



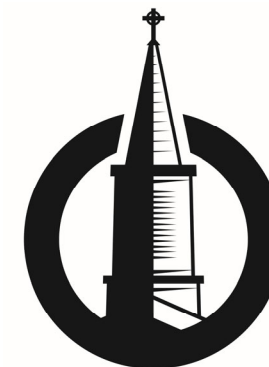
9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME, GUESTS!

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

**First Presbyterian Church
of Arlington Heights**

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



“O Lord, You have searched me and known me...
I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”
— Psalm 139:1 and 14a

WELCOME Adam Hendrickson

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Why do we come to worship God?

All: **We come seeking a blessing from our Lord.**

One: What is this blessing that we seek?

All: **We seek an encounter with our God, who washes us in mercy, calls us to service and fills us with love.**

One: Let us worship God together.

✦ **“COME, NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP”** Brian Doerksen

✦ **TIME OF GREETING**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PSALM 139:1-3; 13-18

MESSAGE “ ‘As Is’ - Looking for Jesus in Ourselves” Laura Sherwood
Scripture: Mark 6:7-13

SONG “Finding Who We Are” Marsh Shamburger

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

“Pressing On” Bob Dylan

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Adam Hendrickson

✦ **“FROM THE INSIDE OUT”** Joel Houston

✦ **BENEDICTION** Laura Sherwood

✦ Please stand as you are able.

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

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.

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

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

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Two Preludes on Psalm 139" *Douglas Wagner*
I. Berceuse
II. Soliloquy

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

WELCOME Laura Sherwood

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✦ HYMN 320 "The Church of Christ in Every Age" WAREHAM

CALL TO CONFESSION Adam Hendrickson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You are love, O God, and you have loved us from the beginning. Forgive us when we do not share your love with the world: when we choose selfishness over compassion; what feels comfortable rather than what is right; when we strive for success instead of faithfulness; when we value independence over community. Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short. Free us to try again, and let your love lead the way...

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

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

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Adam Hendrickson

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 139:1-3; 13-18
(Pew Bible, p. 503) Adam Hendrickson
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "O Lord Most Holy" *César Franck*
"O Lord most holy, O Lord most mighty. O loving Father, Thee would we be praising always. Help us to know Thee, Know Thee and love Thee. Father, Father grant us Thy truth and grace. Father, Father guide and defend us. Rule Thou our willful hearts keep thine our wandering thoughts in all our sorrows, let us find our rest in Thee. And in temptation's hour, send through Thy mighty power. Thine aid, O send us. Hear us in mercy. Show us Thy favor. So shall we live and sing praise to Thee."
Diana Richardson, soprano; Kathy Sobeski, soprano

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Mark 6:7-13
(Pew Bible, p. 817) Laura Sherwood
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "'As Is' - Looking for Jesus in Ourselves" Laura Sherwood

✦ HYMN 30 "O God, in a Mysterious Way" DUNDEE

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Laudamus Te" *Antonio Vivaldi*
*"We praise Thee, ye, we bless Thee, O Lord.
And we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we glorify Thy name."*
Diana Richardson, soprano; Kathy Sobeski, soprano

✦ 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 686 "God of Our Life" SANDON

✦ BENEDICTION Laura Sherwood

POSTLUDE "How Firm a Foundation" *Carolyn Hamlin*

✦ 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: **Cynthia Goldsberry**—In loving memory of my beloved mother,
Dorothy Lee Perry

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
Betty Launer
Patty Richard
Betty Sanders
Susan Scott
Nancy Stautzenbach
Barb Tsutsumi
Bob Webb

Friends & Family

Saraya Angle — niece of Tonya Griffin
Mike Ferdinand — husband of Sharon Ferdinand
Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kiepora
Henry Hagemann, Jr. — family of Lauren Kelleher
Donna Hames — friend of Mary Halatek
Klee Family — family of the Ficks
Virginia Moertel — sister of Marty Kraybill
Janet Muhm — mother of Pauline Pohl

