



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME Adam Hendrickson

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Psalm 46)
 One: God is our refuge and strength,
All: we will not fear.
 One: Though the earth shakes,
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 One: Though the waters swirl around us,
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 One: Though the nations rise and fight,
All: we will not fear.
 One: God is our help in the time of trouble,
All: we will not fear.

✦ **“STAND IN YOUR LOVE”** *Hulse, Baldwin, Harris, & Springer*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND HOPEFULNESS
 Rev. Barbara Gorsky
 One: The act of confessing our sin is not simply a recitation of our faults and wrongs, but also an opportunity to receive God’s mercy and share in that abundant grace. Confident of God’s love for us, let us pray together:
All: Holy God, hear our prayer: For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness; for the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us; for the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist; for the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us; we pray for the courage to admit our fault, the strength to amend our actions, and the hope that your grace awaits us. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

✦ **SUNG RESPONSE** “Amen” HYMN 600

✦ **TIME OF GREETING** Adam Hendrickson

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

REFLECTION ON GIVING Andy Bennett

1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13 Rev. Barbara Gorsky

MESSAGE “God’s Re-forming Love” Rev. Laura Sherwood
 Scripture: Romans 1:16-18

SONG “You Gotta Move” *arr. Hendrickson*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER Rev. Laura Sherwood

PRAYER OF APPRECIATION Personnel Committee

SHARING OUR GIFTS “All Things New” *Fielding & Ussher*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Rev. Barbara Gorsky

✦ **“STANDING ON THE PROMISES”** *arr. Hendrickson*

✦ **CHARGE & BENECTION** Rev. Laura Sherwood

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Compass: Dan Berg, bass; Adam Hendrickson, guitar/vocals; Greg Schultz, saxophone/harmonica; 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.

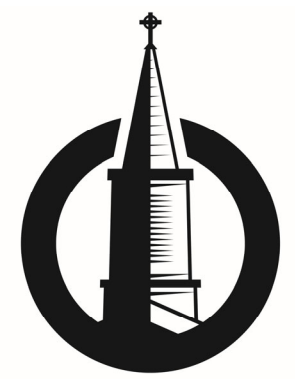
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 For worship in the Sanctuary, large print bulletins, and hearing amplifiers (some with T-Coil lanyard adapters) are available from the ushers.

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). Confession 9:00 am, written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, ‘Hold Fast to What Is Good’. Used with permission.

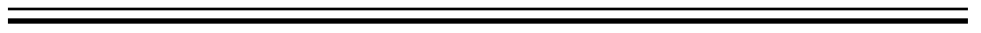
First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

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 Organized in 1855*



“The now almost universally acknowledged principles of religious freedom, liberty of conscience, the rule of law, separation of powers and constitutionally limited republics were unthinkable before the Reformation.”

— The Reformation Society, Cape Town, South Africa



SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY REFORMATION SUNDAY; ORDINATION, INSTALLATION & COMMISSIONING OF OFFICERS

**OCTOBER 29, 2023
 9:00 & 10:30 AM**



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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Outer Hebrides" *Paul Halley*
A Fantasia on Three Celtic Melodies
The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation for the worship of Almighty God.

WELCOME Rev. Laura Sherwood

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 46)

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✦ HYMN 275 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" EIN FESTE BURG

REFORMED CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Barbara Gorsky

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (adapted from *The Reformation Confession of Sins, 1525*)

Merciful and everlasting God, we acknowledge and confess our sin before You. We confess the times when we do not pay attention to Your call on our lives. We admit our participation in systems that create hardship for others. We acknowledge the ways in which we ignore the rule of Your love and mercy.

But, O Lord, we repent and are sorry from our hearts. Have mercy upon us, most gracious God. Forgive us all our sins, through the holy sufferings of Your dear son. Forgive us our sins; and grant us now the gifts of Your Holy Spirit. Increase these in us from day to day; so that we, acknowledging with our whole hearts our own unrighteousness, may truly repent us of the same; that sin may be destroyed in us; and that we may bring forth the fruits of Your righteousness through Jesus Christ...

