



8:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME

Adam Hendrickson

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

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All: **"We have seen the Lord!"**

One: Easter people, Christ is risen!

All: **Christ is risen indeed!**

✦ **"DID YOU FEEL THE MOUNTAINS TREMBLE"**

Martin Smith

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND HOPEFULNESS

Rev. Laura Sherwood

O God, you raised Christ from the tomb and shattered the powers of sin and evil. Raise us from any tombs that may hold us, O Lord, and bring us to new life in you. You bring us good news of Easter joy. Forgive us when we cannot hear it. You send us out to share your love. Forgive us when we cannot carry it. You cast a vision for peace and justice. Forgive us when we cannot imagine it. Forgive us when we stand in its way. For you are the God of the empty tomb, the one who makes all things new.

✦ **SUNG RESPONSE**

"Amen"

HYMN 600

✦ **TIME OF GREETING**

Adam Hendrickson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

MESSAGE

"The Never-ending Story"
Scripture: Mark 16:1-8

Rev. Laura Sherwood

SONG

"Glorious Day" *Ingram, Smith, Stanfill, & Curran*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: **hear our prayer.**

SHARING OUR GIFTS (Use the QR code on the back page to give now.)

"Miracles (Someone Special)"

Berryman, Buckland, Champion, Martin & Anderson

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Laura Sherwood

✦ **"MIGHTY TO SAVE"**

Fielding & Morgan

✦ **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Rev. Laura Sherwood

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Compass: Adam Hendrickson, guitar/vocals; Nate Montgomery, drums; Greg Schultz, saxophone; Todd Smith, trombone/percussion; Katie Walsh, vocals/piano

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. Please scan the QR code to visit our website for more information.



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).

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP ACTIVITY BAGS

Activity bags for children are available at the Sanctuary entrance.

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

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SOURCES FOR WORSHIP

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



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First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

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



"Darkness must pass. A new day will come.
And when the sun shines,
it will shine out the clearer."
— JRR Tolkien

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY RESURRECTION OF THE LORD EASTER SUNDAY

**MARCH 31, 2024
8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM**

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9:30 & 11:00 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "The Great Gate of Kiev" *Modest Mussorgsky*
from Pictures at an Exhibition
First Pres Brass and Organ

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

WELCOME Rev. Laura Sherwood

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✠ HYMN 248 "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" HYMN TO JOY

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Barbara Gorsky

PRAYER OF 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: Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. (Acts 2:17, 21) In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
All: Thanks be to God!

✠ ACT OF PRAISE (Hymn 587) Celtic Alleluia

**Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

✠ TIME OF GREETING Rev. Rebekah Anderson

COMMUNITY LIFE Rev. Barbara Gorsky

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Rev. Barbara Gorsky

PSALTER Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

RESPONSE 2 (Easter & General) Ps. 118:24
Richard Proulx

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us re-joyce, let us re-joyce, let us re-joyce and be glad.

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.
All: Let Israel say: "His love endures forever." R

One: The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.
All: Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:

One: "The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!

The Lord's right hand is lifted high;

All: the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!"
One: I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

**All: The Lord has chastened me severely,
but he has not given me over to death.**

One: Open for me the gates of the righteous;
I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

**All: This is the gate of the Lord
through which the righteous may enter. R**

One: I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.

All: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

One: the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

**All: This is the day which the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it. R**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Mark 16:1-8

(Pew Bible, p. 829) Rev. Rebekah Anderson
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "The Stone Is Rolled Away" *Don Besig*

"The stone is rolled away!"

Hallelujah, let the whole world know that the stone is rolled away!

Go tell Peter and go tell Paul that the stone is rolled away.

He has risen to save us all, so rejoice this Easter day!

Go tell Mary and Martha, too, that the stone is rolled away.

He has risen for me and you so rejoice this Easter day!"

Chancel Choir

SERMON "The Never-ending Story" Rev. Laura Sherwood

✠ HYMN 231 "Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers" SUO GAN

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Rebekah Anderson

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 (Use the QR code on the back page to give now.)