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 Corinne Peterson
Claire Walsh — cousin of Mary Hebden

Sympathy to

Corinne Peterson and family, on the death of her husband, **Barrett Peterson**
Darl Pochert, on the death of his sister, Bonnie Pochert
Susan Scott and family, on the death of her husband, **Richard Scott**

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

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| Today | Congregational Meeting |
| Today | Adult Mission & Learning Trips Information Meeting |
| August 6 | Summer Worship Schedule Begins (10:30 am only) |
| August 15 | September Chimes Deadline |
| August 20 | Mozart Requiem |
| August 24 | Stone Catcher Book Club |
| August 27 | Alex's Final Sunday/Reception |
| September 10 | Kick-off Sunday |

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

July 30, 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.

CALL FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — Today / 11:30 am / Sanctuary — Session has called for a meeting of the congregation to elect the Nominating Committee's candidate, Carrie Costello, to the unexpired term of Marilynn Graves, class of 2023. The meeting will take place immediately following 10:30 am worship.

FALL 2023 AND SPRING 2024 MISSION AND LEARNING TRIPS INFORMATION MEETING — Today / 11:40 am / Chapel — Registration is Open — Are you looking for more information about these trips? Come to an information session sponsored by the Mission Committee today in the Chapel following the congregational meeting. You do not need to be an expert carpenter or painter to participate in the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance trip. All ability levels are welcome. Individual registration is open. A deposit for a portion of the cost is required when registering. For more information, contact Michele Holifield at micheleholifield@firstpresah.org or Kim Hogan at k_hogan2003@yahoo.com.

"THE CHIMES" NEWSLETTER DEADLINE — Tuesday, August 15 — The deadline for inclusion of articles for the September issue of "The Chimes" is Tuesday, August 15. Please submit articles to Mary Fino at maryfino@firstpresah.org.

July 30 — Ninth 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
11:30 am Congregational Meeting — Sanctuary
11:30 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex
11:40 am Mission & Learning Trip Information Meeting — Chapel



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Upcoming Events

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL — *Sundays: 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 at micheleholifield@firstpresah.org with questions.

THE WEDNESDAY MARKET — *Wednesdays through September 6 / 6:00-7:00 pm, Produce Donation Drop-off 4:00-6:00 pm / West Parking Lot* — The Wednesday Market is open! From 4:00-6:00 pm, you are invited to drop off produce from your home garden. The donated produce, along with produce from the Loaves & Fishes garden, is distributed at no cost to those who come to the market from 6:00-7:00 pm. A simple meal is also served along with listening to music, games and time for fellowship. All are welcome to drop by during the market to enjoy a light meal and visit with community members. Contact Michele Holifield at micheleholifield@firstpresah.org for more information about the market.

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.**

MOZART'S "REQUIEM" — *Sunday, August 20 / 10:30 am / Sanctuary* — Join the Chancel Choir and orchestra for a presentation of Mozart's "Requiem" during worship at 10:30 am. Mozart composed part of the "Requiem" in Vienna in late 1791, but it was unfinished at the time of his death on December 5 of the same year. A completed version dated 1792 by Franz Xaver Süssmayr was delivered to Count Franz von Walsegg, who had commissioned the piece for a requiem service on February 14, 1792, to commemorate the first anniversary of the death of his wife, Anna, at the age of 20 on February 14, 1791. The sermon for the day will focus on the gospel of Mark and the idea that it is also an incomplete work, requiring us to finish the movement that Jesus started.

69+ SUMMER GATHERING — *Friday, August 25 / 5:00-7:30 pm / Arlington Lakes Golf Club / \$10 per person* — Join fellow members, aged 69+, for an evening of food, fellowship and trivia! Chicken (fried & grilled) will be provided. Please bring a dish to share: last names A-H bring an appetizer or dessert, O-Z bring a salad or side dish. Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. Alcoholic beverages are available for purchase. Please RSVP to Deb Artman at debartman53@gmail.com or 224-688-1783. We hope to see you there!

