

Prayer Requests

Healing & Comfort

First Pres Community

Mario Alberico	Jean Castles
Carole Anderson	Mary Clarbour
Don & Judy Ayers	Roger Fick
Wendy Blanck	Marilyn Giacoppi
Virginia Blocki	Marylyn Jirsa
Dawn Bruce	Patty Richard
Laura Carlson	

Friends & Family

Blair Damian — brother of Jane Treppa	Phil Perillo — brother of Kristie Cerniglia
Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kiepora	Jerry Shields — husband of Dianne Shields
Mary Lou Gorsky — sister-in-law of Rev. Barbara Gorsky	Tom Spaeth — friend of Steve Smith
Don Gross — father of Suzanne Kowalski	Dale VanEck — friend of Corinne Peterson
Donna Hames — friend of Mary Halatek	Claire Walsh — cousin of Mary Hebden
Desa Peric — great-granddaughter of Steve Smith	Pamela Wilson — daughter-in-law of Al & Karen Wilson

Sympathy to

Dawn Bruce and family, on the death of her sister, Viancia Jones
Cathy Mataloni and family, on the death of her father, Dave Williams
Gale Myers, on the death of his wife, Joyce Myers

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

About First Pres

STAFF

Interim Pastor / Head of Staff: Laura Sherwood	Business Administrator: Debbie Walter
Interim Associate Pastor: Barbara Gorsky	Senior Administrative Assistant: Mary Fino
Director of Children's & Youth Ministries: Rebekah Anderson	Administrative Assistant / Receptionist: Carol Vega
Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson	Facilities Director: Tony Scheurich
Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban	Facilities Coordinator: Michele Holifield
Worship Technicians: Amy Senior, Jonah White	Director of First Pres PDO & Preschool: Coleen Anzalone
	Nursery Coordinator: Beth Johnson

Save the Date

March 27	Wednesdays@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 Sunday Worship 6:30, 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am
April 1	Office Closed

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 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

March 24, 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 to those around you.

THE ALL-CHURCH MISSION STUDY! — *Through April 11* — We invite everyone to participate in each of the three Conversation Sessions being offered as in-person conversation groups at Church (and alternate locations by request). Each session is also available as an at-home version online. The **total time commitment for all three sessions will be 3-4½ hours**. Your reflections will help us get a good understanding of the Church's history and heritage, passions for ministry and mission, and visions for the future and your next pastoral leadership. Please visit the Church's website for the schedule of sessions and links to at-home versions of Session 1 and Session 2 (Session 3 coming soon!). If you have any questions, please contact Pastors Laura Sherwood at laurasherwood@firstpresah.org and Barbara Gorsky at barbaragorsky@firstpresah.org.



EASTER EGG HUNT — *Saturday, March 30 / 10:00 am / Fellowship Hall, Gym, CE Wing / Register through March 29* — Children's & Youth Ministries is sponsoring an all-ages Easter Egg Hunt. We'll separate the children by age group and each will have their own area to hunt. A light breakfast will follow. Join us for fun and fellowship. Contact Rebekah Anderson at rebekahanderson@firstpresah.org with questions.

CANDIDATING SUNDAY FOR THE REV. REBEKAH ANDERSON AND CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — *Sunday, April 14* — The Session has called a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 14, following the 10:30 am worship service. The Rev. Rebekah Anderson will be Candidating for the pastoral position of Associate Pastor for Children, Youth and Families. After preaching at both the 9:00 and 10:30 am worship services, the congregation will meet to vote to accept her call as Associate Pastor for Children, Youth and Families, and to approve her Terms of Call which will be presented during the meeting. A light reception will follow in the Parlor. We hope everyone will come for this joyous event and important meeting of the congregation!

March 24 — Palm Sunday

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
10:00 am Adult Choir Rehearsal — Choir Auditorium
10:00 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex
10:15 am Gathering for Procession of Palms — Narthex
10:30 am **Worship** — Sanctuary
10:30 am Coffee: Grounds for Discussion & Service — Room 110
10:40 am All-Ages Sunday School — Fellowship Hall
11:30 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex
5:45 pm HSYG Dinner — Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm HSYG — HS Lounge, Gym, Fellowship Hall



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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.

FAMILY NIGHT PROGRAMMING NOTE — *Family Night dinner, children’s and youth programming will be on Spring Break Wednesday, March 27. Join us again on Wednesday, April 3, when full programming returns with dinner beginning at 6:00 pm.*

COMING SOON NEW ENGAGE & ENCOUNTER CLASS — *Wednesdays, April 3 - May 1 / 7:00-8:00 pm / Chapel / Mahler 2, “Resurrection” Symphony / Adam Hendrickson* — Gustav Mahler is one of the greatest and most prophetic composers of all time, having lived and composed during the incredible transition from the 19th to the 20th century. Join First Pres Music Director, Adam Hendrickson, for an in-depth discussion and analysis of one of his most celebrated works.

CHILDREN’S SPRING MUSICAL REHEARSAL — *Wednesday evenings, April 3 - May 1 / 7:00-8:00 pm / Sanctuary* — Presenting *For Goodness’ Sake* with words and music by Cynthia Wright. Come for dinner from 6:00-7:00 pm and then join us for an hour of musical rehearsal and creative activities! Children can opt into the “cast” for singing and acting roles or the “crew” for set design and art projects. Spring musical programming will take the place of Kids Connect during these five weeks. Children will perform their musical in worship on Sunday, May 5, at the 10:30 am service. For more info, contact Nick Pulikowski at nickpulikowski@firstpresah.org.