OFFERTORY "Sanctus" *Charles Gounod*

*"Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth, Heaven and earth
show Thy glory, Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory, full of the majesty of Thy glory,
Heaven and earth show Thy glory, Glory and power be Thine for ever, Holy, Holy, God
of Sabaoth, Glory be to Thy name. Hosanna in the highest! Amen."*

Chancel Choir; Nick Pulikowski, tenor; First Pres Brass

✠ DOXOLOGY (Hymn 609)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high
and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator,
Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

✠ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Psalm 22:25-31) Rev. Barbara Gorsky

One: Eternal God, take and use these gifts for your purpose in the world—
giving food to the hungry, hope to the despairing, and new life to the
dead. Teach us to live each day for you, so that future generations will
know your goodness and praise your glory; in the name of Christ our
Lord.

All: Amen.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

✠ HYMN 238 "Thine Is the Glory" JUDAS MACCABEUS

✠ CHARGE & BENEDICTION Rev. Laura Sherwood

POSTLUDE "Finale" *Gustav Mahler*

from Resurrection Symphony
First Pres Brass and Organ

✠ Please stand as you are able.

Listing of Worship Leaders:

Preaching: Rev. Laura Sherwood

Liturgists: (8:00 am) Rev. Barbara Gorsky

(9:30 & 11:00 am) Revs. Barbara Gorsky & Rebekah Anderson

Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson

Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban

First Pres Brass: Patrick Pedlar & Tanner Robison, trumpet; Joan Morrone,
horn, Todd Smith, trombone; Chrisjovan Masso, tuba

Praise Band: Compass (8:00 am service)

Tech Support and Livestream: Amy Senior and Jonah White

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
 Roger Fick
 Marilyn Giacoppi
 Marylyn Jirsa
 Patty Richard

Friends & Family

Blair Damian — brother of Jane Treppa
 Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kiepora
 Mary Lou Gorsky — sister-in-law of Rev. Barbara Gorsky
 Don Gross — father of Suzanne Kowalski
 Donna Hames — friend of Mary Halatek
 Desa Peric — great-granddaughter of Steve Smith

Phil Perillo — brother of Kristie Cerniglia
 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

Cathy Mataloni and family, on the death of her father, Dave Williams

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

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

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 Amy Senior, Jonah White

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 Debbie Walter

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Administrative Assistant / Receptionist: Carol Vega

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Facilities Coordinator:
 Michele Holifield

Director of First Pres PDO & Preschool: Coleen Anzalone

Nursery Coordinator: Beth Johnson

Save the Date

Today	Easter Sunday Worship 6:30, 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am
April 1	Office Closed
April 7	Mission Study Sessions (9:00 & 10:30 am)
April 11	Mission Study Sessions (9:30 am, 3:00 & 7:00 pm)
April 14	Candidating Sunday
April 21	Concert Series: Elijah
April 28	Confirmation Sunday

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.

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Church Life

March 31, 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.

EASTER HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE — The office will be closed, Monday, April 1. Regular office hours of 8:30 am - 4:30 pm (Monday-Thursday) and 8:30 am - 12:30 pm (Friday) will resume on Tuesday, April 2.

HOLY HUMOR & JOY-IN-THE-LORD SUNDAY — *Sunday, April 7* — On the Sunday after Easter, also known as "Bright Sunday," we will take part in an old church tradition that celebrates the joy of our faith in a risen Christ. Our services this day will include a fun message with a joke or two and light-hearted liturgy along with music and prayers that help us to truly lift our hearts together toward the God who raised Jesus from the dead and let joy reign again on the earth and in our lives.

ALL-CHURCH MISSION STUDY: IN-PERSON AND AT-HOME SESSIONS — YOUR CHOICE! — *Through April 11 (At-home versions available through April 21)* — 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. **Total time commitment for all three sessions is 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 website for the schedule of sessions and links to at-home versions of Sessions 1-3. If you have any questions, contact Pastors Laura Sherwood or Barbara Gorsky.

