOTES

# Prayer Requests

## Healing & Comfort

### First Pres Community

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

Betty Launer  
 Ruth McCormick  
 Rhoda Merilatt  
 Barrett Peterson  
 Patty Richard  
 Betty Sanders  
 Richard & Susan Scott  
 Nancy Stautzenbach  
 Barb Tsutsumi  
 Bob Webb  
 Jenell Wetzell  
 Al Wilson

### Friends & Family

Saraya Angle — niece of Tonya Griffin  
 Mike Ferdinand — husband of Sharon Ferdinand  
 Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kiepora  
 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  
 Claire Walsh — cousin of Mary Hebden

### 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

## 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 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	90th Birthday Celebration
Today	Safe Sanctuary Training
May 3	Wednesday@Noon
May 7	Celebration Sunday
May 10	God's Honest Truth
May 13	Scout Troop 32 Aluminum Can Drive
May 17	Final Family Night
May 21	Baccalaureate Sunday

**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 30, 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.

**BUY STOCK TO SUPPORT OUR YOUTH — Final Day Today!** — 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.

**90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION — Today / 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 — Today / 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.

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

**GOD'S HONEST TRUTH — Wednesday, May 10 / 7:00 pm / Sanctuary** — The theme for the evening is **The Watershed Moments: The Moment That Changed Everything**. Come and join us for what will certainly be a great evening!

### April 30 — Fourth Sunday of Easter

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: Baptism & 90th Birthday Celebration** — 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  
 12:00 pm Safe Sanctuary Training — Boardroom  
 4:00 pm Northwest Choral Society Concert — Sanctuary  
 6:00 pm HSYG — Room 301/303, 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 17 / 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. Contact Nick Pulikowski at [nickpulikowski@firstpresah.org](mailto:nickpulikowski@firstpresah.org) for more details.

**ENGAGE & ENCOUNTER: *Father Abraham's Many Children: The Bible in a World of Religious Difference*** — *Wednesday, 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*.

**'GARDENING KNOW HOW' GATHERING** — *Wednesday evenings, through May 3 / 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.

**ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE** — *Saturday, May 13 / 9:00-11:00 am / West Parking Lot* — Bring your crushed aluminum cans to the can drive sponsored by the Men's Bible Study. Proceeds support the Men's Bible Study's sponsored charities. Questions? Contact Dave Berkow at [dwbarkow@att.net](mailto:dwbarkow@att.net). *Please do not bring cans to the church office before the collection date.*

**COLLECTION FOR VETERANS** — *May 1-29* — First Pres will host a drive to collect new move-in essentials for veterans as they transition to permanent housing. Items can be dropped off at the church during office hours, Sunday mornings beginning May 7 and in the Parlor during the Arlington Heights Memorial Day Parade. A list of supplies will be available on Sunday mornings in the lobby and online at [firstpresah.org](http://firstpresah.org). Donated items can be dropped off through May 29. The Veterans Exiting Homelessness Program is a collaborative effort between Military Outreach USA and the Department of Veteran Affairs. If you would like to find out more about the program, visit their website at [militaryoutreachusa.org/veterans-exiting-homeless/](http://militaryoutreachusa.org/veterans-exiting-homeless/). Any questions, contact Michele Holifield at [micheleholifield@firstpresah.org](mailto:micheleholifield@firstpresah.org).

## Serving, Giving, and Growing

**COFFEE: GROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION & SERVICE** — *Today / 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.



**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.



**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/](http://firstpresah.org/programs/children-families/vbs-holy-troublemakers/)

**PENTECOST OFFERING** — First Pres will receive the Pentecost Offering during the month of May. This year's theme, *We Are There*, reminds us that we are called to be present to create opportunities for young people to grow, thrive and take part in building up the body of Christ. Forty percent of the Pentecost Offering is retained by our congregation for local ministries that support young people. The remaining sixty percent supports children and youth at risk through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Donations to the Pentecost Offering can be made online or using the pew envelopes on Sunday mornings. Thank you for your generosity.

## Worship Next Sunday

**May 7, 2023: Fifth Sunday of Easter / Celebration Sunday**

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

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

*Preacher:* Courtney Lang  
*Scriptures:* Philippians 2:1-7; Hebrews 11:1-10  
*Sermon Title:* “Living in the Liminal”

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	\$159.00
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**CURRENT GIVING OPPORTUNITY: *Minister's Discretionary Fund*** — As the need continues to grow in our surrounding community, the Minister's Discretionary Fund enables our pastoral staff to assist those who come through our doors with emergency needs for gas, food, utilities and other basic needs. By giving to this fund, you are helping to spread generosity and love throughout the community. Donations through August 31, 2023, will be allocated to this fund.

**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 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](mailto: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.