SILENT CONFESSION

(please pray a silent and personal prayer of confession during this time)

...in Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, believe this good news of scripture and of our faith tradition.

All: In Jesus Christ we are truly and completely forgiven, thanks be to God!

✦ 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 Rev. Barbara Gorsky

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

REFLECTION ON GIVING Andy Bennett

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Rev. Barbara Gorsky

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
(Pew Bible, p. 934) Rev. Barbara Gorsky
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "Beloved, Let Us Love One Another" *V. D. Thompson*
"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and every one that loveth is begotten of God, and knoweth God. Herein is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent his Son to atone for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us we also ought to love one another. If we love one another God abideth in us, and his love is made perfect in us. God is love, and whoso abideth in love abideth in God and God abideth in him. Beloved, let us love one another."
Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Romans 1:16-18
(Pew Bible, p. 914) Rev. Laura Sherwood
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "God's Re-forming Love" Rev. Laura Sherwood

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

ORDINATION, INSTALLATION & COMMISSIONING OF
CHURCH OFFICERS Revs. Laura Sherwood & Barbara Gorsky

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

✦ HYMN 767 "Together We Serve" SAN ANSELMO

PRAYER OF APPRECIATION Personnel Committee

CALL FOR OFFERING Rev. Barbara Gorsky

OFFERTORY "Psalm 46" *John Ness Beck*
"God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth be removed, and the mountains be carried away to the very midst of the sea. Though the waters roar and the mountains quake at His majesty. There is a river, the streams where of shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacle, the holy place of the Lord. God is in the midst of her; She shall not be moved; He shall defend her from the night through the dawn. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Be still and know that I am God: I will be exalted above all nations, I will be exalted upon the earth. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing; Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. His everlasting love will guide us from above. All glory to His name, From age to age the same: His kingdom is forever and ever. Amen, alleluia. Amen."
Chancel Choir and First Pres Brass

✦ 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 Rev. Barbara Gorsky

One: Creator God, you gave us the greatest gift of all, our Savior Jesus Christ. We ask that you accept the gifts we bring: our possessions, our time and our talents. Use them as You will for Your purpose. Thanks be to God.

All: Amen.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

✦ HYMN 320 "The Church of Christ in Every Age" WAREHAM

✦ CHARGE & BENEDICTION Rev. Laura Sherwood

POSTLUDE "Grand Chœur Dialogué" *Gigout arr. Morrone*
First Pres Brass and Organ

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Flowers: Anonymous
Laura Liston—In loving memory of Don and Marie Helbling

Listing of Worship Leaders:

Preaching: Rev. Laura Sherwood

Liturgist: (9:00 & 10:30 am) Rev. Barbara Gorsky

Pastors: Rev. Laura Sherwood, Interim Head of Staff, Rev. Barbara Gorsky, Bridge Associate

Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson

Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban

First Pres Brass: Jered Montgomery and David Nakazono, trumpet; Joan Morrone, horn; Andy Sturgeon, trombone

Praise Band: Compass (9:00 am service)

Tech Support and Livestream: Amy Senior and Jonah White

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
 Sandy Richardson
 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
 Donna Hames — friend of Mary Halatek
 Jason Krigas — brother of Lauren Kelleher
 Gary Meunier — friend of Kim Hogan
 Virginia Moertel — sister of Marty Kraybill
 Tom Nemecek — friend of Kevin & Carol Kelley

Desa Peric — great-granddaughter of Steve Smith
 Phil Perillo — brother of Kristie Cerniglia
 Larry Pohlman — friend of Kevin & Carol Kelley
 Les Sharpe — friend of Ken & Susan Weller
 Jerry Shields — husband of Dianne Shields
 Tom Spaeth — friend of Steve Smith
 Ken Stiles
 Susan Strasser — friend of Krigas family
 Dale VanEck — friend of Corinne Peterson
 Claire Walsh — cousin of Mary Hebden

