

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.



WHY DO WE CELEBRATE PENTECOST?

Pentecost is a Christian holiday which takes place on the seventh Sunday after Easter. On Pentecost, we remember when the disciples received the Holy Spirit in a special way. The story in Acts 2 describes a powerful wind and tongues of fire as the Holy Spirit was poured out on people from all over the world who came to Jerusalem to celebrate a Jewish feast. At the first Pentecost over 3,000 people were baptized, creating the first church. This is why Pentecost is known as the birthday of the Christian church.

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

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



“God has given a spiritual gift to the church in you,
and you dare not keep it to yourself.”
— Aaron Niequist, *The Eternal Current:
How a Practice-Based Faith Can Save Us from Drowning*

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY DAY OF PENTECOST

**MAY 28, 2023
10:30 AM**

Choose love .Be the light.Change the world .

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Veni Creator Spiritus" *Libby Larsen*
"Komm, Gott, Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist" *J.S. Bach*
Paul Vaderweele, organist

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

WELCOME Laura Sherwood

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Across the plains and the prairies,
All: **through gorges and valleys,**
One: over mountain peaks and through sunlit skies:
All: **God's Spirit is at work in the world.**
One: In our hearts,
All: **in our minds,**
One: in our hands and feet,
All: **God's Spirit is at work in us, too.**
One: So let us worship God.

✦ HYMN 289 "On Pentecost They Gathered" MUNICH

CALL TO CONFESSION Adam Hendrickson
As we come to God in prayer, let us open ourselves to the presence of the Spirit, to bring to our souls the freshness of mercy and grace.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holy God,
All: **Holy Breath, Wind, Flame, Spirit:**
One: Set our hearts on fire.
All: **Burn off all that is dry and lifeless,**
One: and grow us anew.
All: **Let your Spirit dance within our spirits,**
One: uprooting us when we have been unmoved
All: **and refreshing all that is stale in our lives.**
One: Breathe on us your peace,
All: **that we will share that peace with all we meet.**
One: And hear the silent prayers of our hearts.

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

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:1-21
(Pew Bible, p. 885) Adam Hendrickson
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Romans 8:14-17
(Pew Bible, p. 919) Laura Sherwood
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Fired Up!" Laura Sherwood

✦ HYMN 286 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" TRENTHAM

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

CALL AND PRAYER FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Gracious Spirit Dwell with Me" *K. Lee Scott*
*"Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be; Help me now thy grace to see,
I would be like thee; And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;
And, with actions bold and meek, For Christ, my Savior, speak. Truthful Spirit,
dwell with me, I would truthful be' Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear; And, with actions brotherly,
Speak Christ's sincerity. Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be; Show thy mercy
tenderly, Make me more like thee; Separate from sin, I would And cherish all things
good, And whatever I can be Give him who gave me thee. Mighty Spirit, dwell with me,
I would mighty be' Help me now thy power to see, I would be like thee; 'Gainst all
weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield; Let thy word my weapon be,
Lord, Thine the victory. Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!"*
Chancel Choir

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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
*(All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please come forward down the
center aisle, take a piece of bread and dip it in the cup and partake of
communion. Return to your pew by the side aisle. There is a station which offers
wafers free of common food sensitivities: gluten, wheat, casein, dairy, nut, egg,
corn, yeast, soy, low/no sodium, and a separate cup is offered as well.)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

✦ HYMN 529 "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" UNION SEMINARY

✦ BENEDICTION Laura Sherwood

POSTLUDE "Materna" *Kevin Norris*

✦ 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

Special Note—Today's Liturgy

Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission.

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
Jeanie Bigger — niece of Launa Ismail
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
Phil Perillo — brother of Kristie Cerniglia
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

Amanda Agami and family, on the death of her father, Barry
The Arnold family, on the death of Betty Arnold
The Dacy family, on the death of Jeanne Dacy

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 One Worship Service at 10:30 am
May 29 Memorial Day - Office Closed
June 4 Informational Meeting for Adult Mission Trips
June 4 Buffalo Grove Pride Parade Participation
June 11 Summer Sunday School
June 17 Service Saturday—Bernie's Book Bank
June 18 Music Appreciation Sunday
June 25 Middle School Mission Trip Commissioning (9:00 am)
July 9 VBS/Holy Troublemaker Commission (9:00 am)
July 23 High School Montreat Trip Commissioning (10:30 am)

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 28, 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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY — Final Days for PENTECOST OFFERING — 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. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFICE CLOSURE — Monday, May 29 — In observance of Memorial Day, the office will be closed on Monday, May 29.

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 in the Parlor during the Arlington Heights Memorial Day Parade. 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.

May 28 — Day of Pentecost

10:15 am – 11:45 am — Child care (infants – 4 years) — Room 205/207 (Blue Room), Main Floor Christian Education (CE) Wing
10:00 am Adult Choir Rehearsal — Choir Auditorium
10:30 am **Worship** — Sanctuary
11:30 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex

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.

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.



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.

MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY — *Sunday, June 18* — Plan to attend worship as we show our appreciation and say thank you to all the musicians who make our worship so uplifting. Adam Hendrickson will be preaching with music by Compass Praise Band at 9:00 am the Chancel Choir, Chancel Handbell Choir and First Pres Brass at 10:30 am.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING — *Sunday, June 25 / 9:00 am / Chapel* — During worship, we will commission our mission workers and our leaders of these programs. We invite all participating to be present in worship.

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. Contact Nick Pulikowski at nickpulikowski@firstpresah.org with questions.

DONATE TO SUPPORT HOLY TROUBLEMAKERS / Sundays, June 11, 18 and 25 — During our week of Holy Troublemaking, our incoming 5th and 6th graders will learn and act together in a variety of ways. You can be a part of that by visiting the donation table. There will be opportunities to donate goods and money. We will be looking for things like lemons for our lemon shake-ups, jars for pickles and cash to support our care packages. There will be something for everyone to be a part of Holy Troublemaking this summer. If you cannot stop by the donation table, contact Michele Holifield to find out how you can participate.

Serving, Giving, and Growing

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 and 10:30 am services. 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!

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!

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.

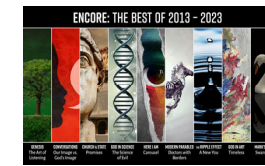
BE A SHEPHERD FOR NEW MEMBERS — Join the growing list of people who want to be Shepherds, and will help a new member feel included in the life of our First Pres family. Be a familiar face in that sea of unfamiliar faces, and watch the comfort level grow as new members find ways to get involved. When you agree to shepherd a new member in the fall or spring, you'll join your new member for a group lunch, learn about them, share what you enjoy about our church and offer to stay in touch, stand up in worship when they join and be identified as their Shepherd, make a couple of follow-up calls to keep the welcome going. Contact Michele Holifield to join us: micheleholifield@firstpresah.org.

Worship Next Sunday

June 4, 2023: Trinity Sunday

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

10:30 am — Worship (Sanctuary)
Music: Men's Chorus



Preacher: Alex Lang
Scriptures: Genesis 6:13-19, Genesis 6:6-12
Sermon Series: Encore: The Best of 2013-2023
Sermon Title: "Genesis: The Art of Listening" (October 27, 2013)

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	\$1,195.00
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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.

ONE 10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE: AUGUST 6 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3 — Starting on Sunday, August 6 and continuing through Sunday, September 3, we will have one worship service at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary. On Sunday, September 10, we will return to two services at 9:00 am in the Chapel & 10:30 am in the Sanctuary.

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!