



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME Adam Hendrickson

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God speaks to us.
All: **You shall be holy, for I am holy.**
One: You shall not hate,
All: **but love your neighbor as yourself.**
One: Let us worship together in the spirit of God's love!

✦ "HOW GREAT THOU ART" arr. Hendrickson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND HOPEFULNESS Rev. Laura Sherwood

One: Let us approach God with the honesty of our lives:
All: **Gracious God, the sins of our lives and our world are too heavy to carry, too real to hide and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that we cannot amend; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world, who meets us where we are and offers us eternal hope.**

✦ SUNG RESPONSE "Amen" HYMN 600

✦ TIME OF GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Laura Sherwood
Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along to those around you.

ECCLESIASTES 2:10-11

MESSAGE "What Kind of Future Do You Want?" Tom Cole
Scripture: Matthew 22:34-39

SONG "Hope for the Future" Paul McCartney

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: Lord, in your mercy,
All: **hear our prayer.**

SHARING OUR GIFTS "Fly Like an Eagle" Steven Miller

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Rev. Laura Sherwood

✦ "BUILD MY LIFE" Younker, Martin, Kaple, Redman & Barrett

✦ CHARGE & BLESSING Tom Cole

✦ Please stand as you are able.

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

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, 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

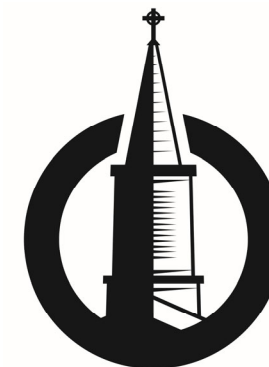
Please silence cell phones and refrain from taking photos or recording the worship service. Services are webcast live at firstpresah.org/experience/livestream. To download or listen to a podcast of today's sermon, search Apple podcasts for **The Word @ First Pres.** Past sermons are available at firstpresah.org/experience/sermons.

SOURCES FOR WORSHIP

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).

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"Man is a short-sighted creature, sees but a very little way before him; and as his passions are none of his best friends, so his particular affections are generally his worst counselors"
—Daniel Defoe,
The Life and Adventures of Robinson Crusoe

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
WELCOME GUEST PREACHER
TOM COLE**

**OCTOBER 15, 2023
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Shalom Chaverim" *Susan Geschke*
"Rejoice, the Lord Is King!" *Lloyd Larson*
Chancel Handbell Choir; Nick Pulikowski, director
*The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation
for the worship of Almighty God.*

WELCOME Rev. Laura Sherwood

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

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✠ HYMN 10 "Sing Glory to the Name of God" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Laura Sherwood

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love, your commandments are so simple: love God, love neighbor, love self. Yet we cannot always muster that love. Love for you seems too abstract and distant. Love for our neighbors seems too impractical and draining. Love for ourselves seems too impossible and unimportant. But you are truly the God of love; if there is anyone who can help us love, it is you. Shower us with your love so we might have the greatest example, and help us learn from you...

SILENT CONFESSION

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

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: It is true, we are beloved of God. The God who loves us does not condemn us.
All: We will live in the glory of God's love!

✠ RESPONSE (Hymn 775)

**I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;
All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

✠ TIME OF GREETING

WORK TRIP COMMISSIONING

COMMUNITY LIFE

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

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Rev. Laura Sherwood

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Ecclesiastes 2:10-11
(Pew Bible, p. 537) Rev. Laura Sherwood
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "Non Nobis, Domine" *Dan Forrest*
"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to your name be the glory."
Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 22:34-39
(Pew Bible, p. 804) Tom Cole
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "What Kind of Future Do You Want?" Tom Cole

✠ HYMN 183 "Come to Me, O Weary Traveler" AUSTIN

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. 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.

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY "The Peace of God" *David Danner*
"Take no thought for your life, what you eat, what you drink, what you wear. See the birds as they fly, they do not sow or reap, But the hand of the Father cares for them. See the flowers in the field, they do not toil or spin, But their beauty is beyond compare. Take no thought for your life, But rejoice in the Lord, Let everyone know your caring. The Lord is near. Don't worry about anything, But with thankfulness, pray about everything! And the peace of God in Christ will dwell in your heart."
Chancel Choir & Chancel Handbell Choir

✠ DOXOLOGY (Hymn 607)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

✠ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: God of the harvest, you are continually planting the seeds of your love in our world and in our lives. As we bring our gifts to you, may they be seeds of your grace, peace, and hope, planted deeply in our community.
All: Amen.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

✠ HYMN 363 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King!" DARWALL'S 148TH

✠ CHARGE & BENEDICTION Tom Cole

POSTLUDE "Allegro" from Symphony No. 6 *Charles-Marie Widor*

✠ Please stand as you are able.

