



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME, GUESTS!

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

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



“In Laura’s sermon, through the captivating, emotional, real life story of a woman named Jane, we are reminded just how important it is to be good stewards of the church so that it continues to exist for the world's future.” — Michelle Binns

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 12, 2023 9:00 & 10:30 AM

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WELCOME Adam Hendrickson

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come together as the church; All: not a building of wood or stone, but a spiritual house. One: We will be the living stones that shout praise even when others are silent. All: God redeems us, joins us together and builds us up.

“EVERLASTING GOD” Brown & Riley

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND HOPEFULNESS Dawn Bruce

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.

SUNG RESPONSE “Amen” HYMN 600

TIME OF GREETING Adam Hendrickson

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

REFLECTION ON GIVING Andy Bennett/Ken Weller

EXODUS 3:7-15 Dawn Bruce

MESSAGE “The Church Was There” Laura Grochocki Scripture: John 14:1-7

SONG “Change” Taylor Swift

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER Rev. Barbara Gorsky

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

SHARING OUR GIFTS Dawn Bruce “A Head Full of Dreams” Berryman, Buckland, Champion, Martin, Hermansen, & Eriksen

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Dawn Bruce

“UP & UP” Berryman, Buckland, Champion, Martin, Hermansen, & Eriksen

CHARGE & BENEDICTION Laura Grochocki

Please stand as you are able.

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

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

10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Variations on Come, Thou Fount" *Albert Travis*
I. Chorale
II. Aria
III. Duet
IV. Moderato
V. Toccata

WELCOME Rev. Barbara Gorsky

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✠HYMN 336 "We Gather Together" KREMSER

CALL TO CONFESSION Susan Weller

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ, our way, our truth, our life, you have shown us the way, so clearly and fully. You have not simply told us how to live, you have shown us. But we still don't get it. We do not believe all you have said to us; we do not trust the way you have shown us. Help us, O God. Forgive us. Open our ears to your truth, open our eyes to your way, and lead us into new life...

SILENT CONFESSION

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

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

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Beloved, believe the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Jesus prepares a place for us, Jesus brings us close, Jesus answers us even in our unbelief.

All: We are God's own people. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

✠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

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

REFLECTION ON GIVING Andy Bennett/Ken Weller

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Susan Weller

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 3:7-15
(Pew Bible, p. 44) Susan Weller
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "The Call" *Erik Routley*
"Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a Way as gives us breath; such a Truth as ends all strife; such a Life as killeth death! Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a Light as shows a feast, such a Feast as mends in length, such a Strength as makes his guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a Joy as none can move; such a Love as none can part; such a Heart as joys in love!"
Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 14:1-7
(Pew Bible, p. 877) Laura Grochocki
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "The Church Was There" Laura Grochocki

✠HYMN 69 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" HERE I AM

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Barbara Gorsky

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 "Come, Thou Fount" *James Cram*
Text from Hymn 475
Chancel 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 Susan Weller

One: Great God, to you we give our thanks; your steadfast love endures forever. With gratitude we bring our gifts to you. Bless us and our gifts, that our lives and our resources may be a source of healing and hope, of joy and justice in our world.

All: Amen.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

✠HYMN 37 "Let All Things Now Living" ASH GROVE

✠CHARGE & BENEDICTION Laura Grochocki

POSTLUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" *Karg-Elert arr. Bock*

✠Please stand as you are able.

Flowers: Mary Halatek—In loving memory of Walt
Richard & Meredith Levinsky—In loving memory of loved ones

Listing of Worship Leaders:

Preaching: Elder Laura Grochocki

Liturgist: (9:00 am) Dawn Bruce, (10:30 am) Susan Weller

Pastor Liturgist: Rev. Barbara Gorsky

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

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
Wendy Blanck
Virginia Blocki
Dawn Bruce
Laura Carlson
Jean Castles
Mary Clarbourn
Marilyn Giacoppi

Marylyn Jirsa
Sandy Naehar
Patty Richard
Sandy Richardson
Susan Scott
Nancy Stautzenbach
Barb Tsutsumi
Martha Wade

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 Kiepura
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 Dave's mom, Barbara Berkow
Robert and Amy McMullen, on the death of their son, Ameer McMullen (nephew of Lee Bruce)
Richard Vane, on the death of his mother, Erma Vane

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

Today Stewardship Sunday / Guest Preacher Laura Grochocki
November 19 Commitment Sunday / Guest Preacher Rev. Craig Howard
November 19 Concert: My Country 'Tis of Thee / Wise & Sage Dinner
November 22 Office Closes at 12:30 pm (Thanksgiving holiday)
November 23-24 Office Closed (Thanksgiving holiday)
December 2 Holiday Decorating of the Church
December 3 Concert: Messiah Sing-along
December 17 Cookie Walk
December 17 Concert: Glory of Christmas

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 barbaragorsky@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

November 12, 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.



