



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME

Adam Hendrickson

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE — HOPE

Cathy Mataloni & Jen Berg

One: Into a hopeless world, Immanuel will be born, God-with-us, hope for all.
And hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

All: Today, we light the candle of hope, because in God’s presence, we find hope.

One: Immanuel, God-with-us, and God of our ancestors, we hope because you have never left us or forsaken us. Because you have felt it all before and you know all we experience, we have hope you will never, ever leave us. **Amen.**

✦ **“O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL”**

arr. Hendrickson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND HOPEFULNESS

Gracious God, we find ourselves with two options every day—to stay homesick for the world you had in mind, or to allow cynicism to win. Do we hope against hope, or do we throw in the towel? Do we insist on a better world, or do we assume it’s impossible? Forgive us for the days when cynicism wins. Forgive us for numbing our homesick hurt instead of using it to fuel a better world. Kindle in us a hope that won’t let go. Gratefully, we pray...

✦ **SUNG RESPONSE**

“Glory to God (vs 1)”

HYMN 582

✦ **TIME OF GREETING**

Rev. Laura Sherwood

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MARK 13:24-37

MESSAGE

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

“God With Us Through the Gift of Hope”
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

SHARING OUR GIFTS

“Light of the World”

Daigle, Duncan, & Mabury

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THANKSGIVING & THE LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

CLOSING PRAYER

✦ **“COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS”**

Wesley & Prichard

✦ **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

✦ 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). *God With Us* Advent liturgies from Illustrated Ministry.

**First Presbyterian Church
of Arlington Heights**

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



“Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.”
— Desmond Tutu

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 3, 2023
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Ukrainian Bell Carol" *John Innes*
"Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming" *Hayes & Gaspard*
Chuck Beech, piano; Chris Urban, organ
*The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation
for the worship of Almighty God.*

WELCOME Rev. Barbara Gorsky

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE — HOPE
Susan & Matt Kogan

One: Into a hopeless world, Immanuel will be born, God-with-us, hope for all.
And hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured
into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

**All: Today, we light the candle of hope, because in God's presence, we
find hope.**

One: Immanuel, God-with-us, and God of our ancestors, we hope because you
have never left us or forsaken us. Because you have felt it all before and
you know all we experience, we have hope you will never, ever leave
us. **Amen.**

✠ HYMN 88 (vs. 1,6,7) "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" VENI EMMANUEL

HANGING OF THE GREENS LITANY Youth & Children
GARLAND

HYMN 83 (vs.1,2) "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" STUTT GART

PARAMENTS
HYMN 108 (vs.1) "Of the Father's Love Begotten" DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

WREATH
HYMN 347 (vs.1) "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" PICARDY

CANDLES
HYMN 79 (vs.1) "Light Dawns on a Weary World" TEMPLE OF PEACE

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Laura Sherwood

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Immanuel, God-with-us, and God of our ancestors, we know we are never
alone because you are always with us. You were with us when we did not
love ourselves, when we did not love our neighbors, and when we did not
love you. You know these imperfections, and we confess them with
boldness because you never leave nor forsake us. Forgive us, 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: The abundant grace that fell upon our ancestors continues to be poured
out over us. God is faithful to forgive us for the ways we stray from the
path of love and justice, the path of Jesus. Be pardoned. Receive grace
today and be free to love yourself, your neighbors, and our God .

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

✠ RESPONSE (Hymn 84 vs.1)

**Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, redeemer of us all, we pray you, hear us when we call.**

✠ TIME OF GREETING Rev. Laura Sherwood

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 Mark 13:24-37
(Pew Bible, p. 826)
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "There's a Light A-Comin' " *David Lantz III*
*"There's a Light a-comin' to our darkness, there's a Light a-comin' our way. There's a
Light a-comin' to our darkness, come, O Light and shine today. There's a King a-
comin' for His kingdom, there's a King a-comin' to stay. There's a King a-comin' for
His kingdom, come, O King, and show us the way. Brighter than the rising sun, the son
of God is near. Free us from our human sin, we wait for midnight clear. There's a Joy
a-comin' from the heavens, there's a Joy a-comin' to earth. There's a Joy a-comin'
from the heavens, come, O Joy, we long for your birth. God is near!"*
Men's Chorus

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
(Pew Bible, p. 926)
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON Rev. Barbara Gorsky
"God With Us Through the Gift of Hope"

✠ HYMN 772 "Live into Hope" TRURO

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

CALL & PRAYER FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY "The Yearning" *Craig Courtney*
*"There is a yearning in hearts weighed down by ancient grief and centuries of sorrow.
There is a yearning in hearts that in the darkness hide and in the shades of death abide,
a yearning for tomorrow. There is a yearning for the promised One, the Firstborn of
creation. A yearning for the Lord who visited His own, and by His death for sin atoned,
to bring to us salvation. Emmanuel, within our hearts, the yearning.
There is a yearning that fills the hearts of those who wait the day of his appearing.
There is a yearning when all our sorrows are erased and we shall see the One
who placed within our hearts the yearning."*
Men's Chorus

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

THE THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*(Communion is served in the ancient practice of Intinction—you are invited to come
forward to one of the serving teams to take a piece of bread and dip it into the Cup.
The elements will be offered to anyone who remains seated.)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

✠ HYMN 96 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" WINCHESTER NEW

✠ CHARGE & BENEDICTION Rev. Barbara Gorsky

POSTLUDE "Toccata on 'Truro' " *Gilbert Martin*

✠ Please stand as you are able.

