



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME

Rev. Laura Sherwood

CALL TO WORSHIP

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One: We come to this place to listen and follow.
All: Let us worship God!

HOW GREAT THOU ART

arr. Hendrickson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND HOPEFULNESS

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

Almighty Creator, we confess that we like predictability, regularity and routine. At times, we struggle with new insights, ideas, even hopes that things could be different. We are challenged to believe the reign of God is at hand, right now. Grant us courage, and give us strength, to follow where You are leading us. Guide us into Your ways of love, justice and mercy, to become living hope for those we encounter. Dare us to believe that You love each one of us and that we can become who You intended us to be. We pray that things will be shaken up and that we can roll with the transformation You intend for us...

SUNG RESPONSE

"Glory to God"

HYMN 582

TIME OF GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PSALM 139:1-6, 13-18

MESSAGE

"Somebody's Knocking at Your Door"

Adam Hendrickson

Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

SONG

"Pompeii"

Dan Smith

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING OUR GIFTS

"Knocking On Heaven's Door"

Bob Dylan

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HEY JUDE

Lennon & McCartney

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Adam Hendrickson

Please stand as you are able.

Compass: Eric Allen, trumpet; Dan Berg, guitar/bass; Amy Carroll, piano; Kevin Carroll, bass/trombone; 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).

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

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



"And where we had thought to slay another, we shall slay ourselves. Where we had thought to travel outwards, we shall come to the center of our own existence. And where we had thought to be alone, we shall be with all the world." - Joseph Campbell

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 14, 2024 9:00 & 10:30 AM

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Fantasia on the Welsh Lullaby 'Suo Gân' " *Paul Fey*
"Somebody's Knocking at Your Door" *Hans Hielscher*

*The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation
for the worship of Almighty God.*

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✦ HYMN 634 "To God Be the Glory" TO GOD BE THE GLORY

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SILENT CONFESSION

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

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

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: God's mercies never come to an end. God's steadfast love endures forever. God loves you more than you can possibly imagine or comprehend.

All: Let us love one another. Amen.

✦ GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

✦ TIME OF GREETING

COMMUNITY LIFE

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

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Rev. Barbara Gorsky

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
(Pew Bible, p. 503) Rev. Barbara Gorsky
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "Creator God" *Carole Halmekangas*
"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, Before you were born, I called you by name. Lord! You created my being, You knit me together in my mother's womb; My frame was not hidden from You, when I was formed, You were there. Long before I knew You, You reached down and touched me, Loving me before I was born; Elohim Jehovah, Creator God, my Father, Praise and blessed be Your holy name. I am fearfully and wonderfully made, My soul knoweth that full well; Lord, Your thoughts ever are upon me, and all my days are written in Your Book."
Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 1 Samuel 3:1-10
(Pew Bible, p. 215) Adam Hendrickson
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Somebody's Knocking at Your Door" Adam Hendrickson

✦ HYMN 451 "Open My Eyes, That I May See" OPEN MY EYES

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 "Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door" *Linda Spevacek*
*"Somebody's knockin' at your door. O sinner, why don't you answer?
Somebody's knockin' at your door. Sounds like Jesus, O sinner, why don't you answer?
Somebody's knockin' at your door. Rise! Shine! For your light is a comin',
My Lord says he's comin' by n' by."*
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: Eternal God, open our eyes to see Your hand at work in the splendor of creation and in the beauty of human life. Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us, to share our blessings with our sisters and brothers, and to experience the joy of life in your presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord,

All: Amen.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

✦ HYMN 697 "Take My Life" HENDON

✦ CHARGE & BENEDICTION Adam Hendrickson

POSTLUDE "Trumpet Tune in G Major" *Paul Fey*

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Listing of Worship Leaders:

Preaching: Adam Hendrickson

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

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
 Carole Anderson
 Don & Judy Ayers
 Wendy Blanck
 Virginia Blocki
 Dawn Bruce
 Laura Carlson

Jean Castles
 Mary Clarbourn
 Marilyn Giacoppi
 Marylyn Jirsa
 Sandy Naeher
 Patty Richard
 Susan Scott

Friends & Family

Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kiepura
 Donna Hames — friend of Mary Halatek
 Tom Nemec — 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
 Dale VanEck — friend of Corinne Peterson
 Claire Walsh — cousin of Mary Hebden
 Pamela Wilson — daughter-in-law of Al & Karen Wilson

