



**9:00 AM WORSHIP**

**WELCOME** Adam Hendrickson

**✦ CALL TO WORSHIP**

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All: **Worship God with gladness!**  
One: Come into God's presence with a song!  
All: **Know that the Lord is God.**  
One: God made us. We belong to God.  
All: **Give thanks to God! Bless the name of the Lord!**

**✦ "GOD OF WONDERS"** Byrd & Hindalong

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND HOPEFULNESS**

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

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**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. Barbara Gorsky

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**MINUTE FOR MISSION** Mission Committee

**2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15** Rev. Barbara Gorsky

**MESSAGE** "A Faith That Makes Us Well" Rev. Laura Sherwood  
Scripture: Luke 17:11-19

**SONG** "What Faith Can Do" Davis & Krippayne

**ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF DEACON CHRISTINE BARRY AND COMMISSIONING OF TRUSTEE BRET KEHOE**  
Rev. Laura Sherwood/Rev. Barbara Gorsky

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**SHARING OUR GIFTS** "All the Broken Pieces" West & Mizell

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**✦ "MIGHTY TO SAVE"** Fielding & Morgan

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

✦ 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). 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*



"You don't need another person, place or thing to make you whole. God already did that. Your job is to know it."  
— Maya Angelou

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
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**NOVEMBER 26, 2023  
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

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# 10:30 AM WORSHIP

## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Prelude on 'Land of Rest'" Carolyn Hamlin

*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 263 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" CORONATION

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Barbara Gorsky

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of the harvest, God of the gleaners, we are quick to thank you for the abundance of our lives. We proclaim ourselves blessed when we have enough— enough food on the table, enough money to spend, enough people to share our days with, enough space to live comfortably. We are deeply grateful, but we think of these blessings as our own. We do not consider that we might share these blessings with others. Forgive us for our stinginess. Forgive us for thinking of ourselves as better than those who have less. Teach us that the truest thanks we can give you is to share our abundance with other beloved children of God...**

### SILENT CONFESSION

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

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

### WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: One of the indescribable gifts of God is the forgiveness that never ends.

**All: In gratitude, we will share. In gratitude, we will praise.**

### ✦ 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

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### MINUTE FOR MISSION

Mission Committee

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Rev. Barbara Gorsky

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 9:6-15  
(Pew Bible, p. 942) Rev. Barbara Gorsky  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "Give Thanks to the Lord" G. F. Handel  
*"Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name.  
Sing praise to the Lord, let your hearts rejoice!"*  
Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 17:11-19  
(Pew Bible, p. 852) Rev. Laura Sherwood  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "A Faith That Makes Us Well" Rev. Laura Sherwood

✦ HYMN 796 "We Come to You for Healing, Lord" LAND OF REST

## 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 "Now Thank We All Our God" Parker & Shaw  
*Text from Hymn 643*  
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

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 268 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" DIADEMATA

✦ CHARGE & BENEDICTION Rev. Laura Sherwood

POSTLUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" Albert Travis

✦ Please stand as you are able.

**Flowers: Nancy Schmidt**—In memory of Dr. Richard Schmidt

**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 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

Launa Ismail  
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  
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

### 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

December 2 Holiday Decorating of the Church  
December 3 Concert: Messiah Sing-along  
December 9 All-Church Breakfast  
December 13 Wednesday@Noon  
December 13 Presbyterian Women Tea  
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](mailto:barbaragorsky@firstpresah.org), or 847-255-5900, extension 225 or Rev. Laura Sherwood, at [laurasherwood@firstpresah.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://firstpresah.org/experience/sermons). If you need help with technical problems, please send an email to [webcasting@firstpresah.org](mailto:webcasting@firstpresah.org).

**GET CONNECTED** — Join the conversation on Facebook, at [facebook.com/firstpresah](https://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](http://firstpresah.org) under the Member Login tab to get started. We look forward to connecting with you!

# Church Life

November 26, 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.

**ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING** — *Saturday, December 2 / 9:30 am / Narthex* — Be part of this wonderful tradition by joining in with members of your church family to transform our church home for the season of Advent and Christmas. Meet in the Narthex at 9:30 am. All are welcome as there is a variety of tasks for all ages.

**HANGING OF THE GREENS** — *Sunday, December 3 / 10:30 am Worship Service* — Our preschoolers - 5th graders are invited to participate in Hanging of the Greens during the 10:30 am worship service. This tradition marks the beginning of Advent and includes adorning the Sanctuary with candles and greens. After the Advent candle lighting and following the first hymn, the kids will come forward to hang the greens and place the battery powered pillar and votive candles. At the conclusion, we will exit the Sanctuary for the remainder of our Sunday school time together.

**MESSIAH SING-ALONG** — *Sunday, December 3 / 4:00 pm / Sanctuary* — Join Northwest Symphony Orchestra and soloists for Handel's *Messiah*. The many will become one as the audience serves as the chorus. Warm up your vocal cords as we fill the Sanctuary with beautiful music, such as the *Hallelujah Chorus*, honoring the birth of our Savior.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL** — Pick up your family Advent Devotional today: *blessthe Advent We Actually Have*. Devotionals will be available in the literature rack in the back of church. A link to the digital version of the devotional is also available in Weekly Highlights.

