



**9:00 AM WORSHIP**

**WELCOME** Adam Hendrickson

**✦ CALL TO WORSHIP**

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All: **We are children of God.**  
One: God loves us unconditionally,  
All: **and invites us to love others without condition.**  
One: God has broken every barrier,  
All: **so that we may live and love without conditions.**  
One: Let us worship God.

**✦ “THIS IS AMAZING GRACE”** Riddle, Farro, & Wickham

**✦ TIME OF GREETING**

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

**ROMANS 9:1-5**

**MESSAGE** “Church and State: Promises” October 29, 2017 Alex Lang  
Scripture: Romans 11:25-32

**✦ “PUT A LITTLE LOVE IN YOUR HEART”**  
*Desbannon, Holiday, & Meyers*

**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** “Save the People” Kate Spence

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**✦ “FOREVER”** Chris Tomlin

**✦ 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, Todd Smith, drums; 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.

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN**

**Sundays: 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.

**First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights**

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



“Love recognizes no barriers. It jumps hurdles, leaps fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope.”  
— Maya Angelou

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

**JULY 2, 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 "The Church in the Wildwood" *Dan Miller*  
"Largo" from *Xerxes* *G.F. Handel*

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

WELCOME Alex Lang

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✦ HYMN 331 "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand" NATIONAL HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION Laura Sherwood

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Living God, you have claimed us as your own and love us without condition. We fail to take your claim on our life seriously. We believe we are not worthy of love. We treat others as though they are unworthy of love. We establish boundaries. We set up rules and restrictions. Forgive us, Lord. Forgive us for hating ourselves so much that we cannot accept your love for us. Forgive us for being afraid of your love and for being afraid to love others, particularly those who are different. Remind us that we are your beloved children and help us to live into that truth...**

### SILENT CONFESSION

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

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

### WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

### ✦ RESPONSE

**America! America! God mend thine every flaw;**

**Confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law!**

### ✦ 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 Romans 9:1-5  
(Pew Bible, p. 920) Laura Sherwood  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "He, Watching Over Israel" *Felix Mendelssohn*  
*"He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps.  
Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish, He will quicken thee."*  
Red, White and Blue Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Romans 11:25-32  
(Pew Bible, p. 922) Alex Lang  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Church and State: Promises" October 29, 2017 Alex Lang

✦ HYMN 649 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" AMAZING GRACE

## GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Laura Sherwood

### LORD'S PRAYER

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### OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Battle Hymn of the Republic" *Peter Wilhousky*  
*"Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; he hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword; his truth is marching on. Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on. I have seen him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps, they have builded him an altar in the evening dews and damps; I can read his righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps; his day is marching on. In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me; as he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free, while God is marching on."*  
Red, White and Blue 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 338 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" MATERNA

✦ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE "National Hymn" *Mark Thewes*

✦ 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  
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  
Barrett Peterson  
Patty Richard  
Betty Sanders  
Richard & Susan Scott  
Nancy Stautzenbach  
Barb Tsutsumi  
Bob Webb

### 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 Kiepura  
Henry Hagemann, Jr. — cousin of Tom Krigas  
Donna Hames — friend of Mary Halatek  
Klee Family — family of the Ficks  
Virginia Moertel — sister of Marty Kraybill

Phil Perillo — brother of Kristie Cerniglia  
Miles Vincent Rizzo — grandson of Dave & Linda Berkow  
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

**Roger Anderson**, on the death of his brother, Richard Anderson  
The family of **Joyce O'Mara**  
**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

July 3 & 4 Independence Day Observance - Office Closed  
July 8 Blood Drive  
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](mailto: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](http://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](http://firstpresah.org/experience/sermons). If you need help with technical problems, please send an email to [webcasting@firstpresah.org](mailto:webcasting@firstpresah.org).

**GET CONNECTED** — Join the conversation on Facebook, at [facebook.com/firstpresah](https://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](http://firstpresah.org) under the Member Login tab to get started. We look forward to connecting with you!

# Church Life

July 2, 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.

**RED, WHITE & BLUE CHOIR** — *Today / 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.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL** — *Today / 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.

**OFFICE CLOSURE** — *Monday and Tuesday, July 3 & 4* — In observance of Independence Day, the office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, July 3 & 4. Normal business hours will resume on Wednesday, July 5.

**NEXT WEEK! VBS AND HOLY TROUBLEMAKERS VOLUNTEER COMMISSIONING** — *Sunday, July 9 / 9:00 am / Chapel* — During worship, we will commission our volunteer leaders of this program. We invite all participating to be present in worship. Please join us in lifting them in up in prayer and with our appreciation.

### July 2 — Fifth 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

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.

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**BLOOD DRIVE** — *Saturday, July 8 / 8:00 am - 2:00 pm / Parking Lot* — The Arlington Heights Garden Club is sponsoring a replenishment blood drive on Saturday, July 8, from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm. The Vitalant Bloodmobile will be in the parking lot of First Pres, across from the library and farmer's market. If you would like to donate blood, please schedule an appointment at 877-258-4825 or visit vitalant.org. Walk-ins are welcome.



**STONE CATCHERS BOOK CLUB** — Stone Catchers is sponsoring our second summer of reading. 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!

## 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 #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.

**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.

**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.



**THE WEDNESDAY MARKET** — We are looking forward to bringing the Wednesday Market to the community this summer, beginning July 12. For more information, contact Michele Holifield at micheleholifield@firstpresah.org.



**THANKS FOR SUPPORTING THE PW BACKPACK COLLECTION** — Thank you for supporting our efforts to supply backpacks for the students at Christopher House. Your generous donations far exceeded our goal and will support the children as they begin a new school year in the fall. They will be so excited to receive their new backpacks and school supplies. Again thank you for investing in the lives of low income children and their families!

**SAVE THE DATE! FALL KICK-OFF SUNDAY** — *Sunday, September 10 / 11:30 am / Parking Lot* — Join us for this all-church celebration of the beginning of another program year. There will be food, fellowship and fun for all ages! Bring a friend. Mark your calendar now.

## Worship Next Sunday

**July 9, 2023: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

**10:30 am — Worship (Sanctuary)**  
*Music:* JoAnn Thompson, soprano; Nick Pulikowski, tenor



*Preacher:* Rev. Alex Lang  
*Scriptures:* Mark 7:17-23; Genesis 3:1-7  
*Sermon Series:* Encore: The Best of 2013-2023  
*Sermon Title:* "God in Science: The Science of Evil"  
October 30, 2016

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.

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| Bookmarks | \$1,583.00 |
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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.

**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.