# 9:00 AM WORSHIP

#### **WELCOME**

Adam Hendrickson

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

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All: What will be God's gift of revelation to us today?

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All: Celebrating these blessings to come, we bring our love to God.

**†**"YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH"

Matt Maher

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND HOPEFULNESS**

One: God of glory and righteousness, we confess that we do not live as citizens of your kin-dom. We give allegiance to earthly thrones. We ignore the neediest in our midst. We discount our own worth. We forsake the justice due your kin-dom. Take from us the spirit of isolation, greed, lust for power and false pride. Give us instead the spirit of interdependency, generosity, humility and love. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE	"When Jesus Wept"	Hymn 194
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**†**TIME OF GREETING

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

#### PSALM 22:23-31

MESSAGE

"Why Suffering?" Rev. Laura Sherwood Scripture: Mark 8:31-38

SONG

Leonard Cohen

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

"Hallelujah"

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

#### **SHARING OUR GIFTS**

"Up & Up" Berryman, Buckland, Champion, & Martin

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**†"I WILL FOLLOW"** 

Tomlin, Ingram, & Morgan

## **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Rev. Laura Sherwood

**♦** Please stand as you are able.

Compass: Amy Carroll, piano; Kevin Carroll, bass; Adam Hendrickson, guitar/ vocals; Nathaniel Montgomery, drums; Greg Schultz, saxophone; Todd Smith, percussion; Katie Walsh, vocals

# WELCOME, GUESTS!

## Thank you for worshiping 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 (a) First Pres. Past sermons are available at firstpresah.org/experience/sermons.

#### SOURCES FOR WORSHIP

All liturgies are from Call to Worship Year B, Presbyterian Publishing. Scriptures are from the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition (NRSVUE).

"May this Lent be a time when, like the earth, we take in the rain and the sunlight of God's love and awaken to our very depths." - from The Path of Life, by Ernest Ferlita, S.J.

# First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

# FEBRUARY 25, 2024 9:00 & 10:30 AM

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# 10:30 AM WORSHIP

## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE Albert L. Peace "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" Hart Morris Chancel Handbell Choir; Nick Pulikowski, director

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

WELCOME

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

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<b>†</b> Нумn 35	"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"	LOBE DEN HERREN
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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: Beloved in Christ, you are blessed by God to inherit the kin-dom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. By the power of the Holy Spirit, you are refashioned every day to live according to God's reign, in the freedom of Christ Jesus. Friends, know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

#### **PRESPONSE** (Hymn 727, vs. 2)

We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road. We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

## **†**TIME OF GREETING

## **COMMUNITY LIFE**

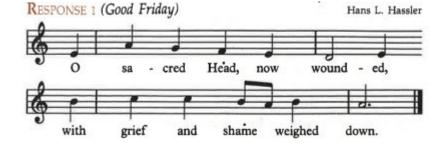
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# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**PSALTER** 

Psalm 22:23-31



One: You who fear the Lord, praise him!

- All: All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
- One: For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted;
- All: he did not hide his face from me but heard when I cried to him.
- One: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
- All: my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
- One: The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
- All: those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever! R
- One: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,
- All: and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.
- One: For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

"Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come unto thee. Hide not thy face from me in

Chancel Choir

- All: All who sleep in the earth shall bow down to the Lord.
- One: All who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.
- All: Posterity will serve him;
- One: future generations will be told about the Lord and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn.
- All: Surely the Lord has done it. **R**

ANTHEM "Hear My Prayer" Alexander Kopylof

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Flowers:

Kris Ford—In loving memory of my dad, Bob Engelbretsen, on his Leap Year birthday Lois Hartung—Remembering Don Listing of Worship Leaders: **Preaching:** Rev. Laura Sherwood Liturgist: (9:00 & 10:30 am) Rev. Barbara Gorsky 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

# **GIVING THANKS TO GOD**

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A RINGER'S PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

**OFFERTORY** "Come Follow Me" Joseph Martin "Take up thy cross and follow. Come, faithful seeker of the Light, my voice is calling in the night. Walk with me; I'll be your guide. Follow me. Come, weary pilgrim, take my hand. I'll lift you up and help you stand. All who seek the promised land, follow me, come follow me. All who hunger, all who suffer, all who sorrow, all who would be free, follow me. The path is steep, the road is long, but with my love I'll keep you strong; then my grace will lead you home. Come follow me. Come follow me, O faithful one, until the final race is won, until the great Amen is sung! Follow me, come follow me, until the great Amen is sung! I am the Way, the Truth, the Life. Follow me." Chancel Choir

Amen.

**†**HYMN 8

**†**CHARGE

the day when I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me; in the day when I call answer me speedily. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name. *Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him;* For he knoweth our frame, he remebereth we are dust."

