



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME Adam Hendrickson

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The One who shaped the universe, crafts us into a community of faith:
All: a people to shelter the homeless, a family to feed the hungry.
One: The One who made kittens and elephants, shapes us in the divine image:
All: so we can grow with grace as we welcome the hopeless and helpless.
One: The One who blesses us with flowers and waterfalls, gifts us with the way,
the truth, the life:
All: so we can go to tell the story, to bring healing to a broken world.

✦ “HOLY SPIRIT” Katie & Bryan Torwalt

✦ TIME OF GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

HEBREWS 12:1-2

MESSAGE “The Impact of Witness: The Story of the Stole” Laura Sherwood
Scripture: Acts 6:1-15

SONG “I’ve Witnessed It” Holt, Davis, and Malone

COMMISSIONING OF MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

“Shelter” Lowell, Haseltine, Odmark, & Mason

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦ “I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY” Hankey & Fischer

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Compass: Dan Berg, guitar; Amy Carroll, piano; Kevin Carroll, bass; Adam Hendrickson, guitar/vocals; Greg Schultz, saxophone; Todd Smith, drums; 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.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

Sundays: June 25, July 9 and 23, August 6, 20 and 27 / 10:30 am / Loaves & Fishes Garden

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 this summer!

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.

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Organized in 1855*



“We must capture the spirit of the early church. Wherever the early Christians went, they made a triumphant witness for Christ. Whether on the village streets or in the city jails, they daringly proclaimed the good news of the gospel.”
— Martin Luther King, Jr.

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**JUNE 25, 2023
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Organ Hymn" Raymond Haan
Psalm 62:1—For God alone my soul waits in silence.

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

WELCOME Laura Sherwood

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✦ HYMN 761 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" BEECHER

CALL TO CONFESSION Adam Hendrickson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In humility, we must confess how we have not matured as your children, Gentle Parent. The hurting and helpless of our world cry out, and we cover our ears with hands which could be serving them. The forsaken and ridiculed of our neighborhoods and schools are looking for a community of acceptance, and we cover our eyes with hands which could welcome them. The lonely and grieving are listening for hope, and we cover our mouths with hands which could embrace them, and sing gentle songs of grace to them.

Forgive us, Refuge of the broken. Our times are in your hands, so help us to believe we can be healed in this moment. Our hearts are in your heart, so transform ours that we can serve your children. Our lives are redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, so call us to give them away in his name...

SILENT CONFESSION

(please pray a silent and personal prayer of confession during this time)

...in Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: The good news is that in Christ, our sins are forgiven, our lives are made whole, we become God's own people. Do you not believe?

All: We believe. And in believing, we will live as those chosen, not only to tell a Story, but to live it out each and every day. Thanks be to God. Amen.

✦ GLORY TO GOD (Hymn 582)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

✦ TIME OF GREETING Adam Hendrickson

COMMUNITY LIFE

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 12:1-2
(Pew Bible, p. 978) Adam Hendrickson
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "Guide My Feet" Avis D. Graves
*"Guide my feet while I run this race.
Hold my hand while I run this race.
Be my friend while I run this race.
Stand by me while I run this race.
Lord, guide my feet and keep my way.
Can't make a step without you.
I don't want to run this race in vain."*
Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Acts 6:1-15
(Pew Bible, p. 889) Laura Sherwood
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "The Impact of Witness: The Story of the Stole"
Laura Sherwood

✦ HYMN 749 "Come! Live in the Light!" WE ARE CALLED

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Laura Sherwood

LORD'S PRAYER

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY "The Servant Song" David Schwoebel
*"If anyone would be first, they shall be the last of all. We are travelers on a journey,
Fellow pilgrims on the road; We are here to help each other walk the mile
and bear the load. I will hold the Christlight for you in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, Speak the peace you long to hear. Sister,
let me be your servant, Let me be as Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace
to Let you be my servant, too. Brother, let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace
to Let you be my servant, too. If anyone would be first, they shall be the last of all,
be the servant of all. I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh,
I'll laugh with you; I will share your joy and sorrow, Till we've seen this journey
through. When we sing to God in heaven, We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.
If anyone would be first, they shall be the last of all, be the servant of all."*
Chancel Choir

