

WELCOME	Adam Hendrickson
✦CALL TO WORSHIP	
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All: Great are your works, full of honor and majesty and studied by all who delight in them.	
One: The works of your hands are faithful and just.	
All: Your precepts are trustworthy.	
One: Our reverence for you is the beginning of wisdom.	
All: You are to be praised forever.	
✦“HOW GREAT THOU ART”	arr. Hendrickson
✦TIME OF GREETING	Alex Lang
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along to those around you.	
HONORING DARL POCHERT	
HEBREWS 11:1-10	
MESSAGE	“Living in the Liminal” Scripture: Philippians 2:1-7 Courtney Lang
SHARING OUR GIFTS	Laura Sherwood “You Have Shown Us” Park, Tomlin, Zschech, Kendrick, Houghton, Smith, Redman, Baloché, Chapman, Garrard & Hughes
INVITATION TO THE TABLE	Alex Lang/Laura Sherwood
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One: Lift up your hearts.	
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One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.	
LORD’S PRAYER	
WORDS OF INSTITUTION	
COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE	
CLOSING PRAYER	
✦“GOD OF JUSTICE”	Tim Hughes
✦BENEDICTION	Courtney Lang

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Compass: Dan Berg, guitar/vocals; Amy Carroll, keyboard; Kevin Carroll, bass;
Adam Hendrickson, guitar/vocals; Greg Schultz, saxophone

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



“I will ride the wind of your breath now filling me,
letting it carry me away from my middle anchor
to the edges where I’ll grow and
glimpse the purpose you have for ever-evolving me.”
– from prayer “When I need to breathe and live into something
new” by Rev. Arianne Braithwaite Lehn

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

MAY 7, 2023

9:00 & 10:30 AM

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

“Change My Heart, O God”
“I Love to Tell the Story”

Douglas Wagner
Harold DeCou

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

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Alex Lang

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✚HYMN 372

“O for a World”

AZMON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess to you:
We are not of the same mind. We do not share the same love.
We act in selfish ambition and do not regard others as better than
ourselves. We have not looked to the interests of others instead of
ourselves. We do not embrace the humility of Jesus Christ.
Forgive us. Continue to be at work in us, that we might serve each other
as you served us, and reflect your glory in this world.

SILENT CONFESSION

...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.

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Alex Lang

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11:1-10
(Pew Bible, p. 977) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:1-7
(Pew Bible, p. 954) Courtney Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“Living in the Liminal”

Courtney Lang

PRAYER CIRCLES

*At this time, each youth will come forward and be prayed over by pastors, Confirmation teachers,
their family, and anyone else who feels like they have been on each youth’s faith journey.
We invite you to listen to the music that will be playing, pray for these youth as they come
forward, and maintain a prayerful state during this time.*

YOUTH BEING CELEBRATED TODAY

Charlotte Landwehr, Eric Larson, Jr., Delaney Lopuszynski, Jenna Mayhew,
Reagan Olszewski, Maryn Russell, Brianna Smith, Harrison Swaim

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

OFFERING

Laura Sherwood

OFFERTORY

“There’s a Walk by Faith”
Richard Baker
*“There’s a walk by faith for the child of God, there’s a walk by faith if we would
faithful be. Don’t look to the left, don’t look to the right; just keep your eyes on Christ.
There’s a cross to bear for the child of God, there’s a cross to bear if we would faithful
be. There’s a crown to win for the child of God, there’s a crown to win if we would
faithful be. Don’t look to the left, don’t look to the right, just keep your eyes on Christ.”*
Chancel Choir

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Alex Lang/Laura Sherwood

THE INVITATION

THE THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GOING FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

✚HYMN 462

“I Love to Tell the Story”

HANKEY

✚BENEDICTION

Courtney Lang

POSTLUDE

“Toccata in ‘We Will Glorify’ ”

Fred Bock

✚Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Courtney 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)

WORSHIP NOTES

Prayer Requests

Healing & Comfort

First Pres Community

Mario Alberico	Betty Launer
Roger Anderson	Ruth McCormick
Don & Judy Ayers	Rhoda Merilatt
Wendy Blanck	Barrett Peterson
Virginia Blocki	Patty Richard
Laura Carlson	Betty Sanders
Jean Castles	Richard & Susan Scott
Mary Clarbour	Nancy Stautzenbach
Graham Gutzmer	Barb Tsutsumi
Marylyn Jirsa	Bob Webb
Don Johnson	Jenell Wetzal
Tom Krigas	Al Wilson

Friends & Family

Saraya Angle — niece of Tonya Griffin	Klee Family — family of the Ficks
Mike Ferdinand — husband of Sharon Ferdinand	Bill & Corinne McClintic — friends of Ingrid Kaufman
Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kiepora	Jerry Shields — husband of Dianne Shields
Dorita Godfrey — sister of Karen Wilson	Lindsey Spalding — friend of the Hockenberrys
Henry Hagemann, Jr. — cousin of Tom Krigas	Ken Stiles
Donna Hames — friend of Mary Halatek	Dale VanEck — friend of Barrett & Corinne Peterson
Sheri Jones — friend of Jan Niemeyer	Claire Walsh — cousin of Mary Hebden

