

WELCOME Adam Hendrickson

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God of the past, who has created and nurtured us.
All: We are here to thank you.
One: God of the future, who is always ahead of us.
All: We are here to thank you.
One: God of the present, who is here in the midst of us.
All: We are here to thank you.
One: God of hope, who is beyond and with us.
All: We are here to thank you.
One: Let us worship God, tender and just.

✦ **“EVERLASTING GOD”** *Brown & Riley*

✦ **TIME OF GREETING**

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

JEREMIAH 18:1-6

MESSAGE “What Dreams May Come” Alex Lang
Scripture: Genesis 28:10-17

SONG “Dream On” *Steven Tyler*

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 “One Safe Place” *Cohn & Galdston*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦ **“PUT A LITTLE LOVE IN YOUR HEART”** *Deshannon, Holiday, Myers*

✦ **BENEDICTION** Alex Lang

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Compass: Dan Berg, acoustic/vocals; Amy Carroll, keyboard; Adam Hendrickson,
guitar/vocals; Greg Schultz, bass; Todd Smith; drums



2023 Graduates

Justin Adrowski
Emily Allen
Adam Benson
Jenna Dahm
Garrett Doering
Abby Draper
William Gabrione
Ava Hilder
Shelby Hiskes
Megan Mayhew
Max Menninga
Tyler Olszewski
Nolan Pena
Olivia Pena
Joshua Reiswig
Campbell Thomas
Anna Washco
Tyler Wengronowitz
Christian Wesselink
Victoria Wiltse
Max Zagorski

Oliver James Ellis, Pre-K

Emilie Lola Bender, Geneseo High School
Amir Lee, Abilene High School
Rachel Sherwood, Princeton High School

Kristina Beihoffer, Loyola University Chicago School of Law
Grace Carroll, Western Michigan University
Spenser Churchill, Butler University
Seth M. Collins, University of Missouri
Bailey Dean, University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire
Fiona Freeman, University of Wisconsin - Madison
Grant Hiskes, University of Texas
Lauren Kelley, Northeastern University
Natalie Marr, University of Missouri
Annie McGrath, Elmhurst University
Elizabeth Ruhlin, University of Missouri
Alex Schuffler, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Parker Monroe VanVooren, High Point University

**First Presbyterian Church
of Arlington Heights**

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



“If you find it in your heart to care for somebody else,
you will have succeeded.”
— Maya Angelou

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY**

**MAY 21, 2023
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

Choose bve .Be the light.Change the w orld .

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder" *Valerie Stephenson*
"Victory" *Kevin McChesney*
Chancel Handbell Choir; Nick Pulikowski, director
*The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation
for the worship of Almighty God.*

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✠ HYMN 611 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" HYMN TO JOY

CALL TO CONFESSION Laura Sherwood

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Vulnerable God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives: the fear that stifles us, the prejudice that blinds us, the ignorance that hobbles us, the greed that plagues us, the impatience that wearies us. Help us in this season, we pray, that we will find courage in unlikely places, see the world with new and gracious eyes, move to those places where love is needed, have faith that you are with us. Help us to be sources of healing and hope. This we pray through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, who is Lord of all the earth...

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 Laura Sherwood

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 18:1-6
(Pew Bible, p. 629)
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "Surely the Lord Is in This Place" *Herbert Colvin*
*"Surely the Lord is in this place.
This is none other than the House of God.
And this is the Gate of Heaven."*
Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 28:10-17
(Pew Bible, p. 22) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "What Dreams May Come" Alex Lang

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

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 "Speak, O Lord" *Mary McDonald*
"Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word; Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness, That the light of Christ might be seen today In our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory. Teach us Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility; Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of Your purity. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority. Words of pow'r that can never fail, Let their truth prevail over unbelief. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us. Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory!"
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 726 "Will You Come and Follow Me" KELVINGROVE

✠ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE "Trumpet Tune in A Major" *David Johnson*

✠ 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)

Flowers: **Walter Meyer**—In memory of shipmate, Seaman Sandy Rivers, APB-35

Bill, Liz & Emily Thompson—In memory of Liz and Bill Thompson's dads, Jack Huntley and Bill Thompson

WORSHIP NOTES

Prayer Requests

Healing & Comfort

First Pres Community

Mario Alberico
Roger Anderson
Don & Judy Ayers
Wendy Blanck
Virginia Blocki
Laura Carlson
Susan Carroll
Jean Castles
Mary Clarbourn
Graham Gutzmer
Marylyn Jirsa
Don Johnson

Tom Krigas
Betty Launer
Joyce O'Mara
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 Kiepora
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 Arnold family, on the death of **Betty Arnold**
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

Today Baccalaureate Sunday
Today Safe Sanctuary Training
Today Cook County United Against Hate Spring Showcase
May 28 One Worship Service at 10:30 am
May 29 Memorial Day - 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.