HELP US FLOWER THE CROSS — *Sunday, March 31* — On Easter Sunday, please bring cut flowers to help decorate the Easter cross in front of the Sanctuary doors on Dunton Avenue. Flowers are a symbol and a reminder of the power of resurrection and rebirth.

EASTER COMMUNITY SUNRISE WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP — *Sunday, March 31 / 6:30 am worship at North School Park / 7:00 am Donuts and Coffee at St. John UCC (next to North School Park)* — First Pres is partnering with Southminster Pres and St. John UCC for this year’s Easter Sunrise service. Gather with us in North School Park at 6:30 am. Coffee and donuts will be provided at St. John across the street. All are welcome!

PATHWAYS (MID-30S-LATE 40S) GOLF FACTORY OUTING — *Friday, April 5 / 6:00-8:00 pm / Golf Factory in Mt. Prospect* — Pathways is having an event with food and drinks to be ordered at Golf Factory in Mt. Prospect. This is an adult only event. It’s \$65 per hour for the bay divided up by how many people can attend. For more information, contact Laura Grochocki at lgrochocki@paylocity.com.

SAVVY SENIORS (69+) OUTING — *Friday, April 12 / 5:00-7:00 pm / Arlington Ale House* — Savvy Seniors is hosting a game night at Arlington Ale House. If you have a favorite game you would like to play, please bring them along! Drinks available for purchase. Please bring an appetizer to share if your name starts with A-P or a dessert if your name starts with Q-Z. RSVP to Lori Chandler at chandlori@gmail.com.

Serving, Giving, and Growing

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.

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 for more information. You can give to OGHS through filling a fish bank, through envelopes in the pews or making an online donation.

JOIN THE REVENUE WORKING GROUP — We are looking for creative or entrepreneurial minds or those with experience in event planning to join a Revenue Working Group. The goal of the work group would be to discuss revenue potential of the Church, including potential events or fundraisers, and review notes from recent brainstorming sessions. The proceeds could be used to support the General Fund or a special mission as recommended by the group to Session. Please contact Garrett Childs at garrett_childs@hotmail.com if you are interested in joining the group. Let’s raise some money!

HOLY WEEK & EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 27: *Wednesdays@Noon: 12:10 pm in the Sanctuary*
Join us for a lunchtime recital featuring Chuck Beech, piano and Christopher Urban, organ.

Holy Week Services—*Partnering with Southminster Presbyterian Church*
This year our pastors and music ministries are working together for our Holy Week services.

March 28: *Maundy Thursday Worship: 7:00 pm at Southminster Pres*
A service that commemorates the Last Supper with Communion and music by the Praise Bands of Southminster and First Pres.

March 29: *Good Friday Service of Darkness: 7:00 pm / Sanctuary*
A Tenebrae service shaped by the Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross. Reflections, readings and prayers. Music selections by the combined choirs of First Pres and Southminster Pres.

March 31: *Easter Sunday*
6:30 am — Community Sunrise Service (First Pres, Southminster Pres and St. John UCC) in North School Park (in the event of inclement weather, worship will be at St. John UCC)
7:00 am — Donuts & Coffee Fellowship at St. John UCC
8:00 am — Modern Worship in the Chapel
9:30 & 11:00 am — Traditional Worship with Chancel Choir and First Pres Brass in the Sanctuary

**Childcare will be available for 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am on Easter Sunday.*

EASTER HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE — The office will be closed, Monday, April 1. Regular office hours of 8:30 am - 4:30 pm will resume on Tuesday, April 2.

Worship Next Sunday

March 31, 2024: Resurrection of the Lord / Easter Day

6:30 am — Sunrise Worship at North School Park (*in the event of inclement weather, service will be at St. John UCC*)

8:00 am — Modern Worship (Chapel)
Music: Compass Praise Band

9:30 & 11:00 am — Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
Music: Chancel Choir and First Pres Brass

Preacher: Rev. Laura Sherwood
Scriptures: Acts 10:34-43; Mark 16:1-8
Sermon Title: “Speechless”

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*	\$1,533.00
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*GIVING OPPORTUNITY: PC (U SA) N ative A m erican C hurch P roperty F und — 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.

JOIN THE FIRST PRES GOLF LEAGUE — The First Pres Golf League is organizing teams for the 2024 season at Palatine Hills Golf Course. During May through August, we will have Tuesday evening tee-times for 9-hole rounds. Whether you are already a great golfer or just learning how to play, you are welcome to join the league. We also need substitutes! For additional information, please contact Arlene Bullerman at 847-670-0319 or abullerman@earthlink.net.

NEW ONLINE GIVING PORTAL UPDATE! — The new online giving portal allowing members to cover the processing fee for online credit card giving is coming soon. The updated online giving link will be available on Wednesday, April 3. Your generous support is vital to our ministry, and we appreciate your patience through this transition. More information will be coming soon. If you have any questions, contact business administrator, Debbie Walter, at debbiewalter@firstpresah.org.

PADS (PUBLIC ACTION TO DELIVER SHELTER) HELP NEEDED! — The First Pres PADS overnight shelter is in need of volunteers! Each Tuesday 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.