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	Business Administrator: Debbie Walter
Interim Pastor for Pastoral Care: Laura Sherwood	Senior Administrative Assistant: Mary Fino
Pastor Emeritus: Harry Thompson	Administrative Assistant / Receptionist: Carol Vega
Associate Pastor Emerita: Dianne Shields	Facilities Director: Tony Scheurich
Interim Director of Children's Ministries: Nick Pulikowski	Facilities Coordinator: Michele Holifield
Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson	Director of First Pres PDO & Preschool: Coleen Anzalone
Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban	Nursery Coordinator: Beth Johnson
Worship Technicians: Amy Senior, Jonah White	Volunteer Librarian: Matt Meisterheim

Save the Date

Today	Celebration Sunday
May 10	God's Honest Truth
May 13	Scout Troop 32 Aluminum Can Drive
May 16	Chimes Deadline
May 17	Final Family Night
May 21	Baccalaureate Sunday
May 21	Safe Sanctuary Training
May 28	One Worship Service at 10:30 am
May 29	Office Closed

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!

Church Life

May 7, 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.

CELEBRATION SUNDAY — Today — Join us in worship as we celebrate our 8th graders and their faith journey and Holy Communion.



TODAY: GUEST PREACHER COURTNEY LANG — Today we welcome Courtney Lang as our guest preacher. Courtney Lang grew up as an active member of youth groups at the Chinese Christian Alliance Church in Northridge, California and Seacoast Community Church in Encinitas, California. She has spent two decades in volunteer youth ministry, serving as youth advisor at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Westlake Village, California; Princeton United Methodist Church in Princeton, New Jersey; Pine Street Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; and most recently as a confirmation mentor here at First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights. In her professional life, she is an attorney for a global auditing, testing, inspection and certification corporation. She has served on her local public school board for four years. In her personal life, Courtney loves poetry, travel and the outdoors. She is married to Pastor Alex Lang and has two sons, Elijah (age 12) and Lucas (age 10).

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!

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 dwberkow@att.net. *Please do not bring cans to the church office before the collection date.*

May 7 — Fifth Sunday of Easter / Celebration Sunday
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 Coffee: Grounds for Discussion & Service — Room 110/112
11:30 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex
11:45 am God's Honest Truth Practice — Sanctuary
12:00 pm Restaurant Walk — Peggy Kinanne's
6:00 pm HSYG — Room 301/303, Gym



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Upcoming Events

FAMILY NIGHT PROGRAMMING — *Wednesday Evenings / 6:00-8:00 pm / September through May 17* — 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 for more details.

FAMILY NIGHT YEAR-END CELEBRATION — *Wednesday, May 17 / 6:00 pm* — Join us for our year-end celebration of Family Night. Enjoy dinner and fellowship as we say goodbye to another program year!

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/

PW CIRCLE MEETINGS — *Circles 1, 2, 3 / Wednesday, May 10 / 9:30 am / Parlor* — Join us for fellowship and Bible study! *Circle 7 / Tuesday, May 16 / 6:30 pm / Parlor* — Join Circle 7 in the Parlor for a salad supper. Bring a salad to share. To RSVP or for more information, contact Karen Wilson at 847-669-2677.

Serving, Giving, and Growing

COFFEE: GROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION & SERVICE — *Sundays through May 14 / 10:30-11:30 am / Room 110* — This is a Sunday morning study group with members leading Bible study and discussion. We'd loved for you to join us! Bring your coffee with you or help yourself to a cup from our Keurig! Contact Kelly Dean at k_p_dean@hotmail.com with any questions.

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. 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/. Any questions, contact Michele Holifield at micheleholifield@firstpresah.org.

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: **Sunday, May 7, 12:00 pm; Thursday, May 11, 6:00 pm; Sunday, May 21, 12:00 pm.** Use the QR code to the right to sign up.



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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SALAD LUNCHEON — *Wednesday, May 17 / 12:00 pm / Fellowship Hall* — We will celebrate the end of our program year with our annual Salad Luncheon. Bring a salad to share and join us for our program **Presbyterian Women: Past and Present**.

COOK COUNTY UNITED AGAINST HATE SPRING SHOWCASE— *Sunday, May 21 / 11:45 am - 1:30 pm* — In 2022, First Pres accepted the pledge to stand against hate in Cook County. **Cook County United Against Hate** is an initiative started by Cook County Commissioner Scott Britton, to address the many incidences of hate in the area. Many community and religious organizations in the Northwest Suburbs have joined the movement and will be present at the event. The afternoon will include hands-on activities, information gathering from community organizations and the opportunity to individually accept the Cook County United Against Hate pledge. This is a wonderful time to invite friends to First Pres. For more information on Cook County United Against Hate, visit cookcountyunitedagainsthate.com.

THE CHIMES NEWSLETTER DEADLINE — The deadline for the combined June/July/August issue of *The Chimes* is **Tuesday, May 16**. Please submit articles to Mary Fino at maryfino@firstpresah.org.

Worship Next Sunday

May 14, 2023: Sixth Sunday of Easter / Mother’s Day

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

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

Preacher: Alex Lang
Scriptures: John 19:25-30; Judges 13:2-5
Sermon Title: “Our Best Intentions”

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	\$704.00
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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 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.