Flowers: Robert Ahrens—In memory of Nancy Ahrens

Listing of Worship Leaders:

Preaching: Rev. Barbara Gorsky

Liturgist: Rev. Laura Sherwood

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

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
Wendy Blanck
Virginia Blocki
Dawn Bruce
Laura Carlson
Jean Castles
Bill Christian
Mary Clarbourn

Marilyn Giacoppi
Launa Ismail
Marylyn Jirsa
Sandy Naeher
Patty Richard
Sandy Richardson
Susan Scott
Nancy Stautzenbach
Barb Tsutsumi

Friends & Family

Saraya Angle — niece of Tonya Griffin
Jennifer Dix — daughter of Sam & Jan Dix
Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kiepura
Donna Hames — friend of Mary Halatek
Gary Meunier — friend of Kim Hogan
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

Congratulations to

Bruce & Linda Byus, on the birth of their grandson, Eli Bruce Kaplan
Kevin & Carol Kelley, on the birth of their granddaughter, Katie Jean Kelley

Sympathy to

Sharon Ferdinand, on the death of her husband, Mike Ferdinand
Terry Wade, on the death of his wife, Martha Wade

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 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: The 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.

LIVE WEBCAST & WORSHIP RECORDINGS — Services are webcast live at firstpresah.org/experience/livestream. To download or listen to a podcast of today's sermon, search Apple podcasts for **The Word @ First Pres**. Past sermons are available at firstpresah.org/experience/sermons. If you need help with technical problems, please send an email to webcasting@firstpresah.org.

GET CONNECTED — Join the conversation on Facebook, at facebook.com/firstpresah; Twitter, at @FirstPresAH; and Instagram, at @firstpresah. Download the free ACS Church Life app or visit the website to access the church directory or manage your giving online. Simply set up a user account at firstpresah.org under the Member Login tab to get started. We look forward to connecting with you!

Church Life

December 3, 2023

We believe in building the kingdom of God in this world. We strive to be a welcoming and inclusive church that celebrates the diversity existing in our community. That means bringing good news to the poor, freedom to the oppressed, welcoming the stranger, and loving one another as Jesus loves us. We do this by choosing love and being the light that changes the world. Thank you for worshiping with us in this spirit.

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

HANGING OF THE GREENS — *Today / 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 — *Today / 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.

December 3 — First Sunday of Advent

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 with Holy Communion** — Chapel
9:00 am Adult Education — Boardroom
10:00 am Adult Choir Rehearsal — Choir Auditorium
10:00 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex
10:15 am Children Gather for Hanging of the Greens — Narthex
10:30 am **Worship with Holy Communion** — 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
10:30 am Connection Group Meeting — Boardroom
11:30 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex
2:30 pm Messiah Rehearsal — Sanctuary
4:00 pm Concert Series: Messiah Sing-Along — Sanctuary
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* — When 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 and land today. Join us for the final weeks of class where we will look at the role the church and Christianity have played in the ongoing injustices. As we look at difficult topics such as boarding schools, land rights and environment, violence against women and trauma 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. Wear Christmas Pajamas!!

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



PATHWAYS: COUPLES & SINGLES (Mid-30s to Late 40s) — *Saturday, December 16 / 5:30 pm Escape Room & 7:00 pm Dinner* — Cost: \$33 Escape Room in Buffalo Grove and dinner (at own expense) at Sal & Tony's Italian Restaurant in Buffalo Grove. To RSVP, contact Laura Grochocki at lgrochocki@paylocity.com.

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 — *Sundays, through December 17 / 10:30 am / Room 110* — *The Heart That Grew Three Sizes: Finding Faith in the Story of the Grinch* — 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. Questions? Contact Kelly Dean at k_p_dean@hotmail.com with any questions.

SUNDAY EDUCATION FOR ADULTS — *NEW CLASS Sundays, 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.

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.

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 Sunday, December 17. Please contact Kim Hogan or Michele Holifield if you have questions.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING — *Donate during the month of December* — Through the Christmas Joy Offering, we have an opportunity to honor past, present and future church leaders who faithfully work to lead us toward God. 50% of the Joy Offering supports present and retired church workers who are experiencing extreme financial need. The remaining 50% provides much needed financial assistance to Presbyterian related schools and colleges that equip students of color with education and leadership development skills. Please give generously!

Worship Next Sunday

December 10, 2023: Second Sunday of Advent

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

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

Preacher: Rev. Laura Sherwood
Scriptures: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Isaiah 40:1-11
Sermon Title: "God With Us Through the Gift of Peace"

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	\$2,358.01
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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.

WE NEED YOU! — To update your contact information with the church! Help us update our records. Many families have dropped landlines or even moved and have forgotten to let the church know. Please call the office or email Mary Fino at maryfino@firstpresah.org to update your information!

THE FIRST PRES FAMILY NIGHT COOKBOOKS ARE HERE! — Cookbooks will be available on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings at Family Night throughout December. If you are unable to pick one up during those times, email 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.