Sympathy to

Dave & Linda Berkow, on the death of Linda's mother, Geri Grzeskiewicz

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

Bridge Interim Associate Pastor
 Barbara Gorsky

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

November 1	Wednesday@Noon
November 1	All Saints' Day Service
November 4	Service Saturday & Pumpkin Smash
November 10-12	High School Retreat
November 19	Concert: My Country 'Tis of Thee
November 19	Wise & Sage Dinner
December 2	Holiday Decorating of the Church
December 17	Cookie Walk

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 Rev. Barbara Gorsky, at barbargorsky@firstpresah.org, or 847-255-5900, extension 225 or Rev. Laura Sherwood, at laurasherwood@firstpresah.org or 847-255-5900, extension 229 or call the church office to share your pastoral needs.

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Church Life

October 29, 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 worshipping 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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) CHRISTMAS FLOWER ORDERS — Today, & Sundays, November 5 and 12 / after worship / Lobby — Presbyterian Women will be in the Lobby after both worship services accepting donations for Christmas Flowers to beautify our Sanctuary during the Christmas season. Suggested donation is \$30, but any amount is appreciated.

WEDNESDAY@NOON — Wednesday, November 1 / 12:10 pm / Sanctuary — The Beatitudes of Jesus, found in the Gospel of Matthew, are some of the most beloved verses in all of Scripture. The recital will feature nine short pieces, each one a lyrical and beautiful musical reflection on one of these blessings by Roberta Rowland-Raybold. Rev. Laura Sherwood will interweave short reflections between the organ pieces.

MOZART'S REQUIEM — Wednesday, November 1 / 7:00 pm / Sanctuary — A community-wide All Saints' Day service with a presentation of Mozart's Requiem. The choir will be made up of singers from First Pres and neighboring Arlington Heights choirs and they will be joined by soloists and orchestra.

CHRISTMAS CAMP REGISTRATION — Sign-ups Open November 1 — Children's Ministries and First Pres' Music Ministries are excited to offer a Christmas Pageant experience for our preschoolers – 5th graders. Christmas Camp will incorporate drama, music and crafts on Wednesday nights beginning November 29 through December 20, from 6:45-8:00 pm. Registration is free and all are welcome. Please contact Rebekah Anderson at rebekahanderson@firstpresah.org to learn more.

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTERS WANTED — Sign-up Sundays, November 5 & 12 — The Worship, Music and Sacrament (WMS) Committee will be holding sign-ups for Advent candlelighters in the Narthex. We are looking for couples, singles, families or groups to read the liturgy and light the Advent candles for the 9:00 and 10:30 am services, as well as Christmas Eve. Any questions, contact WMS Chair, Kris Ward, at keward_us@yahoo.com.

October 29 — Reformation Sunday

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
 10:00 am Adult Choir Rehearsal — Choir Auditorium
 10:00 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex
 10:30 am **Worship - Ordination/Installation** — 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
 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 — *New Class Coming November 8 — The History and Consequences of the Doctrine of Discovery: Why It Still Matters for the Church Today / November 8 - December 13 (No Class November 22) / Michele Holifield* — The 222nd General Assembly of the PC(USA) 2016 called upon the PC(USA) to repudiate the centuries old Doctrine of Discovery. The Assembly also called on congregations to learn about the Doctrine of Discovery and the consequences to indigenous people to support Native Americans today. We will spend our time talking about the history, the role Presbyterian Mission has played over the past 200 years and the resulting injustices that Native Americans face today because of the Doctrine of Discovery and cultural successors such as broken treaties, forced removal and forced assimilation. Some of the topics we will address include boarding schools, violence against women, land rights, native spirituality and Christianity, and intergenerational trauma. As we look at these difficult topics we will look with hope to a future of partnership and community with our Native American neighbors.

