

WELCOME	Adam Hendrickson
✦ CALL TO WORSHIP	
One: Let us join our voices with the saints whose lives inspire.	
All: We are here today, aspiring to claim the life of faith with courage.	
One: We are ready to worship and give thanks for whose we are.	
All: In our worship, we share God’s message with the world.	
✦ “RISING”	Redman & Baloché
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
✦ TIME OF GREETING	
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along to those around you.	
PSALM 119:9-16	
MESSAGE	“Lifted Up” Rev. Barbara Gorsky Scripture: John 12:20-33
SONG	“Where the Streets Have No Name” Clayton, Evans, Hewson, and Mullen Jr.
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER	
SHARING OUR GIFTS	
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING	
✦ “HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW”	Martin & Gabriel
✦ 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; Nate Montgomery, drums; Greg Schultz, saxophone; 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**  
All liturgies are from *Call to Worship Year B*, Presbyterian Publishing. Scriptures are from the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition (NRSVUE).

First Presbyterian Church  
of Arlington Heights

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



“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.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY  
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 17, 2024  
9:00 & 10:30 AM

Choose bve .Be the light.Change the w orld .

10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PRELUDE “Let There Be Peace on Earth” arr. Arnold Sherman  
Youth Handbell Choir  
The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation for the worship of Almighty God.

WELCOME Rev. Barbara Gorsky

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✠HYMN 459 “O Word of God Incarnate” MUNICH

CALL TO CONFESSION

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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.

✠RESPONSE (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 119:9-16  
RESPONSE 3 (General) Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith

Thy word is a lamp un - to my feet

and a light un - to my path.

One: How can young people keep their way pure?  
By guarding it according to your word.  
All: With my whole heart I seek you;  
do not let me stray from your commandments.  
One: I treasure your word in my heart,  
so that I may not sin against you.  
All: Blessed are you, O LORD;  
teach me your statutes. R

One: With my lips I declare  
all the ordinances of your mouth.  
All: I delight in the way of your decrees  
as much as in all riches.  
One: I will meditate on your precepts  
and fix my eyes on your ways.  
All: I will delight in your statutes;  
I will not forget your word. R

ANTHEM “How Sweet Are Your Words, O Lord” Eugene Butler  
“How sweet are your words, O Lord, sweeter than honey to my taste. Through your precepts I gain understanding; you are my shield and hiding place; your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light to my path. Your testimonies are wonderful; with open mouth I rejoice, because I long for your commandments.”  
Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 12:20-33  
(Pew Bible, p. 875) Rev. Barbara Gorsky  
The Word of the Lord/Thanks be to God!

SERMON “Lifted Up” Rev. Barbara Gorsky

✠HYMN 250 “In the Bulb There Is a Flower” PROMISE

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 “Wondrous Love” Douglas Wagner  
“What wondrous love is this, O my soul; O my soul; What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul; to bear the dreadful curse for my soul. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul; What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of life to lay aside His crown for my soul, for my soul; To lay aside His crown for my soul. And through my earth bound days, I’ll sing praise, I’ll sing praise; And through my earth bound days I’ll sing praise; To God the Lamb I’ll sing and Him my praises bring; Whose death bought precious life for my soul, for my soul; Whose death bought precious life for my soul. O wondrous love!”  
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: As the ministry of Jesus began after a season of prayer, so does ours.  
We give thanks for the promise that you will be with us as we continue to spread the gospel to the world. May your will be done through us, on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

GOING FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

✠HYMN 826 “Lift High the Cross” CRUCIFER

✠CHARGE & BENEDICTION Rev. Barbara Gorsky

POSTLUDE “Choral” Joseph Jongen  
✠Please stand as you are able.

Flower: Jan Niemeyer—In celebration of children and families of every generation  
Listing of Worship Leaders:  
Preaching: 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



# 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

Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kiepura	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	Dave Williams — father of Cathy Mataloni
Phil Perillo — brother of Kristie Cerniglia	Pamela Wilson — daughter-in-law of Al & Karen Wilson
Jerry Shields — husband of Dianne Shields	

### Sympathy to

Dawn Bruce and family, on the death of her sister, Viancia Jones  
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

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

## Save the Date

Today	All-Church Mission Study Session 2
Today	First Pres Talent Show
March 21	All-Church Mission Study Session 2
March 24	All-Church Mission Study Session 2
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 Sunrise 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 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 17, 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 HAS BEGUN! — *Through April 11*** — We invite everyone to participate in each of the three Conversation Sessions being offered at Church (and alternate locations such as The Moorings and Lutheran Home). 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 website, [www.firstpresah.org](http://www.firstpresah.org), or see the signs posted around the building for the schedule of sessions. If you have any questions, please contact Pastors Laura Sherwood at [laurasherwood@firstpresah.org](mailto:laurasherwood@firstpresah.org) and Barbara Gorsky at [barbaragorsky@firstpresah.org](mailto:barbaragorsky@firstpresah.org).

**YOUTH HANDBELL CHOIR IN WORSHIP — *Today / 10:30 am / Sanctuary*** — The Youth Handbell Choir are excited to share their gift of music and talent in worship.

**FIRST PRES TALENT SHOW — *Today / 4:00 pm / Sanctuary*** — Make sure you come out and clap your hands for the many talented members of First Pres and the broader community. There are four categories of performers:  
• K-5th grade • 6th-12th grade • adults (non-retired) • adults (retired)

**March 17 — Fifth 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 Mission Study Conversation Session 2 — Fellowship Hall  
10:00 am Adult Choir Rehearsal — Choir Auditorium  
10:00 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex  
10:30 am **Worship** — Sanctuary  
10:30 am Mission Study Conversations Session 2 — Fellowship Hall  
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  
2:30 pm Talent Show Rehearsal — Sanctuary  
4:00 pm Community Talent Show — Sanctuary  
5:00 pm Youth Handbell Choir Rehearsal — Bell Choir Room  
5:45 pm Youth Handbell Choir/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.

- 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.

**CELEBRATE MR. ROGERS DAY** — *Wednesday, March 20 at Family Night* — The PC(USA) celebrates Mr. Rogers Day each year on Fred Rogers’ 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.



**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, March 19 / 7:00 pm / Home of Jo Christian*  
*Circles 1, 2, 3: Wednesday, March 20 / 9:30 am / Parlor*



**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.

**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. Johns 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 at the amphitheater in North School Park at 6:30 am. Coffee and donuts will be provided at St. Johns across the street. All are welcome!

**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.

# 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. 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.

**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.

**CHILDREN’S SPRING MUSICAL** — *Wednesday evenings, April 3 - May 1 / 7:00-8:00 pm / Sanctuary* — 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.

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Holy Week Services—Partnering with Southminster Presbyterian Church**

This year our pastors and music ministries are working together for our Holy Week services.

**March 27: Wednesdays@Noon: 12:10 pm in the Sanctuary**

Join us for a lunchtime recital featuring Chuck Beech, piano and Christopher Urban, organ.

**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 Worship in North School Park (in the event of inclement weather, worship will be 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 Palm Sunday and 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am on Easter Sunday.*

# Worship Next Sunday

**March 24, 2024: Palm Sunday**

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

**10:30 am — Worship** (Sanctuary)  
*Music:* Chancel Choir and Children’s Choir

*Preacher:* Rev. Laura Sherwood  
*Scriptures:* Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Mark 11:1-11  
*Sermon Title:* “Where Do the Palms Lead?”

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*	\$1,457.00
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**\*GIVING OPPORTUNITY: PC (U SA ) N ative Am erican C hurch 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.

**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 ON THE WAY!** — 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 debbiewriter@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) 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.