



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME Adam Hendrickson

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God formed us, knitting us together, stitch by stitch.
All: **We are fearfully and wonderfully made.**
One: It is God who knows our hearts.
All: **God leads us in the ways of mercy and goodness.**

✦ “FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH” Kocher & Pierpoint

✦ TIME OF GREETING

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

COMMISSIONING PRAYER FOR VBS/HOLY TROUBLEMAKERS

GENESIS 3:1-7

MESSAGE
“God in Science: The Science of Evil” October 30, 2016 Alex Lang
Scripture: Mark 7:17-23

✦ “I WON’T BACK DOWN” Petty & Lynne

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
“Sunday, Bloody Sunday”
Clayton, Evans, Henson, & Mullen Jr.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦ “LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH” Jackson & Miller

✦ 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; 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: 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*



“It is much more possible for the sun to give forth darkness than for God to do, or be, or give forth anything but blessing and goodness.”
— William Law

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

**JULY 9, 2023
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Sarabande, Amazing Grace" *John Kuzma*
"Reprise" *Paul Manz*
Paul Vanderweele, organist

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

WELCOME Alex Lang

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✦ HYMN 620 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" LAUDA ANIMA

CALL TO CONFESSION Laura Sherwood

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we come before you filled with good intentions, yet too often we fail to live out those good intentions. We long to be the people you have created us to be, and time and again we fall short. The voices around us commanding us to behave in certain ways are heard more clearly than your voice. Forgive us when we allow evil to triumph. Forgive us when we fail to speak and act for justice. Give us the courage of our convictions. Grant that as we are forgiven, we may work so that all people know goodness and mercy...

SILENT CONFESSION

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

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

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

✦ 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

COMMUNITY LIFE

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COMMISSIONING PRAYER FOR VBS/HOLY TROUBLEMAKERS

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Laura Sherwood

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 3:1-7
(Pew Bible, p. 2) Laura Sherwood
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "There Is a Savior" *Helvering and Nelson*
"There is a Savior what joys express, His eyes are mercy, His Word is rest. For each tomorrow, for yesterday, there is a Savior who lights our way. Are there burdens in your heat, is your past a memory that binds you, is there some pain that you've carried far too long? Then strengthen your heart with His good news, there is a Savior and He's forgiven you. There is a Savior what joys express His eyes are mercy, His Word is rest. For each tomorrow, for yesterday, there is a Savior who lights our way."
JoAnn Thompson, soprano

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Mark 7:17-23
(Pew Bible, p. 819) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON Alex Lang
"God in Science: The Science of Evil" October 30, 2016

✦ HYMN 688 "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" MORECAMBE

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" *Harry Rowe Shelley*
"The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His, And He is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth, And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me, And on His shoulder gently laid, And home rejoicing brought me. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, With Thee, dear Lord, beside me; Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me. Thou spreadest a table in my sight, Thy unction grace bestoweth, And O, the transport of delight with which my cup over floweth. And so, through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever! Amen."
JoAnn Thompson, soprano; Nick Pulikowski, tenor

✦ 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 804 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!" MARION

✦ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE "Deo Gracias" *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: Ross Spencer—In memory of Fran Spencer

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 Clarbour
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

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	VBS/Holy Troublemaker Commissioning (9:00 am)
Today	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.

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Church Life

July 9, 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.

TODAY — VBS AND HOLY TROUBLEMAKERS VOLUNTEER COMMISSIONING — *Sunday, July 9 / 9:00 am / Chapel* — During worship, we will commission our volunteer leaders of this program. Please join us in lifting them up in prayer and showing our appreciation.

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING — *Today / 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.

July 9 — Sixth 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
10:30 am **Worship** — Sanctuary
10:30 am Summer Sunday School — Loaves & Fishes Garden
11:30 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex
12:00 pm Safe Sanctuary Training — Chapel
12:00 pm Session — Boardroom



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Upcoming Events

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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE NOTE: 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 and 10:30 am in the Sanctuary.**



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

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.

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.



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!

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP — The Presbyterian Women Flower Committee wishes to thank all those who have faithfully contributed to provide fresh flowers in our Sanctuary each week. Flower orders can be made year-round and forms can be found in the rack outside the church office. Suggested donation is \$40. Order forms can be found in the literature rack and by the elevator outside the office. Make checks out to Presbyterian Women. On memo line, write PW Flowers and include date and details of dedication. Thank you for your support.

Worship Next Sunday

July 16, 2023: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

10:30 am — Worship (Sanctuary)
Music: Dan Richardson, bass



Preacher: Rev. Alex Lang
Scriptures: Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:1-8
Sermon Series: Encore: The Best of 2013-2023
Sermon Title: "Here I Am: Carousel"
April 5, 2015

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
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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!

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.