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 31—Resurrection of the Lord / Easter Day

6:30 am Community Sunrise Service — North School Park
 7:00 am — Donuts & Coffee Fellowship — St. John UCC
 7:45 am – 12:15 pm — Child care (infants – 4 years) — Room 205/207 (Blue Room), Main Floor Christian Education (CE) Wing
 8:00 am **Worship** — Chapel
 8:30 am Brass Rehearsal — Sanctuary
 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
 9:30 am **Worship** — Sanctuary
 11:00 am **Worship** — Sanctuary

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

7:00-8:00 pm: Classes and programs, including:

- ENGAGE & ENCOUNTER adult Christian education
- Children's Musical Rehearsal
- Middle School Youth Group (grades 5-8)

NEW ENGAGE & ENCOUNTER CLASS — *Wednesdays, April 17 - 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.

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.

CHALICE HOUSE WORK DAY — *Saturday, April 13 / 1:00-4:00 pm* — Chalice House has scheduled a work day to get the house ready for a new family, which they anticipate welcoming by May 1. If you are interested in helping with the work day or volunteering in any other way, please email chalicehouse@ccuu.org.

REPAIRING THE WORLD, STORIES FROM THE TREE OF LIFE: MOVIE AND DISCUSSION — *Sunday, April 14 / 2:00-4:00 pm / St John United Church of Christ* — First Pres Mission Committee encourages your attendance for this powerful film and discussion with Cook County Commission, Scott Britton. Registration is required by using the link in Weekly Highlights or emailing Pastor Barbara Gorsky at barbaragorsky@firstpresah.org.

Serving, Giving, and Growing

COFFEE: GROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION & SERVICE — **NO CLASS, TODAY, MARCH 31** — *Sundays, through April 7 / 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) *Final Day to Give* — 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.

THE COMMUNITY LIFE AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP! — We develop activities, events and opportunities to bind our church members together as a family. We also provide input and support to our pastoral staff as they develop adult education opportunities to help our congregants grow in their faith. **We are looking for additional committee members** to help us diversify our programing and provide support when needed. We meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at church. Our major work is done in the spring so that all of our programing is set for the fall. If you would like to serve in this capacity, please contact Rev. Laura Sherwood at laurasherwood@firstpresah.org or Lori Chandler at chandlori@gmail.com.

HEARTS OF COMPASSION NEEDED! — The Deacons are looking for individuals who have a heart for reaching out to those who experience isolation and loneliness. If you get energy from visiting people, connecting with those who are not able to come to church, we NEED YOU! Please contact Deacon Bill Hellyer at mbillhellyer@gmail.com or Rev. Barbara Gorsky at barbaragorsky@firstpresah.org.

WELCOMING & HOSPITALITY TEAM — Do you like to bake cookies? Do you have a heart for welcoming strangers? We are in the process of forming a new "Welcoming & Hospitality Team" to provide receptions for our various programs and events, as well as having a welcoming presence to anyone who comes through our doors. The goal is to have a team of 10-15 people so each person will not be burdened with too much work. Interested? Contact Rev. Barbara Gorsky at barbaragorsky@firstpresah.org.

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!

CHIMES DEADLINE — *Tuesday, April 16* — The deadline for the next issue of *The Chimes* is Tuesday, April 16. Please submit articles to Chris Urban at chrisurban@firstpresah.org.

Worship Next Sunday

April 7, 2024: Second Sunday of Easter

9:00 am — Modern Worship (Chapel)

Music: Compass Praise Band

10:30 am — Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

Music: Chancel Choir and Chancel Handbell Choir

Preacher: Rev. Laura Sherwood

Scriptures: Psalm 100; John 16:16-24

Sermon Title: "Are Presbyterians Allowed to Laugh?"

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*	\$1,637.00
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***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.

Our new giving opportunity begins next week and will support The Wednesday Market!

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.