

# 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](https://facebook.com/firstpresah), Twitter, at [@FirstPresAh](https://twitter.com/FirstPresAh), and Instagram, at [@firstpresah](https://instagram.com/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](https://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](https://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](https://firstpresah.org/experience/sermons).

# First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

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



“Personal transformation can and does have global effects. As we go, so goes the world, for the world is us. The revolution that will save the world is ultimately a personal one.”  
— Marianne Williamson

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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**AUGUST 6, 2023  
10:30 AM**

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# 10:30 AM WORSHIP

## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "What Grace Is This!" Mickelson & Wyrzten  
Chuck Beech, piano; Chris Urban, organ

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

WELCOME Alex Lang

### ✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, and give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart.

All: **We come to give thanks to God for His steadfast love and faithfulness.**

One: The glory of the Lord is great.

All: **God will fulfill God's purpose for us.**

One: God's steadfast love endures forever.

✦ HYMN 299 "You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" HANOVER

CALL TO CONFESSION Laura Sherwood

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, forgive us when we fail to follow your invitation to transform our lives and our world. We have two coats and we think we need three. We have room in our home and we are afraid to open the door to a stranger. We pat ourselves on the back for faithful worship attendance when we are not faithful in following your call outside these walls. We know you promise rebirth and we are afraid to trust that promise for ourselves or for others. Forgive us over and over again, O God. Show us how to live as you invite us to live...

### 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 Laura Sherwood

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING John 3:1-10  
(Pew Bible, p. 863) Laura Sherwood  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "I Need Thee Every Hour" Nielson & Young  
Chuck Beech, piano; Chris Urban, organ

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Mark 8:34-37  
(Pew Bible, p. 820) Alex Lang  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "The Ripple Effect: A New You" February 10, 2019 Alex Lang

✦ HYMN 774 "There Is Now a New Creation" STUTTGART

## GIVING THANKS TO GOD

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.

### OFFERING

OFFERTORY "There Is No Greater Love" Mickelson & Wyrzten  
Chuck Beech, piano; Chris Urban, organ

✦ 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 295 "Go to the World!" SINE NOMINE

✦ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE "Festive Scherzo" Malcolm Archer

✦ 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:** Bill & Jo Christian—In honor of our 60th wedding anniversary

Matt & Lois Meisterheim—In honor of our 61st wedding anniversary

## 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  
Cathy Dillon

Marilyn Giacoppi  
Graham Gutzmer  
Marylyn Jirsa  
Don Johnson  
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 Kiepura  
Henry Hagemann, Jr. — family of Lauren Kelleher  
Donna Hames — friend of Mary Halatek  
Klee Family — family of the Ficks  
Gary Meunier — friend of Kim Hogan  
Virginia Moertel — sister of Marty Kraybill

Janet Muhm — mother of Pauline Pohl  
Phil Perillo — brother of Kristie Cerniglia  
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

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  
Lt. Col. 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  
Col. 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	Summer Worship Schedule Begins (10:30 am only)
August 13	Congregational Q&A Meeting
August 15	September Chimes Deadline
August 20	Mozart's Requiem
August 24	Stone Catchers 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!



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# Church Life

August 6, 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.

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE NOTE: ONE 10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3** — Starting today 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.

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL** — *Sundays: Today and August 20 / 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.

**CONGREGATIONAL Q&A MEETING** — *Sunday, August 13 / 11:30 am / Sanctuary* — Session will be holding a question and answer session regarding the potential sale of the east parking lot. The meeting will take place next Sunday, immediately following 10:30 am worship.

**"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.

**LET'S CELEBRATE PASTOR ALEX LANG'S 10 YEARS OF MINISTRY AT FIRST PRES!** — *Sunday, August 27* — Join us for worship at 10:30 am, Sunday, August 27, for Alex's last sermon and last Sunday. A congregational meeting has been called and will take place immediately following the worship service to vote on the dissolution of pastoral call. A Presbytery representative will be present to moderate this meeting. Following the meeting, a reception with food (including cake, of course!), celebration and a few other surprises will take place in the Parlor. We invite you to bring a card of thanks for Alex and drop it in a basket that will be on hand. We'll also have cards available at the celebration.

### August 6 — Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:15 am – 11:45 am — Child care (infants – 4 years) — Room 205/207 (Blue Room), Main Floor Christian Education (CE) Wing

10:30 am **Worship** — Sanctuary

10:30 am Summer Sunday School — Loaves & Fishes Garden

11:30 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex

## Upcoming Events

**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](mailto:micheleholifield@firstpresah.org) for more information about the market.

**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.



**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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 is the remaining date to put on your calendar. **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](mailto:k_p_dean@hotmail.com) for more information.

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE WORK TRIP TO CALVERT CITY, KY** — *October 15-21 / Registration is Open – Early bird discount through August 25* — Individual registration for the Fall 2023 Presbyterian Disaster Assistance work trip to Calvert City, KY is open. The cost for the trip is \$275 which includes all lodging, meals, supplies and activities. We will be partnering with organizations in the area to assist in rebuilding the area due to the devastation that resulted from the December 2021 tornadoes and recent flooding. All skill levels are welcome. There is a \$20 early bird registration discount if you register by August 25. For more information contact Michele Holifield at [micheleholifield@firstpresah.org](mailto:micheleholifield@firstpresah.org) or Kim Hogan at [k\\_hogan2003@yahoo.com](mailto:k_hogan2003@yahoo.com).

**MISSION DELEGATION TO FRONTERA DE CRISTO** — *March 10-15, 2024 / Registration is Open* — Join others from First Pres on a journey to the Arizona/Mexico border for a time of learning and reflection on life at the border. During our time, we will be hosted by the Presbyterian Borderland Ministry, Frontera de Cristo. A \$200 deposit is required to reserve your spot. You will need a passport for this journey, so make your plans now as passport application wait times are currently high. The cost for the trip includes transportation, lodging, meals and daily activities. Contact Michele Holifield at [micheleholifield@firstpresah.org](mailto:micheleholifield@firstpresah.org) or Kim Hogan at [k\\_hogan2003@yahoo.com](mailto:k_hogan2003@yahoo.com) for further 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](mailto:micheleholifield@firstpresah.org).

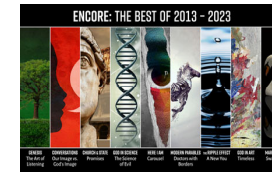
**COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE TEAM MEMBERS WANTED** — As many of you probably know, Pastor Judy spent a lot of her time on walk-in requests from people in the community needing various kinds of assistance. As we move through transition with our pastoral staff, we'd like to broaden the way we meet with and help 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](mailto:laurasherwood@firstpresah.org). Thank you! First Pres Mission Committee.

## Worship Next Sunday

**August 13, 2023: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:30 am — Worship** (Sanctuary)

*Music:* Michelle Fielder, oboe; Michael Morrone, violin; Joan Morrone, horn



*Preacher:* Rev. Alex Lang  
*Scriptures:* Luke 2:1-7, Matthew 1:18-23  
*Sermon Series:* Encore: The Best of 2013-2023  
*Sermon Title:* "God in Art: Timeless"  
December 24, 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.

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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.

**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. 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](mailto:maryandmartha@firstpresah.org).