



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME Adam Hendrickson

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Live in God's love!
All: **Let that love be poured out for all God's people!**
One: Bring hope and peace to all whom you meet.
All: **We are called to be God's witnesses.**
One: Celebrate and rejoice.
All: **Praise be to God who has called, healed and given us a ministry of grace.**

✦ "OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART" Paul Baloche

✦ TIME OF GREETING

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

JUDGES 13:2-5

MESSAGE "Our Best Intentions" Alex Lang
Scripture: John 19:25-30

SONG "Mamas" Wilson, Pardo, & West

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 "What a Wonderful World" Thiele & Weiss

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦ "YOU NEVER LET GO" Beth & Matt Redman

✦ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Compass: Dan Berg, guitar; Amy Carroll, piano; Kevin Carroll, bass; 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

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Organized in 1855*



"And the mother, the prototype of all existence, is the eternal spirit, full of beauty and love."

— from poem "The Mother" by Kahlil Gibran

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MOTHER'S DAY**

**MAY 14, 2023
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PRELUDE “Arioso” J. S. Bach arr. Fox

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

WELCOME Alex Lang

INTROIT “My Mother’s Love” Tom Shelton

“You gave me life, and all your love. You gave me wings to be what I dream of. You held me close, Calmed all my fears. You’re always there to wipe away my tears. A child’s heart, A mother’s love, A special bond designed by God above. Throughout my life, You will be there, To catch me when I fall, and nurture me with care, I pray that God will keep me thankful of, My mother’s love. I watch you grow, I see you change, My love for you will always be the same. Wherever you go, whatever you do, my love for you will always be there too. A mother’s heart, A child’s love, A special bond designed by God above. Throughout your life, I will be there, To catch you when you fall, and nurture you with care, I pray that God will keep me thankful of, My child’s love. Your love’s a lamp, To light my way, Reflecting God’s deep love for me each day. A special gift, God gave to me. And courage to know when to set you free. A mother’s heart, A child’s love, A special bond designed by God above. I pray that god will keep me thankful of, My mother’s love.”
Children’s Choir and Chancel Choir Women

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✦ HYMN 267 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” MADRID

CALL TO CONFESSION Laura Sherwood

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Maker and giver of all, forgive us when we are too preoccupied to notice your presence in our lives; when we walk through this world and fail to see the wonder of you upholding our lives and all creation; when we walk through our lives and fail to see you abiding with, within and around us; when we walk through holy moments and fail to savor your presence, instead feeling abandoned in the vast sweep of life as each day rushes at us with its demands. Open our eyes to your presence, God of love, that we may lean on you—for you uphold all of creation in tenderness and power...

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.

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Laura Sherwood

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Judges 13:2-5
(Pew Bible, p. 201) Laura Sherwood
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM “Seasons of Love” Jonathan Larson arr. Zegree
“Five hundred, twenty-five thousand, six hundred minutes. Five hundred, twenty-five thousand moments so dear. Five hundred, twenty-five thousand, six hundred minutes. How do you measure, measure a year? In daylights, in sunsets, in midnights, in cups of coffee. In inches, in miles, in laughter and strife. In five hundred, twenty-five thousand, six hundred minutes. How do you measure a year in the life? How about love? Measure in love. Seasons of love. Five hundred, twenty-five thousand, six hundred minutes. Five hundred, twenty-five thousand journeys to plan. Five hundred, twenty-five thousand, six hundred minutes. How do you measure the life of a woman or a man? In truth that she learned, or in times that he cried. In bridges he burned, or the way that she died. It’s time now, to sing out, though the story never ends. Let’s celebrate, remember a year in the life of friends. Remember the love. Measure in love. Seasons of love.”
Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 19:25-30
(Pew Bible, p. 882) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “Our Best Intentions” Alex Lang

✦ HYMN 7 “Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth” NORWICH

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 “Down to the River to Pray” arr. Mary McDonald
“As I went down to the river to pray, studying about that good ole way and who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way. O brother, let’s go down, come on down, down to the river to pray. O Lord, listen to your children prayin’. O Lord, send your Spirit in this place. O Lord, listen to your children prayin’, send us love, send us power, send us grace. Something’s gonna happen like the world has never known, when the people of the Lord get down to pray. A door’s gonna swing open and the walls come atumblin’ down, when the people of the Lord get down to pray.”
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 373 “O Day of Peace” JERUSALEM

✦ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” Carolyn Hamlin

✦ 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)

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
Graham Gutzmer
Marylyn Jirsa
Don Johnson

Tom Krigas
Betty Launer
Barrett Peterson
Patty Richard
Betty Sanders
Richard & Susan Scott
Nancy Stautzenbach
Barb Tsutsumi
Bob Webb
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

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

The Green family, on the death of Ray Green

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

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 14, 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.

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.

NEXT WEEK: BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY — *Sunday, May 21* — Celebrate our graduating high school seniors. We would like to recognize all graduates of the congregation next Sunday.