Mark 8:31-38

SCRIPTURE READING

SERMON

(Pew Bible, p. 820) Rev. Laura Sherwood The Word of the Lord/Thanks be to God! "Why Suffering?" Rev. Laura Sherwood **†**HYMN 220 "Go to Dark Gethsemane" **REDHEAD 76** 

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

#### 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.

#### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

One: The ever-present power of your grace in our lives will never cease to amaze us! It lifts us from our doubts and worries, saves us from our despair. You see us as your beloved creation. We are in awe of your steadfast hope in the sacred purpose of our lives. May the Spirit of Christ inspire us to keep giving throughout this season of Lent. Amen.

## GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

338	"Standing on the Promises"	PROMISES
e & Benediction		Rev. Laura Sherwood
DE	"Toccata in D Major"	Paul Fey
nd as you are able.		

# **Prayer Requests**

#### Healing & Comfort

Mary Clarbour

Marilyn Giacoppi

Marylyn Jirsa

June Johnson

Sandy Naeher

Patty Richard

Shields

Peterson

Hebden

Mataloni

Jerry Shields — husband of Dianne

Tom Spaeth — friend of Steve Smith

Dale VanEck — friend of Corinne

Claire Walsh — cousin of Mary

Dave Williams — father of Cathy

Al & Karen Wilson

Pamela Wilson - daughter-in-law of

Roger Fick

#### First Pres Community

Mario Alberico Carole Anderson Don & Judy Ayers Wendy Blanck Virginia Blocki Dawn Bruce Laura Carlson Jean Castles

#### 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

#### Sympathy to

Steve and Lisa Olszewski & family, on the death of Lisa's father, Martin Sunwoo

#### 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

# **STAFF**

Interim Pastor / Head of Staff: Laura Sherwood

**Interim Associate Pastor:** Barbara Gorsky

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

# *Save the Date*

**About First Pres** 

**Business Administrator:** 

Administrative Assistant /

**Receptionist:** Carol Vega

**Facilities Coordinator:** 

Michele Holifield

Senior Administrative Assistant:

Facilities Director: Tony Scheurich

Nursery Coordinator: Beth Johnson

Director of First Pres PDO &

Preschool: Coleen Anzalone

Debbie Walter

Mary Fino

Today	New Member & Seekers Class
March 3	PDO Sunday—Registration for First Pres Members
March 6	Wednesday@Noon Recital
March 16	Service Saturday
March 17	First Pres Talent Show
March 27	Wednesday@Noon Recital
March 28	Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00 pm at Southminster
March 29	Good Friday Worship 7:00 pm at First Pres
March 30	Easter Egg Hunt
March 31	Easter Breakfast
March 31	Easter Sunday Worship 6:30, 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am

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

NEW MEMBER & SEEKERS CLASS — Today / 11:45 am / Boardroom — Our next new members class will take place today in the Boardroom. Contact Rev. Laura Sherwood at laurasherwood@firstpresah.org for more information or to join the class.

February 25 — Second Sunday in Lent 8:45 am - 11:15 pm — 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: The Perils of Ambition — 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 11:45 am New Member & Seekers Class — 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, Fellowship Hall



# Church Life

## February 25, 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.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WAS FEBRUARY 11 – YOUR **FEEDBACK IS WANTED** — For those of you who could not attend, please find time to watch the video, read the report packets and submit your feedback. (Response Forms and Report Packets are available in the literature racks; and also in "Church News" on our website.) There is a lot of information to ponder and assess but the journey has begun, and we will travel this road together. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Laura or Pastor Barbara. Forms are due by March 3.

LENT DEVOTIONALS — 2024 Lent Devotionals, Bless the Lent We Actually *Have* by Kate Bowler, are now available. Printed booklets can be found in the literature racks. An interactive PDF is available for download on our website.

# **Upcoming Events**

Family FAMILY NIGHT PROGRAMMING - Wednesdays / 6:00-8:00 pm / September through May — Come and share dinner NGH 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 CLASS — Wednesdays, through March 20 / 7:00 pm / Chapel / Myth, Ritual and Symbol / Dr. Turk — In these lectures, a selection of motifs and ideas from around the world are presented to introduce the audience to the importance of stories about meaning and purpose that we construct about ourselves and that define us as human beings and describe our relationship to the rest of the world. Lecture 2: Creation, Lecture 3: The Flood, Lecture 4: The Trickster, Lecture 5: The Hero

INTERNATIONAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER — Friday, March 1 / 9:30 am / Parlor (If large in number, we'll move to the Sanctuary) — The Presbyterian Women and Stone Catchers invite all who would like to participate in The International World Day of Prayer. We will be led by a brief liturgy prepared by The Palestinian Women's World Day of Prayer Committee, which is one of some 70 national committees. Together we will lift up in prayer the millions of God's children who are suffering in both Israel and Palestine.

WEDNESDAY@NOON RECITAL — Wednesday, March 6 / 12:10 pm / Sanctuary — Join us for a lunchtime recital featuring Samantha Bittle, harp.

