

**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, 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](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*



“But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—  
I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:  
to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,  
who is the Messiah, the Lord.”  
— Luke 2:10-11

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

**AUGUST 13, 2023  
10:30 AM**

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**Choose love. Be the light. Change the world.**

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# 10:30 AM WORSHIP

## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Angels We Have Heard on High" *Hamlin, arr. Morrone*  
"Bring a Torch" *Corl, arr. Morrone*  
Michelle Fielder, oboe; Michael Morrone, violin; Joan Morrone, horn

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

WELCOME Alex Lang

### ✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,

**All: for to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.**

One: But in these last days, he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word.

**All: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

✠ HYMN 133 (vs. 1,3,4) "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ADESTE FIDELES

CALL TO CONFESSION Laura Sherwood

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, our God, our Wonderful Counselor and Prince of Peace: we come to you this night with much on our hearts. In this time set apart, in the quiet and stillness, help us draw near to you and to each other. Forgive us for not being the people you have called us to be and not living into the hopes and dreams that you have for us. For we have not loved our neighbor the way you would want us to and we have not chosen love over fear. Open our ears to hear your good news; open our eyes to see the possibilities for peace and grace that await us. Help us to remember those who are not here with us and to carry into the new year a sense of renewal as we choose to love all, reflect your light, and go into the world...**

### 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 583)

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!  
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

✠ 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 Matthew 1:18-23  
(Pew Bible, p. 783) Laura Sherwood  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "He Is Born" *Carolyn Hamlin, arr. Morrone*  
Michelle Fielder, oboe; Michael Morrone, violin; Joan Morrone, horn

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:1-7  
(Pew Bible, p. 832) Alex Lang  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "God in Art: Timeless" December 24, 2015 Alex Lang

✠ HYMN 110 "Love Has Come" BRING A TORCH

## 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 "Arrival of the Queen of Sheba" *Handel, arr. Morrone*  
Michelle Fielder, oboe; Michael Morrone, violin; Joan Morrone, horn

✠ 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 134 "Joy to the World" ANTIOCH

✠ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE "Joy to the World" *Carolyn Hamlin*

✠ 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:** **Walter, Marilyn & John Meyer**—In memory of our parents,  
Walter and Dorothy

## 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 Kiepora  
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  
James Wilson — cousin of Sheila Hall

### Sympathy to

Stewart and Amy Lumsden, on the death of their brother-in-law, Pete Ruppert

### 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	Congregational Q&A Meeting
August 15	September Chimes Deadline
August 20	Mozart's Requiem/Safe Sanctuary Training
August 24	Stone Catchers Book Club
August 27	Alex's Final Sunday/Congregational Meeting/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 13, 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.

**CONGREGATIONAL Q&A MEETING** — *Today / 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 immediately following 10:30 am worship.

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

**NEXT SUNDAY! 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.

**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 13 — Eleventh 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

11:30 am Congregational Q&A — Sanctuary

11:30 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex

12:00 pm Session Meeting — Boardroom

## Upcoming Events

**“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](mailto:maryfino@firstpresah.org).

**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.

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL** — *Sunday, 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. Contact Michele Holifield at [micheleholifield@firstpresah.org](mailto:micheleholifield@firstpresah.org) with questions.



**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-M bring an appetizer or dessert, N-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!

**THE SECOND HALF: AGES 55-70** — *Saturday, September 2 / 6:00 pm / Schaumburg Boomers Game* — The votes are in, and our new name is “The Second Half”. Our age range is roughly 55-70. (A change from earlier mentioned 50-68). Our first group get together will be an outing to the Schaumburg Boomers ballgame on Saturday, September 2, at 6:00 pm. Price of each ticket is \$16, you can pick your seat in our block (Section K) and pay for your tickets using the QR code. Any questions contact Kevin Kelley at [kevinkelley8@gmail.com](mailto:kevinkelley8@gmail.com).



## Serving, Giving, and Growing

**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.

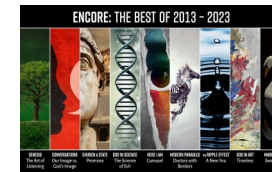


**SAVE THE DATE! FALL KICK-OFF SUNDAY** — *Sunday, September 10 / 11:30 am / Parking Lot* — Join us for this all-church celebration of the beginning of another program year. There will be food, fellowship and fun for all ages! Bring a friend. Mark your calendar now.

## Worship Next Sunday

**August 20, 2023: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:30 am — Worship** (Sanctuary)  
*Music:* Chancel Choir, soloists and orchestra



*Preacher:* Rev. Alex Lang  
*Scriptures:* Mark 16:1-8, Mark 15:16-47  
*Sermon Series:* Encore: The Best of 2013-2023  
*Sermon Title:* “Mark: Swan Song”  
August 23, 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	\$2,633.00
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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.

**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.

**PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT** — Each year every Presbyterian church is apportioned a share of the ecclesiastical expenses of the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. 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.

**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).