THE BRIDGE (Couples & Singles, ages 50 to mid-60s) EVENT — *Saturday, November 4 / 5:00 pm / AxePlosion & Dinner* — Join the Bridge group for an axe throwing event at AxePlosion (4230 N Arlington Heights Road, AH), followed by dinner at Lou Malnati's (85 S Buffalo Grove Road, BG). Cost for axe throwing is \$25.00/person for one hour. Please RSVP to Kelly Dean at k_p_dean@hotmail.com by **October 28**.

HEY SECOND HALVERS! (Couples & Singles, ages 55-70) — *Saturday, November 12 / 5:00-7:00 pm* — We are heading to Top Golf in Schaumburg (topgolf.com). You don't have to be a golfer or need any skills to enjoy everything they have to offer. Use their clubs or bring your own. A steak and chicken fajita bar is included, along with non-alcoholic beverages. (Other drinks available for purchase). Depending upon how many people sign up, the maximum cost will be \$90 per person. If the cost is lower, refunds will be distributed the night of the event. Please Venmo your payment to @Kevin-Kelley-158 or Zelle to 847-401-8566, by **Monday, October 30**.

MY COUNTRY TIS OF THEE: A PATRIOTIC CONCERT — *Sunday, November 19 / 4:00 pm / Sanctuary* — Join us for a concert celebrating our Veterans. There will be performances by guest soloists, piano, organ and instrumentalists. This memorable evening will include a special tribute to all those who have served and currently serve our country. Those 60+ are encouraged to stay for the Wise & Sage Dinner at 5:30 pm.

WISE & SAGE DINNER — *Sunday, November 19 / 5:30 pm / Fellowship Hall* — The High School youth will host the annual Thanksgiving dinner for members who are 60+ years of age. Watch for your invitation in the mail. Be sure to attend the 4:00 pm concert just prior to the dinner!

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.

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!

CHILDREN & YOUTH COAT DRIVE — *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.

NOVEMBER SERVICE SATURDAY — *Saturday, November 4 / 10:00 am / Fellowship Hall* — Teams will prepare lunch for our Arlington Heights firefighters and paramedics. We will deliver the lunches to the fire stations starting around 11:45 am. Individuals and families can sign-up to help cook or deliver meals. We will have additional activities including making thank you cards for emergency responders, rock painting for our kindness rock garden and creating Thanksgiving cards for family and friends. All ages and abilities are welcome at Service Saturday. For questions contact Michele Holifield at micheleholifield@firstpresah.org.

PUMPKIN SMASH RETURNS — *Saturday, November 4 / 9:00 am - 2:00 pm / East Parking Lot* — The Master Gardeners, University of Illinois Extension, will be sponsoring a Pumpkin Smash in the East Lot. The pumpkin smash is an effort to keep pumpkins out of landfills and reduce the methane gas produced. Bring your pumpkins and join the fun of smashing pumpkins!

MEALS ON WHEELS SIGN-UPS — *Sundays, November 5, 12 and 19* — First Pres has agreed to deliver Meals on Wheels for three routes during the month of December. Please stop at the table in the Lobby where you can see the routes and sign up!

CHRISTOPHER HOUSE FAMILY TO FAMILY SIGN-UPS — *Sundays, November 12 - November 26* — Many have enjoyed providing wrapped Christmas gifts for Christopher House families in the past. Your gifts meet needs of a family and help them have a special holiday. Please consider participating this year. Individuals, families, clubs or groups of friends are welcome to sign up. Stop by the table in the Narthex. If you have questions, contact Liz Thompson at lizht85@yahoo.com.

FILL THE JAR FOR NOVI LIFE KIT BACKPACKS — *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 from the dropdown menu), attach your donation to the bookmarks found in the Sanctuary pews or seat backs in the Chapel. The Novi Life Kits help children in high-stress areas affected by war and conflict.