TODAY: GUEST PREACHER, LAURA GROCHOCKI — Laura Grochocki is our guest preacher next Sunday. Laura currently serves as an Elder and has been a member of First Pres for six years and is active in the nursery, Confirmation class, Family Night and Kids Connect. Laura lives in Mount Prospect with husband Mike, and they have two children, Myles (8) and Mallory (6).



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY / TODAY — As we approach the season of Thanksgiving, we reflect with gratitude on the abundance God has provided us. We prayerfully consider our gifts of time and talent to the mission and ministry of First Pres in 2024. Next week, **November 19**, is **COMMITMENT SUNDAY** — Bring your commitment cards as we celebrate and dedicate these gifts in worship.



NEXT SUNDAY: GUEST PREACHER, REV. DR. CRAIG HOWARD — *Sunday, November 19* — Rev. Howard began serving as Executive Presbyter of Chicago at the end of 2021. Before coming to Chicago, he served as Presbytery Leader of Giddings-Lovejoy in St. Louis, Ministry Relations Officer with the Presbyterian Foundation and as Presbytery Executive for the Presbytery of Milwaukee. Craig is a native of Chicago's south suburbs. He completed his undergraduate work at DePaul University and earned MDiv and DMin degrees from McCormick Theological Seminary. His spouse is the Rev. Marilyn Gamm, who is also a pastor in St. Louis. They have two adult daughters who both live in Chicago.

November 12 — Stewardship 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** — 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 5-7 & 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
12:30 pm High School Retreat Participants Return
4:00 pm Northwest Choral Society Concert — Sanctuary

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 — *The History and Consequences of the Doctrine of Discovery: Why It Still Matters for the Church Today / Through 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.

CHRISTMAS CAMP REGISTRATION — *Sign-ups are open!* — 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. For more information, contact Rebekah Anderson at rebekahanderson@firstpresah.org.

DECEMBER CHIMES DEADLINE — *Tuesday, November 14* — Please submit articles for the December issue of *The Chimes* to Chris Urban at chrisurban@firstpresah.org by Tuesday, November 14.

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. To make a reservation, contact Carol Vega in the church office. 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.

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.

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTERS WANTED — *Sign-up Today* — 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.

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!

PW CIRCLE MEETINGS — Presbyterian Women is a community of women helping to make a difference in the lives of others. Join us for our study, *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*. *Circles 1, 2, 3: Wednesday, November 15 / 9:30 am / Parlor*
Circle 7: Tuesday, November 21 / 7:00 pm / Parlor

MEALS ON WHEELS SIGN-UPS — *Today & Sunday, November 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, through 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. Gifts should be wrapped and dropped off between 8:30-9:45 am on Saturday, December 2, in the East Parking Lot. Volunteers will load and deliver them to Christopher House. You may also purchase an Aldi or Jewel gift card for \$25.00 to help provide meals at Christmas. Contact Liz Thompson at lizht85@yahoo.com with questions.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) CHRISTMAS FLOWER ORDERS — *Today / 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.

Worship Next Sunday

November 19, 2023: Commitment Sunday

9:00 am — Worship (Chapel)

Music: Compass

10:30 am — Worship (Sanctuary)

Music: Chancel Choir & Children's Choir

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Craig Howard

Scriptures: Judges 4:1-7; Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon Title: "Investing in Ministry & Mission"

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	\$1,552.00
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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 month of 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.

DONATE SNACKS FOR PADS AND JOURNEYS THE ROAD HOME — As we continue our theme of 'Journey', you have the opportunity to donate snack items for those experiencing homelessness in our community. Snacks that can be carried in a backpack will be collected through November 26. Items can be dropped off on Sunday mornings in the lobby, Wednesday nights at Family Night or in the basket inside Door 9 during regular church office hours. The following items are most needed: peanut butter or cheese crackers, tuna or chicken pouches, small bags of crackers like Cheez-its or Goldfish, trail mix, beef jerky, dried nuts and dried fruits. Questions, contact Michele Holifield or Kim Hogan.

THE FIRST PRES FAMILY NIGHT COOKBOOKS ARE HERE! — The First Pres Family Night Cookbooks are here. Cookbooks will be available on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings at Family Night throughout November and December. If you are unable to pick one up during those times, contact the cookbook team at famnightcookbook@gmail.com to arrange pick-up. The cost of the cookbook is \$20 and includes over 100 recipes. Proceeds from the sale of the cookbooks will provide some new Fellowship Hall kitchen equipment with 10% of the proceeds going to programs that address food insecurity.

PADS (PUBLIC ACTION TO DELIVER SHELTER) SITE HAS REOPENED — The First Pres PADS overnight shelter has opened for the season. 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.

MARY AND MARTHA'S LENDING CLOSET — Mary and Martha's Lending Closet is ready to help you with all of your holiday hospitality. If you have not visited Mary and Martha's, make an appointment to see all that we have to offer. We look forward to seeing you this holiday season. Contact Mary and Martha's Lending Closet at maryandmartha@firstpresah.org.