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Church Life

May 21, 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.

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY — Today — Celebrate our graduating high school seniors. We will recognize all graduates of the congregation at the 10:30 am worship service.

COOK COUNTY UNITED AGAINST HATE SPRING SHOWCASE — Today / 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.

NEXT WEEK: 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.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE & OFFICE CLOSURE — Sunday, May 28 — There will be only one worship service next Sunday, May 28, at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary. In observance of Memorial Day, the office will be closed on Monday, May 29.

May 21 — Seventh Sunday of Easter / Baccalaureate 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
11:30 am Baccalaureate Brunch — Fellowship Hall
11:45 am Cook County United Against Hate Spring Showcase — Parlor, Lobby
12:00 pm Restaurant Walk — Peggy Kinnane's
12:00 pm Safe Sanctuary Training — Boardroom
6:00 pm HSYG — Parlor

Upcoming Events



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

COLLECTION FOR VETERANS — Through Monday, May 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.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR FALL 2023 AND SPRING 2024 MISSION AND LEARNING TRIPS — Sunday, June 4 / 4:00 pm / Chapel — The Mission Committee is excited to announce that they will be hosting two upcoming travel opportunities for First Pres members and friends. The first trip will be a Presbyterian Disaster Assistance work trip to Calvert City, KY, October 15-21, 2023. The second will be a Mission Delegation to Frontera de Cristo Border Ministry, March 10-15, 2024. An informational meeting to answer questions about travel, costs and registration will be held in the Chapel on Sunday, June 4, at 4:00 pm. If you are interested in either of these opportunities and are unable to attend the June 4 meeting, please contact Michele Holifield or Kim Hogan to receive 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 — 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.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL — Summer is always a bountiful season in First Pres' Loaves & Fishes Children's Garden. As the central focus of our summer Sunday school program, the garden teaches children about how food is grown, how to tend a garden, the fun of harvesting and the rewards in sharing the bounty. Join us in the Loaves & Fishes Children's Garden this summer on any of the following **Sundays: June 11 and 25, July 9 and 23, August 6, 20 and 27**. Contact Michele Holifield with questions at micheleholifield@firstpresah.org.

Serving, Giving, and Growing

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.

USHERS NEEDED FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS — An important part of being a welcoming community is making sure that someone greets you as you enter our space. Our usher teams play an important part in making sure this happens each Sunday. We are filling in our summer schedule and could use a few more people. The time commitment is on Sunday mornings for about 1.5 hours. Ushers are needed at both the 9:00 am Finding Grace service and the 10:30 am service. Please contact Michele Holifield at micheleholifield@firstpresah.org if you would be interested in ushering this summer. If you enjoy ushering in the summer, please consider joining the team in the fall!

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.

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. 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.



STONE CATCHERS BOOK CLUB — Stone Catchers will sponsor our second summer of reading beginning in June. You can get a head start on your reading and join us each month for dinner and lively discussion. **Thursday, June 22 / 6:00 pm / Parlor** — Stone Catchers kicks off summer reading this month with Dolen Perkins-Valdez's *Take My Hand*. Inspired by true events that rocked a nation, *Take My Hand* is about a Black nurse in post-segregation Alabama who blows the whistle on a terrible injustice done to her patients. Additional upcoming discussions: **Thursday, July 27 / 6:00 pm / Parlor** — *Climate Justice*, by Mary Robinson. **Thursday, August 24 / 6:00 pm / Parlor** — *Beautiful Country*, by Qian Julie Wang. Mark your calendar now!

Worship Next Sunday

May 28, 2023: Day of Pentecost

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

Preacher: Laura Sherwood
Scriptures: Acts 2:1-21; Romans 8:14-17
Sermon Title: "Fired Up!"

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	\$1,120.00
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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.

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.



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.

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 Family Forward; 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!