Worship Next Sunday

November 5, 2023: All Saints' Remembrance with Holy Communion (Daylight Savings Time ends, turn clocks back one hour)

9:00 am — **Worship** (Chapel)
Music: Compass

10:30 am — **Worship** (Sanctuary)
Music: Chancel Choir

Preacher: Rev. Laura Sherwood
Scriptures: Matthew 5:1-12; 1 John 3:1-3
Sermon Title: "Belonging to God"

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	\$1,241.00
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CURRENT GIVING OPPORTUNITY: Novi — Our Annual Speaker this year focused on an organization working with children affected by the war in Ukraine. During the months of 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.

CHRISTOPHER HOUSE & FIRMAN COMMUNITY SERVICES THANK YOU — Thank you for the monetary donations for Firman Community Services and Christopher House, two organizations that help children and families in need. Having limited resources is very stressful. Your donations will be used for food to support families in need. You have made a big difference!

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.

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.

MARY AND MARTHA'S LENDING CLOSET — Mary and Martha's Lending Closet is ready to help you with all of your holiday hospitality. We have all that you need to host friends and family. If you have not visited Mary and Martha's, stop in on Sunday morning, Wednesday evening or make an appointment to see all that we have to offer. We have the turkey roaster you might need when you run out of oven space or a complete set of Christmas dishes for that special gathering. Tell your family and friends about us. We love referrals. We look forward to seeing you this holiday season. Contact Mary and Martha's Lending Closet at maryandmartha@firstpresah.org.

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Class of 2026

ELDERS

Carrie Costello — Carrie has been a member for many years having grown up and been confirmed at First Pres. She has served as a Deacon and an Elder, and is currently serving as an Elder. She has served on several committees including Stewardship, Communications, Youth Ministries, Congregational Life and our first contemporary worship service. She is looking forward to continuing to serve on Session as we move through this transitional time.



Cathy Mataloni — Cathy lives in Mt. Prospect with her husband, Tom, and has two adult children, Kyle and Alec. In her work life, she has been an advertising copywriter, substitute teacher and program manager for a cancer support nonprofit.

Her involvement at First Pres includes: Deacons (twice), Sunday school shepherd, Confirmation teacher, Youth Ministries Committee, YMC Rummage Sale Co-chair, Congregational and Community Life, small group devotions/Pneuma and Stone Catcher activities. Currently, she is on the PADS site director team.

Moving to the area in 1991 and having a baby weeks later, she wanted to find a welcoming church community where she could be nurtured in her faith and could thrive as a family. She was grateful to find that at First Pres. A member since 1992, she has enjoyed serving alongside so many wonderful people and developed meaningful friendships that extend beyond the church walls. She looks forward to serving in this new capacity. **(Cathy will be serving a 2-year term.)**



Kristin Michalczyk — Kristin and her husband, Jeff, have been members since 1999. Their daughters, Brianna (19) and Brooke (17), have grown up at First Pres. This is a very special place for all of them. She has enjoyed so many opportunities over the years. Some of her highlights include serving on the Communications Committee, PDO Board, being a VBS volunteer, teaching 4-year-old Sunday school, being an elementary shepherd, serving three years as an Elder, being the Welcome Desk greeter and currently teaching Sunday school for our kindergartners and first graders. Kristin is looking forward to serving First Pres again as an Elder and feels so thankful for this community.



Laura Puckett — Laura Puckett has been a member of First Pres since her confirmation at age 14 in 1994, and has been attending since 1983. She is a proud PDO graduate. Currently, she is a Sunday school shepherd and serves on the Children's Ministries Committee. She enjoys spending time with her husband, Dustin, and two daughters, Cleo and Rilla. Her biggest hope for serving on Session is to help discern God's vision for our church and share God's love with each other and our community. **(Laura will be serving a 2-year term.)**

TRUSTEES



Bill Christian — Bill has been a member of First Pres since 1966. He and his wife, Jo, had their two boys baptized here. Bill previously has been a Trustee and is active in the hard-working Connections group since he retired as a pharmacist. His major interests outside of church are radio control model airplane flying, reading, wood working, music and photography. He is also a member of Savvy Seniors (a life stage group at First Pres). He hopes to provide a listening ear as we enter this exciting new progress of our church.