Sympathy to

Jo Christian, on the death of her husband, **Bill Christian**
 Cindy Koerner, on the death of her brother, Tom Cole

Serving in the Armed Services

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

January 14-15	MLK Day of Service
January 15	Office Closed
February 7	Wednesday@Noon
February 8	PDO Family Pizza Party and Open House
February 11	Souper Bowl of Caring
February 11	Annual Meeting of the Congregation
February 18	Organ Fest
March 3	PDO Sunday—Registration for First Pres Members

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](https://twitter.com/FirstPresAH); and Instagram, at [@firstpresah](https://instagram.com/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

January 14, 2024

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.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY FOOD & ESSENTIALS DRIVE — *Today and Monday, January 15* — If you missed bringing your donation to the church today, come by tomorrow, Monday, January 15, between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm to be a part of the community-wide drive-up donation event. Volunteers will be waiting for you on the Dunton steps to unload your car. Donations of non-perishable food items and household essentials will all benefit local food pantries. Questions, contact Michele Holifield at 847-243-7195 or micheleholifield@firstpresah.org.

DONATE SANCTUARY FLOWERS — We are now in a new year and an opportunity to remember important people and events in your life is here. For a suggested \$40 donation, the flowers in the Sanctuary on Sundays can be dedicated to people and/or events you choose. The dedication will appear in the Sunday Bulletin on the requested date. Presbyterian Women will be available in the Narthex after both services to accept your requests and donations today and on Sundays, January 21 & 28. For questions, please contact Sue Henderson at 847-804-1682.

OFFICE CLOSURE — The office will be closed on Monday, January 15, in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The office will re-open at 8:30 am on Tuesday, January 16.

January 14 — Second Sunday after Epiphany

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
 12:00 pm Session Meeting — Boardroom
 5:00 pm Youth Handbell Choir — Bell Choir Room
 5:45 pm Youth Handbell Choir/HSYG Dinner — Fellowship Hall
 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
- 6:30-7:00 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 5-8)

ENGAGE & ENCOUNTER — *Wednesdays, through February 7 / 7:00 pm / Chapel / Exodus: A Historical Approach / Dr. Donald Kaasch* — What does the historical record, outside of the Old Testament, tell us about the pivotal importance of the Exodus story? Who wrote Exodus? When? What does it set up for the rest of the OT? Who is Moses in the OT and what does history tell us about him? There's so much good stuff to learn, come and take part!

ACCESS TO THE CHURCH BUILDING — *Visit the Keycard Table / Today* — With the beginning of a new year comes some changes in committees, meetings and those who might need access to the building. The facility team is committed to making sure those who need access to the building can easily enter while still maintaining a secure environment. Each of our outside entry doors is equipped with magnetic door locks. These doors are programmed to open and close at appropriate times according to the church calendar. Members and friends can also obtain a keycard for access to the building that is outside normal operating hours. If you are having trouble with your current keycard, wondering if you need a keycard or know you need a keycard, visit the keycard table in the lobby. You can also contact Michele Holifield at 847-243-7195 or micheleholifield@firstpresah.org for assistance.

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*. **Circle 7: Tuesday, January 16 / 7:00 pm / Parlor**
Circles 1, 2, 3: Wednesday, January 17 / 9:30 am / Parlor

WEDNESDAY@NOON — *Wednesday, February 7 / 12:10 pm / Sanctuary* — As we approach Valentine's Day, the music for the program will be focused on love: our love of God's kingdom, God's love for us and our love for each other. Christopher Urban, organ.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION — *Sunday, February 11 / 11:30 am / Sanctuary* — Please plan to attend in person, as we need a quorum of the congregation to conduct business.

THE 39TH ANNUAL ORGAN FEST — *Sunday, February 18 / 4:00 pm / Sanctuary* — Join organists Michael Gagne, Marianne Kim, Christopher Urban and Gary Wendt as they team up to provide another dynamic and inspiring organ concert.

Serving, Giving, and Growing

COFFEE: GROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION & SERVICE — *Sundays, through February 11 / 10:30 am / Room 110 / What's So Amazing About Grace?* — A six-week study (to be concluded later in the spring). *Each session focuses on a different aspect of grace. Feel free to come when you are able. Participants do not need to attend every week or session.* In *What's So Amazing About Grace?* award-winning author Philip Yancey explores grace at street level. If grace is God's love for the undeserving, he asks, then what does it look like in action? And if Christians are its sole dispensers, then how are we doing at lavishing grace on a world that knows far more of cruelty and unforgiveness than it does of mercy?