✦ DOXOLOGY (Hymn 609)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

✦ HYMN 846 "Fight the Good Fight" DUKE STREET

✦ BENEDICTION Laura Sherwood

POSTLUDE "Toccatà on 'He Is Exalted' " Fred Bock

✦ 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)

Flowers: **Ross Spencer**—In loving memory of Fran Spencer

Carolyn Schmidt—Remembering Keith

TODAY'S WORSHIP LITURGY

Call to Worship, Confession Call/Prayer/Assurance - from *Playing Hopscotch in Heaven: Lectionary Liturgies for Year A*, by Rev. Thom Shuman

WORSHIP NOTES

Prayer Requests

Healing & Comfort

First Pres Community

Mario Alberico
Roger Anderson
Don & Judy Ayers
Barbara Berkow
Wendy Blanck
Virginia Blocki
Laura Carlson
Susan Carroll
Jean Castles
Mary Clarbourn
Marilyn Giacoppi
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
Jill & Jeannie Bigger — nieces of Launa Ismail
Mike Ferdinand — husband of Sharon Ferdinand
Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kieपुरa
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

Virginia Moertel — sister of Marty Kraybill
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

Karen Wilson, on the death of her sister, Dorita Godfrey

Serving in the Armed Services

AMN Charles Arthur Brousseau, Air Force — son of Liz Moses and Bob Wendling
MU2 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
Capt. John Olszewski, USMC — nephew of Steve and Lisa Olszewski
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 Middle School Mission Trip Commissioning (9:00 am)
June 26 Memorial Brick Orders Due
July 4 Fourth of July - Office Closed
July 9 VBS/Holy Troublemaker Commissioning (9:00 am)
July 9 Safe Sanctuary Training
July 23 High School Montreat Trip Commissioning (10:30 am)
July 27 Stone Catcher's Book Club

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

June 25, 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.

A MESSAGE FROM SESSION:

First Pres Family,

The Session has been hard at work in several areas of our church life, including the interim period after Pastor Alex leaves. We're pleased to let you know that, effective 9/1/2023, Pastor Laura Sherwood will be elevated to interim Head of Staff of First Pres. We look forward to working with Pastor Laura as she leads us through the interim period and helps us develop a clear vision for our church's future.

We are currently putting together a search committee for our interim Associate Pastor and our goal is to have that person in place by September 1. Once our interim staff is in place, we'll begin the process of discerning what comes next for our congregation. This will include visioning and formation of nominating committees for our installed pastors.

You'll hear the term "installed pastor" quite a bit in the coming months. This is the term used for what you might think of as our permanent pastors. Since we know that nothing in this earthly life is permanent, the Presbyterian Church uses the word "installed" to identify non-interim pastoral staff.

As always, we're available for any questions that you have. In Christ,

First Pres Session

Laura Grochocki, Marc Washco, Don Lyon, Steve Olszewski, Dick Reeves, Liz Thompson, Garrett Childs, Jennifer Fick, Richard Levinsky, Susan Weller

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING — Today / 9:00 am / Chapel — During the 9:00 am worship service, we will commission our mission workers and our leaders of this program.

June 25 — Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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 Summer Sunday School — Loaves & Fishes Garden

11:30 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex



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Upcoming Events

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING — *Sunday, July 9 / 12:00 pm / Chapel* — 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. To check your training status or register for training, contact Mary Fino at 847-255-5900 or maryfino@firstpresah.org.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL — *Sundays: Today, July 9 and 23, August 6, 20 and 27 / 10:30 am / Loaves & Fishes Garden* — 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 this summer! Contact Michele Holifield micheleholifield@firstpresah.org with questions.



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 — *Final Sunday* — 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.



JOIN THE RED, WHITE & BLUE CHOIR — *Sunday, July 2 / 10:00 am rehearsal & 10:30 am worship* — Tune up your voice because we would love to have you join the Red, White & Blue Choir! If you have ever wanted to give singing in the choir a try, please join us. No prior membership in any of our choirs or any choir at all is necessary. Just come at 10:00 am for rehearsal to learn our anthems and we'll sing at the 10:30 am service. Don't forget to wear something red, white and blue. Contact Adam Hendrickson for more information.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL — *Sunday, July 2 / Parlor* — We'll be dishing ice cream during Fellowship Time after services from 10:00–10:30 am and 11:30 am - 12:00 pm. Enjoy a nice cool treat and socializing with other members.

