

## 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).

And...

And though we may stumble,  
and though we may fall,  
we shall tarry amidst the tides,  
seeking the better angels of our nature.

And as we bid farewell,  
to friends who journey before us,  
our hearts eternally whisper,  
aching for the timbre of their voice.

And when our lives are but memories,  
long lost like the breath of wind,  
we shall find each other once again,  
consoled by the tears of our long embrace.

And beauty, though piercing,  
will not leave us undone,  
for our love will bind us together,  
and we shall always know that we are truly one.

— Rev. Alex Lang

# First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

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



“And the point is, to live everything. Live the questions now.  
Perhaps you will then gradually, without noticing it,  
live along some distant day into the answer.”  
— Rainer Maria Rilke

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**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**AUGUST 27, 2023  
10:30 AM**

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# 10:30 AM WORSHIP

## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Trumpet Tune in D Major" *Paul Fey*  
"Elegy" *Paul Fey*

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

WELCOME Alex Lang

### ✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus proclaims that our God is a God of unconditional love.

**All: God has been faithful to our church for generations.**

One: Jesus teaches us that love will conquer hate.

**All: God has inspired us to welcome the stranger and to love the least and the lost.**

One: Jesus is our rock and our salvation.

**All: God will guide us into the future with love, dignity and grace.**

✦ HYMN 305 "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" DARWALL'S 148TH

CALL TO CONFESSION Laura Sherwood

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, we confess that our actions do not properly reflect your love in the world. When people hurt us, rather than turn the other cheek and forgive, we hold grudges and look for opportunities to seek retribution. When we see people suffering around us, rather than share our treasure with those in need, we hold on tightly to our resources. Help us to be a people who live according to Jesus' gospel. Help us to be a resurrected people who are willing to sacrifice all that we have to create God's kingdom on earth, here and now...**

### 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 Deuteronomy 34:1-4  
(Pew Bible, p. 168) Laura Sherwood  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "Adventure of a Lifetime"  
*Berryman, Buckland, Champion, Martin, Hermansen & Eriksen*  
Compass Praise Band

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:43-48  
(Pew Bible, p. 787) Alex Lang  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Change" Alex Lang

✦ HYMN 693 "Though I May Speak" GIFT OF LOVE

## GIVING THANKS TO GOD

### SPECIAL PRESENTATION

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 "Pride (In the Name of Love)"  
*Clayton, Evans, Hewson & Mullen, Jr.*  
Compass Praise Band

✦ 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

✦ SONG "All You Need is Love" *Lennon & McCartney*

✦ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

### BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Docket will be distributed with ballots given to all voting (active) members.

RECEPTION in honor and celebration of Alex Lang follows in the Parlor. Please join us!

✦ 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

**Compass Praise Band:** Eric Allen, trumpet; Amy Carroll, piano; Kevin Carroll, bass/trombone, Adam Hendrickson, guitar/vocals; Greg Schultz, saxophone/bass; Todd Smith, drums; Katie Walsh, vocals

## 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  
Marylyn Jirsa  
Patty Richard  
Betty Sanders  
Susan Scott  
Nancy Stautzenbach  
Barb Tsutsumi  
Bob Webb

### Friends & Family

Saraya Angle — niece of Tonya Griffin  
Jennifer Dix — daughter of Sam & Jan Dix  
Mike Ferdinand — husband of Sharon Ferdinand  
Terry Finger — cousin of Marilyn Yantis  
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  
James Wilson — cousin of Sheila Hall

### 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

**Director of Children's & Youth Ministries:** Rebekah Anderson

**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 Alex's Final Sunday / Congregational Meeting / Reception  
August 29 Office Closed 12:00-3:00 pm for Staff Lunch  
September 2 The Second Half (55-70) Outing  
September 4 Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day  
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

August 27, 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** — On Sunday, September 10, we will return to two services at 9:00 am in the Chapel and 10:30 am in the Sanctuary. Education for children and youth will meet from 10:30-11:30 am. Adult education begins Sunday, September 17, at 9:00 am in the Boardroom.

**TODAY! LET'S CELEBRATE PASTOR ALEX LANG'S 10 YEARS OF MINISTRY AT FIRST PRES!** — 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.



**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!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FALL KICK-OFF** — The Congregational and Community Life Committee is looking for volunteers for the Fall Kick-off. If you can help with any of the following please contact Lori Chandler at chandlerl@gmail.com. Set-up at 8:00 am on Sunday, September 10, Clean-up at 1:30 pm, or provide a plate of cookies, cupcakes or brownies for the event. Donations can be dropped off at the church on Friday, September 8, from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm or Saturday, September 9, from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.



**THANK YOU, NICK!** — On behalf of Children's Ministries, we'd like to thank Nick Pulikowski for the incredible job done as Interim Children's Ministry Director!