Flowers: **Walt Meyer**—Celebrating the 248th birthday of the US Navy
Bill, Liz & Emily Thompson—In celebration of Bill & Liz's 38th anniversary

Listing of Worship Leaders:

Preaching: Tom Cole

Liturgist: (9:00 am & 10:30 am) Rev. Laura Sherwood

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

WORSHIP NOTES

Prayer Requests

Healing & Comfort

First Pres Community

Mario Alberico
Don & Judy Ayers
Barbara Berkow
Wendy Blanck
Virginia Blocki
Dawn Bruce
Laura Carlson
Jean Castles
Mary Clarbourn
Marilyn Giacoppi

Marylyn Jirsa
Don Johnson
Karen Lindquist
Patty Richard
Susan Scott
Nancy Stautzenbach
Barb Tsutsumi
Martha Wade
Bob Webb

Friends & Family

Saraya Angle — niece of Tonya Griffin
Jennifer Dix — daughter of Sam & Jan Dix
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
Myra Larkin, Gail Miller & Nicholas Miller — friends of Lori Chandler
Gary Meunier — friend of Kim Hogan

Virginia Moertel — sister of Marty Kraybill
Desa Peric — great granddaughter of Steve Smith
Phil Perillo — brother of Kristie Cerniglia
Les Sharpe — friend of Ken & Susan Weller
Jerry Shields — husband of Dianne Shields
Tom Spaeth — friend of Steve Smith Ken Stiles
Dale VanEck — friend of Corinne Peterson
Claire Walsh — cousin of Mary Hebden

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

Today	Annual Speaker & Community Dinner
October 22	New Member & Seeker Class
October 25	God's Honest Truth
October 28	Aluminum Can Drive
October 28	Trunk or Treat
November 1	Wednesday@Noon
November 1	All Saints' Day Service
November 10-12	High School Retreat
November 19	Wise & Sage Dinner

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.

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Church Life

October 15, 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.

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS: Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along to those around you.



GUEST PREACHER, TOM COLE — *Today & Sunday, October 22* — Tom grew up in Arlington Heights and was confirmed at First Pres. In 2008, Tom helped begin a non-denominational men's ministry in Manhattan and he currently serves on their national board, which oversees forty chapters around the country ministering to over 25,000 men. In 2019, he launched a new ministry, Faith in Financial Services, an organization that serves and connects people of faith who work in finance, where he is currently President. He also serves on a variety of nonprofit boards and mentors numerous business leaders.

COMMISSIONING OF PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) WORK TRIP VOLUNTEERS — *Today / 10:30 am / Sanctuary* — During worship, we will commission our volunteers traveling to Calvert City, Kentucky, to assist with rebuilding and repairing homes damaged by the December 2021 tornadoes. Please join us in lifting them up in prayer.

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL SPEAKER & COMMUNITY DINNER — *Today / 4:00 pm / Sanctuary / Steve Gumaer & Jon Peerbolt from Novi* — Novi is focused on assisting children affected by the war in Ukraine, who are deprived of basic needs; including safety, education and nutrition, and are exposed to violence, displacement and emotional trauma. Novi's tools also help children develop self-regulation skills through structured adult-led interventions, and they collaborate with local organizations to prioritize sustainability and building partnerships that focus on prevention and intervention for vulnerable children. The presentation will be followed by a community dinner.

October 15 — Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 am – 11:15 am — Child care (infants – 4 years) — Room 205/207 (Blue Room), Main Floor Christian Education (CE) Wing
9:00 am **Worship** — Chapel
9:00 am Adult Education — Boardroom
9:30 am Handbell Choir Warm-up — Sanctuary
10:00 am Adult Choir Rehearsal — Choir Auditorium
10:00 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex
10:30 am **Worship - PDA Work Trip Commissioning** — Sanctuary
10:30 am Preschool Sunday School (3- & 4-year olds) — Room 206
10:30 am K-5 Sunday School — Room 304
10:30 am Sunday School (Grades 6-7 & 9-12) — Room 301/303
10:30 am Confirmation — Room 109/111
10:30 am Coffee: Grounds for Discussion & Service — Room 110
11:30 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex
12:00 pm PDA Work Trip Participants Depart
4:00 pm Annual Speaker — Sanctuary
5:30 pm Community Dinner — Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm HSYG — HS Lounge, Gym

Upcoming Events



FAMILY NIGHT PROGRAMMING — *Wednesdays / 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 children and youth.

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* — **Final Class this Wednesday, October 18 / 7:00 pm / Chapel / 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. This class is also livestreamed on our website.

PW CIRCLE MEETINGS — Presbyterian Women is a community of women helping to make a difference in the lives of others. Join us for our new study, *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*.
Circle 7: Tuesday, October 17 / 7:00 pm / Parlor
Circles 1, 2, 3: Wednesday, October 18 / 9:30 am / Parlor

NEXT SUNDAY: NEW MEMBER & SEEKERS 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. Contact Rev. Laura Sherwood at laurasherwood@firstpresah.org for more information or to join the class.

GOD'S HONEST TRUTH — *Wednesday, October 25 / 7:00 pm / Sanctuary* — The theme for the evening is **Transformational Travel: The Journeys that Changed My Life**. Come and join us for what will certainly be a great evening! Scheduled speakers are: Wendy Freeman, Cynthia Goldsberry, Kim Hogan, Carolyn Nunley and Don Sortor.

ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE — *Saturday, October 28 / 9:00-11:00 am / West Parking Lot* — Bring your crushed aluminum cans to the can drive sponsored by the Men's Bible Study. Proceeds support the Men's Bible Study's sponsored charities. Questions? Contact Dave Berkow at dwberkow@att.net. **Please do not bring cans to the church office before the collection date.**

TRUNK OR TREAT — *Saturday, October 28 / 1:00-3:00 pm / West Parking Lot* — Children's & Youth Ministries and First Pres PDO & Preschool is hosting our Fourth Annual Trunk or Treat event. You and your family, along with families in our community, are encouraged to wear costumes and visit the volunteers that have their trunks decorated for Halloween fun. Nut free candy will be available along with many varieties of Halloween treats.

Serving, Giving, and Growing

COFFEE: GROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION & SERVICE — *Sundays, through November 19 / 10:30-11:30 am / Room 110* — *Invitation to Psalms* (A Short-Term Disciple Bible Study) — Make a deeper connection to the world of the Psalms so that these well-known scriptures can help you give voice to all aspects of our human experience - joy, faith, uncertainty and sorrow. Contact Kelly Dean at k_p_dean@hotmail.com with any questions.

CHILDREN & YOUTH COAT DRIVE — *Today through Wednesday, November 15* — Coffee: Grounds for Discussion & Service will host a coat drive for kids in grades K - 8 to be donated to a local elementary school district coat closet. Donations will be accepted in a barrel outside of the Parlor.

SUNDAY EDUCATION FOR ADULTS — *Sundays through 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? Who wrote the 27 contributions that make up the New Testament? And lots more!

CHRISTOPHER HOUSE & FIRMAN COMMUNITY SERVICES COLLECTION — *Last Day to Donate* — Presbyterian Women will be holding their once-a-year collection of financial donations for the purchase of food items for the families served by Firman Community Services and Christopher House, two organizations that help families in need. Cash and checks, payable to Presbyterian Women, will be accepted in the Narthex between services. Donations will also be accepted on the church website. All donations will help these organizations to purchase nutritious items for their clients.

FILL THE JAR FOR NOVI LIFE KIT BACKPACKS — *Sundays, October 15 through October 31* — Help First Pres fill a jar with monetary donations to support the **Novi Life Kit Backpacks**. The jar will be located near the large First Pres backpack on Sunday mornings, reminding us of our journey and call to be Jesus' hands and feet throughout the world. Donations can also be made online (select Novi Backpacks from the dropdown menu), attach your donation to the bookmarks found in the Sanctuary pews or seat backs in the Chapel, or donate during our Annual Speaker event today, at 4:00 pm. The Novi Life Kits help children in high-stress areas affected by war and conflict.

PLEASE DONATE A BAG OF CANDY FOR TRUNK OR TREAT — We need your help! Last year's Trunk or Treat event was such a huge success that we ran out of candy. This year, we are asking the congregation to help out by donating a bag of candy. Candy can be dropped off at the church during regular business hours. If you are interested in participating by decorating your car trunk, contact Rebekah Anderson at rebekahanderson@firstpresah.org. Thank you for your help making this event so much fun!

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 "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.

Worship Next Sunday

October 22, 2023: Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am — Worship (Chapel)

Music: Compass

10:30 am — Worship (Sanctuary)

Music: Chancel Choir

Preacher: Tom Cole

Scriptures: Deuteronomy 5:32-33; Matthew 7:13-14

Sermon Title: "Navigating the Narrow Path of Life"

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	\$924.00
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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.

PADS (PUBLIC ACTION TO DELIVER SHELTER) SITE HAS REOPENED — The First Pres PADS overnight shelter has opened for the season. **To keep our shelter running, we need many volunteers.** Each evening, we need twelve volunteers to fill our shifts. Training is provided for all volunteers. We also have many opportunities to donate food and other items for our guests. If you have any questions or would like more information, email pads@firstpresah.org.

JOIN A LIFE STAGE GROUP AT FIRST PRES — These groups offer a great opportunity for fellowship (and often food) with other members of the congregation in a similar stage of life. First Pres is a large, busy and active congregation and these groups offer the opportunity to slow down and meet other members and build relationships. If you are interested in finding out more or joining a group, contact the following:
Goonies: Couples & Singles Under 35
Kristen Aldrich, aldrichkristen@gmail.com
Pathways: Couples & Singles mid-30s to late 40s
Laura Grochocki, lgrochocki@paylocity.com
The Bridge: Couples & Singles 50 to mid-60s
Kelly Dean, k_p_dean@hotmail.com
The Second Half: Couples & Singles 55-70
Kevin Kelley, kevin Kelley8@gmail.com
Savvy Seniors: 69+
Lori Chandless, chandlori@gmail.com

ONGOING FOOD COLLECTION — Donations of nonperishable food items benefit many families and individuals who are clients of several local organizations that we support. Food has been shared through our PADS ministry with those who are homeless; provided to clients of FamilyForward; and collected for families served by Christopher House and Firman House, both in Chicago. The next time you are at the grocery store, why not pick up a few healthy nonperishable items to donate? Thank you for your past and continued support!