Bret Kehoe — Bret and his family have lived in Arlington Heights for over eleven years now, first living down Euclid near St. Viator, and now raising their two children just a block away from First Pres. His wife, Lauren, works for Medline Industries. Their oldest, Molly, is nearly three and is already up to no good. Their youngest, Cooper, is just learning to walk and can't keep himself from smiling. Both of their children have attended or are attending PDO and Lauren and Bret enjoy spending time with the church "Goonies" (a life stage group).

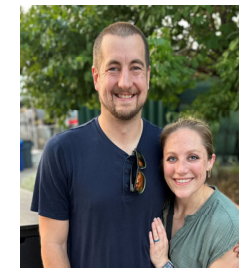
First Pres has given their family a spiritual and community home and he looks forward to continuing that growth in tandem with the church, both through and with their family, and now through service to the church community itself.



Laura Liston — Laura is married to Rick Liston and they have three kids and two grandkids. She grew up at First Pres, becoming a member in eighth grade, which makes her a 52-year member. She was active with many of the children's programs with her kids like helping on Sunday mornings, the youth choir, youth club and VBS. She was involved with Presbyterian Women and Presbyterians Unlimited. She has been a Trustee and a Deacon. She was on

John McFayden's Nominating Committee. She believes it's important to take your turn when you're a member of a group because she has always gained a better understanding while she has been helping.

DEACONS



Christine Barry — Christine has been a member of First Pres since 2021. She has lived in Arlington Heights for the past 10 years with her husband, Jon. They have two young kiddos (2.5 years old and 1 year old). Life is full! They are excited to continue to meet up with other fellow Goonies from First Pres (a life stage group). Involvement in her church and youth group (First Pres of Wheaton) as a teen created a foundation of who she is today. It is important to her that her children are raised in a strong, supportive and welcoming community. She is excited to have the opportunity to serve our First Pres community as a Deacon.



Cynthia Goldsberry — Cynthia has been a member of First Pres for approximately forty-five years and has served previously as a Trustee, Deacon and Elder. For years, she has been active in adult education classes and served as a Bethel Bible Series teacher when the church offered the two-year course. When Cynthia and her husband, Bill, married their children were 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18...all under one roof. No, not the "Brady Bunch", instead the "Berry Bunch". Cynthia thrives in the outdoors; hiking, kayaking, canoeing and gardening; and indoors, reading. Being given the office of Deacon provides endless opportunities to give and to serve, Cynthia very much looks forward to giving and serving.



Barb Martin — Barb previously served as both an Elder and a Deacon. She has been a member of the church for 48 years. Barb is a member of the Bell Choir and is active in Presbyterian Women. Previously, Barb trained in Stephen Ministry Leadership, was a Sunday school teacher and a Confirmation mentor. Barb has four grown daughters, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She is also mom to Molly Martin, her pup. Barb has a deep desire to serve our congregation as Deacon, sharing God's love and care.



Donna Myers — Donna Myers lives in Arlington Heights with her husband, Jack. They have been members of First Pres for two years. A retired banker, Donna enjoys mentoring for FamilyForward and preparing meals for PADS. She loves spending time with her grandchildren. As a Deacon, she hopes to be able to uplift people and put a smile on their faces!



Ken Weller — Ken is married to Susan Weller. They have two daughters who live in Europe with their families. They also have a son who lives in Minnesota with his family. They have seven grandchildren. Ken & Susan have been members of First Pres since October, 2021. Ken participates in the Men's Monday Morning Bible Study, PADS, Wednesday Family Night, Stone Catchers and Sunday Morning Adult Education. He believes that as a Deacon, "each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God's Grace in its various forms". (1 Peter 4:10-11)



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