NEW GROUP FORMING: AGES 50-68 — *Saturday, September 2 / 6:00 pm / Schaumburg Boomers Game* — The CLE Committee is forming Life Stage Groups for the purpose of getting together for social activities. Our first outing (Schaumburg Boomers ballgame) is planned for Saturday, September 2, at 6:00 pm. If you are interested in joining this age group, contact Kevin or Carol Kelley at kevinkelley8@gmail.com. We are also looking for a name. If you have any suggestions, let us know!

Serving, Giving, and Growing

THE BRIDGE: 2023 TOUR OF PATIOS — Below are the remaining dates to put on your calendar. **Patio Party #4:** Wednesday, August 2, at the home of Amy & Dave Sonderegger in Palatine, **Patio Party #5:** Thursday, August 10, at the home of Kate & Kirk Ingemunson in Arlington Heights. Contact Kelly Dean at k_p_dean@hotmail.com for more information.



STONE CATCHERS BOOK CLUB — *Thursday, August 24 / 6:00 pm / Parlor* — Join us for dinner and lively discussion at our final book club meeting. *Beautiful Country*, by Qian Julie Wang. The moving story of an undocumented child living in poverty in the richest country in the world. In Chinese, the word for America, Mei Guo, translates directly to "beautiful country." Yet when seven-year-old Qian arrives in New York City in 1994 full of curiosity, she is overwhelmed by crushing fear and scarcity. In China, Qian's parents were professors; in America, her family is "illegal" and it will require all the determination and small joys they can muster to survive.

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.

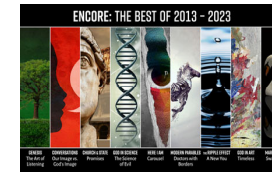
COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE TEAM MEMBERS WANTED — As many of you probably know, Pastor Judy spent a lot of her time on walk-in requests from people in the community needing various kinds of assistance. As we move through transition with our pastoral staff, we'd like to broaden the way we meet with and help members of our community, as well as develop a network of resources and support in cooperation with other organizations and congregations. If you have a social work, case management, or any local community resource experience and could help with the development of a new system and/or give a few hours a week to this effort, please contact Pastor Laura Sherwood at 847-255-5900, x229 or laurasherwood@firstpresah.org. Thank you! First Pres Mission Committee.

PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT — Each year every Presbyterian church is apportioned a share of the ecclesiastical expenses of the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. These are the activities that make us Presbyterian. This apportionment is based on church membership. In 2023, this apportionment is \$36.50 per member. Any funds you designate for the apportionment will be used for this purpose and will free up our General Fund dollars to be used in supporting the vision, overall ministry, and missions of our congregation. Please consider contributing your share of the Per Capita Apportionment to help with the budget.

Worship Next Sunday

August 6, 2023: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am — **Worship** (Sanctuary)
Music: Chuck Beech, piano



Preacher: Rev. Alex Lang
Scriptures: Mark 8:34-37; John 3:1-10
Sermon Series: Encore: The Best of 2013-2023
Sermon Title: "The Ripple Effect: A New You"
February 10, 2019

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

\$2,397.00

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.

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.

UPDATE YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPE PREFERENCE — With so many people taking advantage of giving through stock transactions, IRA Contributions, ACH bank withdrawals and online donations, the use of offering envelopes continues to decline. Many still use offering envelopes; however, we are asking if you no longer want to receive offering envelopes please call the church office so we can remove you from the envelope mailing list. The expense for offering envelopes has increased due to the price of envelopes, shipping costs and postage. If you still want to receive the envelopes, there is no need to contact the church office. If you currently do not receive envelopes but would like to, you may also call the church office and we can add your name to the offering envelope mailing list.

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.