

**WELCOME, GUESTS!**

**Thank you for worshiping 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/](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*



“Wherever our Journey of Faith takes us,  
we can be assured that God goes with us.”  
— Rev. Laura Sherwood

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

**SEPTEMBER 3, 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 "Aria" *Flor Peeters*  
Richard Clemmitt, organist

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

WELCOME Rev. Laura Sherwood

### ✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God calls us each by name as we gather on holy ground.  
**All: We come to this place, seeking to know the great I AM.**  
One: Let us worship God.

✦ HYMN 718 "Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said" BOURBON

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Rebekah Anderson

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Sometimes it sounds too hard: deny ourselves, take up our crosses, lose our lives? Forgive us, Savior, but we'd rather you do it for us. Forgive us, Christ, but we are overwhelmed with what you ask of us. We long to see you come in glory, but fear the road we must take. Have mercy on our weakness. Be patient with our stumbling. Do not leave us behind, even when we are slow to follow, and lead us in your ways of peace...**

### SILENT CONFESSION

*(please pray a silent and personal prayer of confession during this time)*  
...in Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

### WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Christ does not abandon us, but died for us, was raised for us and loves us still. This is the good news that prevails!  
**All: In Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, we are forgiven!**

✦ 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 Rev. Rebekah Anderson

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 16:21-28  
(Pew Bible, p. 798) Rev. Rebekah Anderson  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Micah 6:1-8  
(Pew Bible, p. 757) Rev. Laura Sherwood  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "The Journey Continues..." Rev. Laura Sherwood

✦ HYMN 726 "Will You Come and Follow Me" KELVINGROVE

## GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Rebekah Anderson

### 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 "Praise to you, Lord Jesus" BWV 604 *J.S. Bach*  
Richard Clemmitt, organist

✦ 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

Merciful and gracious God, you abound in steadfast love and faithfulness. With gratitude, we bring our gifts to you. Bless these gifts and bless our lives that together we may share your mercy and grace for the world you dearly love. **Amen.**

## GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

✦ HYMN 65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA

✦ BENEDICTION Rev. Laura Sherwood

POSTLUDE "Toccatà" BWV 566 *J. S. Bach*

✦ Please stand as you are able.

### Listing of Worship Leaders:

**Preaching:** Rev. Laura Sherwood

**Liturgist:** Rev. Rebekah Anderson

**Pastor:** Rev. Laura Sherwood, Interim Pastor/Head of Staff

**Director of Music and Worship:** Adam Hendrickson

**Associate Director of Music and Organist:** Christopher Urban

**Praise Band:** Compass (9:00 am service)

**Tech Support and Livestream:** Amy Senior and Jonah White

**Sources:** Unless otherwise noted, scripture readings are from the NRSVUE (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition); Litanies and prayers are from *The Call to Worship*, published by the Office of Theology and Worship of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

## 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  
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

**Interim Pastor / Head of Staff:**  
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

## Save the Date

September 4 Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day  
September 10 Kick-off Sunday  
September 13 Family Night Returns  
September 17 Sunday Adult Education Returns  
October 4 Wednesday@Noon  
October 8 Concert  
October 15 Anniversary Speaker  
October 22 New Member Class

**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

September 3, 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.

**OFFICE CLOSURE** — *Tomorrow, Monday, September 4* — The office will be closed for the Labor Day holiday. The office will reopen on Tuesday, September 5, at 8:30 am.

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE NOTE: TWO WORSHIP SERVICES RETURN NEXT WEEK** — 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.

**SUNDAY FLOWERS SIGNUP** — *Today, September 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 today, September 10 and 17 to accept your donations. Contact Sue Henderson for any questions or special requests.

**BACKPACK COLLECTION FOR REFUGEEONE** — *September 5-20* — The Mission Committee is sponsoring a backpack drive for RefugeeOne. As RefugeeOne welcomes new refugee families each day, it is important that the children have the needed supplies to start school. You can drop off your new backpacks and supplies on Sunday mornings September 10 and 17, Wednesday evenings at Family Night September 13 and 20, and during church office hours September 5-20. For more information contact Michele Holifield at micheleholifield@firstpresah.org.



**NEXT SUNDAY!! 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.

**September 3 — Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 17**  
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 Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex

## Upcoming Events



**FAMILY NIGHT PROGRAMMING** — *Begins Wednesday, September 13 / 6:00-8:00 pm / September through May* — Come and share dinner and fellowship with families from First Pres and the broader community. This program includes dinner, adult education and programs for youth and children.