SERVICE SATURDAY — Saturday, March 16 / 9:00-11:00 am / Bernie's Book Bank — Join the Mission Committee for a morning of sorting, packing and stickering books at Bernie's Book Bank. We will gather at Bernie's Book Bank, located at 917 North Shore Dr., Lake Bluff. This event is open to anyone aged 5 and up. Space is limited. To sign up, use the link in Weekly Highlights or contact Kim Hogan at k\_hogan2003@yahoo.com.

FIRST PRES TALENT SHOW - Sunday, March 17 / 4:00 pm / Sanctuary - Please consider sharing your talent with the members of First Pres. If you sing, play an instrument, tell a good story, juggle, or even tell a good joke we have a spot for you! There are four categories of performers: • K-5th grade • 6th-12th grade • adults (non-retired) • adults (retired) For vocalists or instrumentalists, we are happy to provide keyboard accompaniment. Contact Adam Hendrickson for information or to sign-up. For **non-performers**, make sure you come out and clap your hands for the many talented members of First Pres and the broader community.

FIRST PRES PDO & PRESCHOOL - At First Pres PDO & Preschool, we believe children learn best when exposed to age-appropriate educational and play-based activities. Early education is an opportunity to nurture children's creativity, offer enrichment and exploration. This year, Registration Sunday is March 3 for First Pres members. All registration takes place online. We serve children ages 6 months - 6 years, by September 1. Please email PDO Director, Coleen Anzalone, at coleenanzalone@firstpresah.org, for tours and questions.

# Serving, Giving, and Growing

PW BLANKET DRIVE SPECIAL OFFERING — Final Days to Donate — 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 dropdown menu. For questions, contact Lois Meisterheim at mlmeisterheim@gmail.com.

COFFEE: GROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION & SERVICE — Sundays, through April 7 (No Class March 31) / 10:30 am / Room 110 / The Grace of Les Misérables — In this study, The Grace of Les Misérables, author and pastor Matt Rawle dives into six ideals found in the story-grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love and hope-each represented by a character in Hugo's story. As these imperfect and relatable characters interact, we can see how these ideals work together (perhaps even in spite of each other) out in the world. In keeping with his previous works, Matt Rawle brings us to the intersection of Church and Pop Culture by drawing parallels between the iconic story and musical and our Christian calling, inspiring us to both understand our faith and live it out in the world.

SUNDAY EDUCATION FOR ADULTS — Sundays through March 3 / Friday Viewings: Parlor – 7:00 pm; Sunday Class: Boardroom – 9:00 am / David Hogan / The Perils of Ambition: When Self-Interest Becomes Destructive — The First Pres Film & Discussion Series returns with a lively three-film, three-week program of screenings and discussions, exploring the hazards of unchecked ambition. With stories set in the worlds of tabloid journalism, cutthroat Hollywood and the early days of the fast-food industry, the program will be as thought-provoking as it is entertaining. Scheduled films: The Oscar (1966) Today - 9:00 am

The Founder (2017) March 1 - 7:00 pm & March 3 - 9:00 am

EASTER FLOWERS — Help transform the church into a beautiful display of lilies, tulips and other colorful plants as we prepare to celebrate Easter. Presbyterian Women will be accepting donations (suggested \$40) Sundays, through March 3, to support the purchase of these plants. You may dedicate your donation and if you wish, you may take a plant with you after the last service on Easter. Please contact Sue Henderson at 847-804-1682 with questions.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS) - Throughout the season of Lent, we receive the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering. Your contributions support efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Visit the Mission Committee's information table in the lobby during Lent for more information. You can give to OGHS through filling a fish bank, through envelopes in the pews or making an online donation.

CELEBRATE MR. ROGER'S DAY — Wednesday, March 20 at Family Night — The PC(USA) celebrates Mr. Roger's Day each year on Fred Roger's birthday. This year, First Pres will celebrate the day at Family Night. Invitations for you to invite a neighbor, friend, family member or any other helper will be available on Sunday mornings in the lobby or at Family Night. There will be special activities at Family Night including a small community build. Invite a neighbor, wear a cardigan and join in the fun on March 20.

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

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

*Preacher:* Scriptures: Sermon Title:

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\*

NEW ONLINE GIVING PORTAL DELAYED — 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. These are fees that could be going to the mission and ministry of First Pres. More information will be coming as soon as it is available. If you have any questions, contact business administrator, Debbie Walter, at debbiewalter@firstpresah.org.

PLEASE GIVE TO COVER YOUR PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT — 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.

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.

**ONGOING FOOD COLLECTION** — Donations of nonperishable food items benefit many families and individuals who are clients of several local organizations that we support. Food has been shared through our PADS ministry with those who are homeless; provided to clients of FamilyForward; and collected for families served by Christopher House and Firman House, both in Chicago. The next time you are at the grocery store, why not pick up a few healthy nonperishable items to donate? Thank you for your past and continued support!

# Worship Next Sunday

#### March 3, 2024: Third Sunday in Lent

Laura Sherwood Psalm 19; John 2:13-22 "Upside-down Law"

\$860.00

\*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.