### August 27 — Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Band Rehearsal — Sanctuary  
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: Rev. Alex Lang's Final Service** — Sanctuary  
11:30 am Congregational Meeting — Sanctuary  
11:45 am Rev. Alex Lang's Farewell Reception — Parlor, Narthex  
4:00 pm Youth Pool Party — off-site



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## Upcoming Events

**OFFICE CLOSED FOR STAFF LUNCH** — *Tuesday, August 29 / 12:00-3:00 pm* — On Tuesday, August 29, the staff will be going to lunch together to celebrate Alex's ten-year ministry at First Pres. The office will be closed during this time. If you anticipate needing to be in the building, please contact Michele Holifield at [micheleholifield@firstpresah.org](mailto:micheleholifield@firstpresah.org), prior to Tuesday.

**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.

**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 to the right. Any questions contact Kevin Kelley at [kevinkelley8@gmail.com](mailto:kevinkelley8@gmail.com).



**FAMILY NIGHT KICK-OFF** — *Wednesday, September 13 / 6:00-8:00 pm* — Our popular Family Night is returning! Come and share dinner and fellowship with families from First Pres and the broader community. This free program includes dinner, adult education, mentoring classes and programs for youth and children.

**FAMILY NIGHT COOKBOOK** — A dedicated team of Family Night cooks has been busy this summer creating the first Family Night cookbook. Pre-sales for the *Family Night Favorites Cookbook* begin at Family Night on **Wednesday, September 13**. Delivery of the cookbooks will be late October to early November just in time to make a perfect holiday gift. The cookbook will be a beautiful three-ring binder and comes with access to the e-book version. The cost for each book is \$20. The proceeds of the cookbook sale will provide some new kitchen equipment with 10% of the proceeds going to support our community food programs such as The Wednesday Market and the Loaves and Fishes Garden.

**RESTAURANT WALK IS BACK!** — Our popular Restaurant Walk fellowship program returns for another session! Sign-up throughout September. Meals will take place at Mago (115 W Campbell) in downtown Arlington Heights during October. This is a great way to connect with other members of the congregation and support a local business. Scan the QR code on the right to sign up. Available dates: **Sunday, October 8, 12:30 pm; Tuesday, October 10, 6:00 pm; Sunday, October 15, 12:30 pm; Tuesday, October 17, 6:00 pm; Sunday, October 22, 12:30 pm; Tuesday, October 24, 6:00 pm.**



## Serving, Giving, and Growing

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE WORK TRIP TO CALVERT CITY, KY** — *October 15-21 / Registration is Open* — 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. 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. 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).

**JOIN A MUSIC ENSEMBLE THIS FALL** — *Contact Adam Hendrickson at [adamhendrickson@firstpresah.org](mailto:adamhendrickson@firstpresah.org).*

### High School and Older:

**Chancel Choir** – Rehearses every Thursday at 7:00 pm, beginning September 7. Sings weekly at 10:30 am service.

**Men's Chorus** – Rehearses first and third Thursday at 6:30 pm, beginning September 7. Sings about six times a year at 10:30 am service.

**Chancel Handbell Choir** – Rehearses every Thursday at 5:30 pm, beginning September 7. Rings about six times a year at 10:30 am service.

**Compass Praise Band** – Rehearses every Sunday at 8:00 am, beginning September 10. Plays weekly at 9:00 am service.

### Children (Grades K-5):

**Children's Choir** – Rehearses every Wednesday at 6:30 pm, beginning September 13. Sings about six times a year at 10:30 am service.

**BACKPACK COLLECTION FOR REFUGEEONE** — *Donate in September* — As we begin our journey as a congregation in this interim time, the icon of a backpack will be our symbol for the journey. Over the coming months, we will be asking the congregation to donate backpacks to remind us that there are many people on journeys who need our help. Our first backpack donation will be to RefugeeOne. See the September issue of *The Chimes* for more details.

**SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO STAFF OUR NURSERY!** — Would you like to volunteer your services at either the first or second service? We are looking for once a month volunteers or substitutes. *Here are the requirements:* Must be 18 or older, take the "SAFE SANCTUARY" training, work in pairs once a month or more, have fun with babies/toddlers! Times available 8:45-10:15 am or 10:15-11:45 am. If this volunteer position interests you, please contact: Beth Johnson at [btj0914@hotmail.com](mailto:btj0914@hotmail.com).

## Worship Next Sunday

**September 3, 2023: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:30 am — Worship (Sanctuary)**

*Preacher:* Rev. Laura Sherwood

*Scriptures:* Matthew 16:21-28; Micah 6:1-8

*Sermon Title:* "The Journey Continues..."

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	\$2,892.00
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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.

**SUNDAY FLOWERS** — *September 3, 10, and 17* — Are you looking for a way to honor or remember a special person, celebrate a special day such as a birthday or anniversary or just because you love to see fresh flowers on Sundays? Donate \$40 to the Sunday flower fund. Presbyterian Women will be available in the lobby after services on September 3, 10, and 17 to accept your donations. Contact Sue Henderson for any questions for special requests.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** — *October 15 / 11:45 am / Boardroom* — Our next new members class will take place on Sunday, October 15, at 11:45 am in the Boardroom. Lunch will be provided. To join the class or for more information please contact Rev. Laura Sherwood at [laurasherwood@firstpresah.org](mailto:laurasherwood@firstpresah.org).

**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** — 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).