ENGRAVED BRICK ORDERS — Engraved bricks in the Memorial Prayer Garden honor loved ones, living or deceased, in a beautiful setting. Engraved bricks require a donation of \$50 for two lines of 12 characters and spaces or \$65 for three lines of 12 characters and spaces. Forms are available in the form rack by the church office. For installation in the fall of 2023, please have your orders in by **Monday, June 26**. Bricks are ordered once each year and are installed only in the fall. Late orders will not be ordered until next year. Mail or deliver your completed order form and attached check to the church office. If you have questions, contact Debbie Walter in the office.

Serving, Giving, and Growing

THE BRIDGE: 2023 TOUR OF PATIOS — Get ready for summer! And this year's Tour of Patios! Below are the dates to put on your calendar. **Patio Party #2:** June 28 at the home of Kelly Dean in Palatine, **Patio Party #3:** July 13 at the home of Karyn & Keith Kraske in Hoffman Estates, **Patio Party #4:** July 25 at the home of Amy & Dave Sonderegger in Palatine (rain date is July 26), **Patio Party #5:** week of August 7 (date TBD) at the home of Kate & Kirk Ingemunson in Arlington Heights. For questions, contact Kelly Dean at k_p_dean@hotmail.com with questions.



STONE CATCHERS BOOK CLUB — Stone Catchers will sponsor our second summer of reading. You can get a head start on your reading and join us each month for dinner and lively discussion. Upcoming discussions: **Thursday, July 27 / 6:00 pm / Parlor** — *Climate Justice*, by Mary Robinson. Former President of Ireland, Mary Robinson's mission to bring together the fight against climate change and the global struggle for human rights brought her to a heartening revelation: that an irrepressible driving force in the battle for climate justice could be found at the grassroots level, mainly among women, many of them mothers and grandmothers like herself. Robinson met with ordinary people whose resilience and ingenuity had already unlocked extraordinary change: from a Mississippi matriarch whose campaign began in her East Biloxi hair salon and culminated in her speaking at the United Nations, to a farmer who transformed the fortunes of her ailing community in rural Uganda. In *Climate Justice*, she shares their stories and many more. Powerful and deeply humane, this uplifting book is a stirring manifesto on one of the most pressing humanitarian issues of our time, and a lucid, affirmative and well-argued case for hope. **Thursday, August 24 / 6:00 pm / Parlor** — *Beautiful Country*, by Qian Julie Wang. Mark your calendar now!

FALL 2023 AND SPRING 2024 MISSION AND LEARNING TRIPS **Registration is Open** — Individual registration for the Fall 2023 Presbyterian Disaster Assistance work trip to Calvert City, KY (October 15-21) and the Spring 2024 Mission Delegation to Frontera de Cristo (March 10-15) is open. A deposit for a portion of the cost is required when registering. There will be an information table in the lobby today. Contact Michele Holifield at micheleholifield@firstpresah.org or Kim Hogan at k_hogan2003@yahoo.com for more information.

THE WEDNESDAY MARKET — Visit the volunteer and information table today to find out how you can help with our expanded Wednesday Market. Opportunities include: volunteering at the market, donating needed items for the market's success, growing vegetables at home to donate to the market (you can pick up seeds and starters on Sunday mornings) and sharing your gift of live music. We are looking forward to bringing the Wednesday Market to the community on Wednesdays in July and August. For more information, contact Michele Holifield at micheleholifield@firstpresah.org.

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

July 2, 2023: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

10:30 am — Worship (Sanctuary)
Music: Red, White & Blue Choir



Preacher: Rev. Alex Lang
Scriptures: Romans 11:25-32; Romans 9:1-5
Sermon Series: Encore: The Best of 2013-2023
Sermon Title: "Church and State: Promises"
October 29, 2017

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

\$1,583.00

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.

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!

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 here 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: maryandmartha@firstpresah.org.