SUNDAY EDUCATION FOR ADULTS — *Sundays, through February 11 / 9:00 am / Boardroom / Rev. Rebekah Anderson / The Journey Inward: Embracing Vulnerability as a Spiritual Practice* — Over the past decade, the work of researcher Brené Brown has brought experiences of vulnerability and shame out of the darkness and into the light. But what does it look like to live in a way that embraces vulnerability rather than running from it? What does it mean to face the kind of challenge real vulnerability brings without being consumed by it? In this class, we'll learn about what vulnerability looks like, the things that get in the way of living authentically, and why embracing a life of vulnerability is not only what we're called to do as followers of Jesus, but also a critical part of finding the capacity to withstand life's greatest challenges.

HELP US CLOSE THE 2023 DEFICIT — The Administration & Finance Committee is prayerfully requesting you to consider helping close the 2023 budget deficit. This initiative can also be supported in early 2024 by selecting "2023 Deficit Fund" from the dropdown menu by giving online or by denoting the same on your check.



HAVE YOU TURNED IN YOUR 2024 COMMITMENT CARD? — If you have not yet had a chance to turn in your Commitment Card for 2024, you are invited to place your card in the offering plate today. Or, you can drop it off or mail it to the church office, to the attention of Debbie Walter, business administrator. You can also enter your commitment online at firstpresah.org.

NEW ONLINE GIVING PORTAL — Effective January 2024, we will be transitioning to a new online giving portal, Abundant Online Giving. The new portal will allow members to cover the processing fee for online credit card giving. In 2022, we were charged \$11,000 in processing fees and we expect to be charged approximately \$9,800 in 2023. These are fees that could be going to the mission and ministry of First Pres. More information will be coming in a Constant Contact. If you have any questions, contact business administrator, Debbie Walter, at debbiewriter@firstpresah.org.

BLANKET DRIVE SPECIAL OFFERING — *Collection through January & February* — On our cold winter nights, it is wonderful to have a warm house and a cozy blanket to wrap ourselves in. Not everyone is lucky to have that warmth and comfort. During the months of January and February, PW will be collecting for the Church World Services Blanket Drive. A \$10 donation will provide a blanket for someone needing a little support, warmth and encouragement. Please help by donating! Checks may be made out to First Presbyterian Church, indicate Blanket Drive in the memo, or you may donate online by selecting Blanket Drive in the drop-down menu. Thank you! Questions? Contact Lois Meisterheim at mlmeisterheim@gmail.com.

Worship Next Sunday

January 21, 2024: Third Sunday after Epiphany

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

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

Preacher: Rev. Laura Sherwood
Scriptures: Psalm 62:5-12; Mark 1:14-20
Sermon Title: "Will You Come and Follow Me?"

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	\$192.00
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NEW GIVING OPPORTUNITY: PC (USA) Native American Church Property Fund — The Native American Church Property Fund assists with needed repairs of Native American churches and chapels in the Presbyterian Church, PC(USA). Repairing the infrastructure of Native American churches and chapels also supports the mission, ministry and presence of Native American congregations in the PC(USA). The need for funds to conduct urgent and immediate repairs and improvements, including health and safety repairs, will enable continued use of the facilities by congregations and the public who visit the churches. Currently, there are approximately ninety-five Native American PC(USA) congregations in the United States.

PLEASE GIVE TO COVER YOUR PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT — Each year every Presbyterian church is apportioned a share of the ecclesiastical expenses of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. These are the activities that make us Presbyterian. This apportionment is based on church membership. In 2024, this apportionment is \$36.50 per member. Any funds you designate for the apportionment will be used for this purpose and will free up our General Fund dollars to be used in supporting the vision, overall ministry and missions of our congregation. Please consider contributing your share of the Per Capita Apportionment. An Initial Offering Envelope for this purpose has been included with the 2024 weekly offering envelopes. If you do not receive envelopes, please use one of the Per Capita envelopes from the pew pockets in the Chapel and Sanctuary or donate online by selecting 'Per Capita' in the drop-down menu.

PADS (PUBLIC ACTION TO DELIVER SHELTER) — The First Pres PADS overnight shelter is open 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.

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!