## November 26 — Christ the King

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 - Ordination/Installation Make-up** — Chapel  
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  
6:00 pm HSYG — HS Lounge, Gym



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## 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
- 6:45-8:00 pm:** Christmas Camp (grades Preschool-Grade 5)
- 7:00-8:00 pm:** Classes and programs, including:
  - ENGAGE & ENCOUNTER adult Christian education
  - 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 / Michele Holifield* — The 222<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**ALL-CHURCH BREAKFAST** — *Saturday, December 9 / 9:00 am-10:30 am / Fellowship Hall* — Men's Monday Morning Bible Study invites you to the annual Christmas Breakfast served by Scout Troop 32. All are welcome! Come and enjoy food, fellowship and fine conversation! Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, December 5.

**THE BRIDGE CHRISTMAS PARTY** — *Saturday, December 9 / 7:00 pm / Hosted by Kate & Kirk Ingemunson* — Please bring an appetizer to share and \$10 per person for the beverage fund. We will be collecting unwrapped toys to donate to the Wheeling Township Toy Drive. RSVP to Kate Ingemunson by December 7 at [kate.ingemunson@gmail.com](mailto:kate.ingemunson@gmail.com). Wear Christmas Pajamas!!

**WEDNESDAY@NOON** — *Wednesday, December 13 / 12:10 pm / Sanctuary* — Christmas favorites, featuring Christopher Urban, organ and Kris Ward, handbells.



**COOKIE WALK IS COMING!** — *Sunday, December 17 / Parlor* — Support Youth Ministries by participating in this delicious event. Stop in the Parlor after each service to select cookies for each \$10-per-box donation!

**THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS** — *December 17 / 4:00 pm / Sanctuary* — Chancel Choir, Men's Chorus and orchestra present Christmas music themed around winter wonderlands! Featured composers include Dan Forrest, Ola Gjeilo and Dan Rutter. Come early to get a seat!



## Serving, Giving, and Growing

**COFFEE: GROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION & SERVICE** — *NEW CLASS Sundays, through December 17 / 10:30 am / Room 110* — *The Heart That Grew Three Sizes: Finding Faith in the Story of the Grinch (4-week study)* — We don't know why the Grinch hated Christmas. We just know he did. In this Advent study, Matt Rawle explores the faith themes in the Christmas classic, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* including, how did the Grinch's heart grow three sizes come Christmas morning? How did Christmas save the Grinch? Could it be that the very thing we think we hate is the one thing that changes our lives? This season, look at a familiar classic through the lens of faith and see how Christ speaks to us through our culture. Contact Kelly Dean at [k\\_p\\_dean@hotmail.com](mailto:k_p_dean@hotmail.com) with any questions.

**SUNDAY EDUCATION FOR ADULTS** — *NEW CLASS begins Sunday, December 3 through December 17 / 9:00 am / Boardroom / Rev. Ken Hockenberry / A Surprising God* — The world that is emerging from the global pandemic raises old questions with a new urgency: Where do we find hope when it seems in such short supply? What are the signs of God's peace in our divided country and world? Where do we find a deeper sense of joy? In their new devotional, *A Surprising God*, Tom Long and Donyelle McCray remind us that these are the questions of Advent. These writers invite us to an honest reflection on the challenges of being people of faith in this present moment. You can purchase this devotional book on Amazon – *A Surprising God: Advent Devotions for an Uncertain Time* WJK Press, 2021.

**VOLUNTEER AT CHRISTOPHER HOUSE** — *Saturday, December 9 / 10:00 am - Noon* — The Mission Committee is sponsoring a volunteer work day at Christopher House. We will be assisting with receiving and organizing gifts received for their Family to Family gift program. We will meet in the First Pres parking lot at 9:15 am and travel together to Christopher House in Logan Square. We plan to return to First Pres around 1:00 pm. For questions, contact Kim Nowak at [nowak22@gmail.com](mailto:nowak22@gmail.com).



**CHRISTMAS CAMP REGISTRATION** — *Register by November 29!* — 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](mailto:rebekahanderson@firstpresah.org).

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & TEA** — *Wednesday, December 13 / 12:00 pm / Parlor* — Join the Presbyterian Women in the Sanctuary for the Wednesday@Noon program of Christmas favorites, featuring Christopher Urban, organ and Kris Ward, handbells. Enjoy cookies, coffee and tea in the Parlor following the program.

**CHRISTOPHER HOUSE FAMILY TO FAMILY SIGN-UPS** — *Final Day to Sign-up* — Individuals, families, clubs or groups 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](mailto:lizht85@yahoo.com) with any questions.

## Worship Next Sunday

### December 3, 2023: First Sunday of Advent

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

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

*Preacher:* Rev. Laura Sherwood  
*Scriptures:* Mark 13:24-37; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
*Sermon Title:* "God With Us Through the Gift of Hope"

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	\$1,738.00
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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 December, 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.

**REFUGEEONE HOUSEHOLD COLLECTION** — As we continue our journey through Advent, our partners at RefugeeOne will welcome 45 new families to the area. First Pres is partnering with First United Methodist Church and St. John's to provide needed items to furnish new homes. Stop by the giving tree in the lobby on Sunday mornings or at Family Night on Wednesday evenings to choose an item to provide. All items should be returned to First Pres by December 17. Please contact Kim Hogan or Michele Holifield if you have questions.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:maryandmartha@firstpresah.org).