### Weekly Schedule:

- 6:00-7:00 pm:** Drop-in dinner time for all ages
- 6:30-7:00 pm:** Children's Choir (grades K-5)
- 7:00-8:00 pm:** Classes and programs, including:
  - ENGAGE & ENCOUNTER adult Christian education
  - Kids Connect (grades K-5)
  - Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8)

**ENGAGE & ENCOUNTER: *Listening for God's Voice in a Murky Time*** — *Wednesdays, September 13-October 11 / 7:00 pm / Sanctuary / Instructors: Rev. Laura Sherwood & Rev. Nancy Dolan* — Transitions and change bring opportunities but also uncertainty and questions, whether in our personal lives, or in the life of the Church. Discernment is an ancient spiritual practice which helps us wade through the murkiness of such times, while also drawing us closer to God. In this series, you'll be invited into that practice as together we explore what discernment is, how to practice it and the various opportunities for discernment in our lives, both personal and within the Church.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** — *Wednesdays, starting September 13 / 6:30-7:00 pm / Sanctuary* — Come for dinner from 6:00-6:30 pm and then join us in the Sanctuary for 30 minutes of music making and fellowship. Children will sing in worship throughout the program year. Contact Nick Pulikowski at [nickpulikowski@firstpresah.org](mailto:nickpulikowski@firstpresah.org) for more details.

**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.

**FINAL WEDNESDAY MARKET** — *Wednesday, September 6 / 6:00-7:00 pm, Produce Donation Drop-off 4:00-6:00 pm / West Parking Lot* — 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.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** — *October 22 / 11:45 am / Boardroom* — Our next new members class will take place on Sunday, October 22, at 11:45 am in the Boardroom. Lunch will be provided. To join the class or for more information, contact Rev. Laura Sherwood at [laurasherwood@firstpresah.org](mailto:laurasherwood@firstpresah.org).

## Serving, Giving, and Growing

**COFFEE: GROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION & SERVICE** — *Sundays / 10:30-11:30 am / Room 110* — Sunday morning study group with members leading Bible study and discussion. Coffee Grounds will begin meeting weekly on **September 17** on the lower level of the education wing in Room 110. We'd love for you to join us! Bring your coffee with you or help yourself to a cup from our Keurig! Contact Kelly Dean at [k\\_p\\_dean@hotmail.com](mailto:k_p_dean@hotmail.com) with any questions. Watch for upcoming announcements in the Church Life, Chimes, and emails!

**SUNDAY EDUCATION FOR ADULTS** — *Begins Sunday, September 17-November 19 / 9:00 am / Boardroom / Dr. Donald Kaasch / The Calamitous First Century* — What is the Christian New Testament? What were the social, economic and political conditions in the Roman Province of Judea? What language(s) were spoken in the region? Who wrote the 27 contributions that make up the New Testament? What was the process? Who was Paul? Did the writers of the New Testament have direct experience with Jesus? And lots more!

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

**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.**



**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 10, 2023: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:00 am — Worship (Chapel)**

*Music:* Compass

**10:30 am — Worship (Sanctuary)**

*Music:* Chancel Choir, First Pres Brass & Bagpipes

*Preacher:* Rev. Laura Sherwood

*Scriptures:* Matthew 18:15-20; Romans 13:8-14

*Sermon Title:* "Love vs. Law: What's in Your Backpack?"

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	\$0.00
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**CURRENT GIVING OPPORTUNITY: *Novi*** — Our Annual Speaker this year will focus on an organization working with children affected by the war in Ukraine. During the months of September, October and November, you have the opportunity to support their mission to provide emotional support, nutritious food and access to education for children living in Ukraine. 4.5 million children remain in Ukraine and Novi works to provide care for these children who are exposed to violence, displacement and emotional trauma.

**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.

**MARY AND MARTHA'S LENDING CLOSET** — If you have not checked out the Lending Closet yet, now is the time. Reserve items for any event you are hosting. Mary and Martha's Lending Closet is 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. It's the perfect place to borrow for your next book club, shower, neighborhood gathering, casual or fancy dinner party. A donation to the Closet goes towards programs that address food insecurity in the Chicagoland area. Make an appointment today to reserve your items or to see what is available. Email [maryandmartha@firstpresah.org](mailto:maryandmartha@firstpresah.org) or contact Michele Holifield or Amy Hempleman.