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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY — *May 28* — *Invitation to Wear Red (Yellow or Orange)* — Red is our liturgical (church) color to represent fire for the Holy Spirit. Pentecost Sunday commemorates the sending of the Holy Spirit on the early church, as described in Chapter 2 of the Acts of the Apostles, when what looked like flames appeared over the heads of the disciples. The name Pentecost means the 50th day; it falls 50 days after Easter Sunday when Christ rose from the dead.

May 14 — Sixth Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day
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 — Sanctuary, 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



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Upcoming Events

FAMILY NIGHT — END OF YEAR 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!

This Week's Schedule:

6:00-7:30 pm: Drop-in dinner time for all ages, Fellowship Hall

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.

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**.

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING — *Sunday, May 21 / 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.



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE HOSPITALITY — *Monday, May 29* — First Pres will once again extend hospitality to parade viewers on Monday morning, May 29. If you are interested in helping, contact Arlene Bullerman at abullerman@earthlink.net or 847-670-0319.

COLLECTION FOR VETERANS — *May 1-29* — First Pres is hosting 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 in the Narthex and in the Parlor during the Arlington Heights Memorial Day Parade. A list of supplies is available on Sunday mornings in the lobby. 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. Final available date is **Sunday, May 21, 12:00 pm**. Use the QR code to the right to sign up.



VBS & HOLY TROUBLEMAKERS (FORMERLY MISSIONFACTORY) **REGISTRATION IS OPEN!** / *Register Online / Programs run Monday, July 10 - Friday, July 14 / 9:00 am - 12:00 pm* — Register for Vacation Bible School (preschool-4th grade) and Holy Troublemakers (rising 5th and 6th graders) online at <https://firstpresah.org/programs/children-families/vbs-holy-troublemakers/>. The cost is \$35 per child. These programs will be offered concurrently, July 10-14, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm each day. Please contact Nick Pulikowski at nickpulikowski@firstpresah.org with questions.

Serving, Giving, and Growing

COFFEE: GROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION & SERVICE — *Today / 10:30-11:30 am / Room 110* — This is a Sunday morning study group with members leading Bible study and discussion. We'd love 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.

BACKPACKS FOR CHRISTOPHER HOUSE — We are again supplying backpacks and school supplies for the students of Christopher House. When school begins in the fall, we want the children to experience the excitement of new school supplies and backpacks! The suggested donation is \$20, but any donation is welcome. **This collection is monetary only!** Look for the Christopher House table in the Narthex on Sundays, June 4, 11 and 18. Checks should be payable to Presbyterian Women (CH Backpacks in memo line). Donations can also be made online.

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.

SERVICE SATURDAY: BERNIE'S BOOK BANK — *Saturday, June 17 / 9:00 am-11:00 am* — Register now to join us at Bernie's Book Bank for a morning of stickering, sorting and packing books. All ages are welcome at Bernie's. We will meet at Bernie's Book Bank (917 N. Shore Drive, Lake Bluff) and work as a group for the morning. Please use the QR code to register. Please note that each person in your family must register and have a waiver signed to attend. Contact Michele Holifield at micheleholifield@firstpresah.org with questions. Bernie's Book Bank focuses on distributing books to children birth through sixth grade in under-resourced communities. Since 2009, Bernie's has distributed over 23 million free children's books.



BUFFALO GROVE PRIDE PARADE: THE MAGIC OF PRIDE — First Pres is marching in the Buffalo Grove Pride Parade on Sunday, June 4. We will join other churches and community organizations in the area for this family friendly event. We are looking for all ages to march with us. More information on our theme and meeting place will be provided closer to June 4. If you are interested in joining, please use the QR code or contact Michele Holifield at micheleholifield@firstpresah.org to sign-up.



Worship Next Sunday

May 21, 2023: Seventh Sunday of Easter / Baccalaureate Sunday

9:00 am — Worship (Chapel)

Music: Compass

10:30 am — Worship (Sanctuary)

Music: Chancel Choir and Chancel Handbell Choir

Preacher: Alex Lang

Scriptures: Genesis 28:10-17, Jeremiah 18:1-6

Sermon Title: "What Dreams May Come"

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	\$865.00
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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.

MARY AND MARTHA'S LENDING CLOSET — The summer months are approaching and now is the time to reserve your items from the Mary and Martha's Lending Closet. We are 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. Reservations for items for summer graduation parties are filling up fast. The closet is available to community members, so help us spread the word. All monetary donations to the closet go 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.

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.

ONGOING FOOD COLLECTION — Donations of nonperishable food items benefit many families and individuals who are clients of several local organizations that we support. Food has been shared through our PADS ministry with those who are homeless; provided to clients of FamilyForward; and collected for families served by Christopher House and Firman House, both in Chicago. The next time you are at the grocery store, why not pick up a few healthy nonperishable items to donate? Thank you for your past and continued support!