



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME

Adam Hendrickson

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are called to share God's love with the world.

All: **We are the salt of the earth.**

One: We are called to remember that God gives us new life.

All: **We are the light of the world.**

One: We are called to follow the commandments and the law: to love one another.

All: **Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world. Come, let us show God's love to one another. Let us worship God.**

†“STAND IN YOUR LOVE”

Hulse, Baldwin, Harris, & Springer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND HOPEFULNESS

God, it is difficult to truly love the people around us, to care as deeply for their well-being as for our own, and to delight in their good fortune without feeling envious. Often we put our desires ahead of the needs of others and hoard our resources rather than sharing them freely. We rationalize harmful behaviors and make excuses for hurtful words and actions. Forgive us. Teach us to live with generosity and compassion and to love one another wholeheartedly. Turn us away from what is wrong and move us toward what is right. Allow your spirit to transform our hearts so our lives can reflect your love. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

†SUNG RESPONSE

“Amen”

HYMN 600

†TIME OF GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

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SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:14-16

MESSAGE

“Zooming Out”

Rev. Rebekah Anderson

Romans 12:3-17

SONG

“Head Full of Doubt/Road Full of Promise”

Arett, Arett, & Crawford

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

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

“Ghosts That We Knew”

Mumford, Dawne, Lovett, & Marshall

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†“PUT A LITTLE LOVE IN YOUR HEART”

DeShannon, Holiday, & Myers

†CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Rev. Rebekah Anderson

†Please stand as you are able.

Compass: Amy Carroll, piano; Kevin Carroll, bass; Adam Hendrickson, guitar/vocals; Nate Montgomery, drums; Greg Schultz, saxophone; Todd Smith, trombone; Sam Sturgeon, trombone; Andy Sturgeon, trombone; 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. 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

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 Updated Edition (NRSVUE).



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“If God is love, and love is an action, you've only got to get out there and do it. Become part of a community of people who want to give and receive love, to liberate themselves from the tyranny of self to look outward. From a small gesture to a large sacrifice, every day provides an opportunity to do love. And if you've got a loving community, you can rest in God's hands anytime you need to.”

— Bishop Michael Curry

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER CANDIDATING SUNDAY

**APRIL 14, 2024
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Morning Has Broken" arr. Ron Boud
The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation for the worship of Almighty God.

WELCOME Rev. Rebekah Anderson

¶CALL TO WORSHIP K-5 Children

One: God loves the world.
One: God has hopes and dreams for us.
One: God gives us new life.
One: We are the light of the world.
One: We are called to follow the commandments and the law.
One: God's law is to love one another.
One: Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.
One: Come, let us love one another.
All: Let us worship God.

¶HYMN 372 "O for a World" AZMON

CALL TO CONFESSION May Allen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, it is difficult to truly love the people around us; to care as deeply for their well-being as for our own, and to delight in their good fortune without feeling envious. Often we act out of our own self-interest; putting our desires ahead of the needs of others, hoarding our resources rather than sharing them freely. We rationalize harmful behaviors and make excuses for hurtful words and actions. Forgive us. Teach us to live with generosity and compassion and to love one another wholeheartedly. Turn us away from what is wrong and move us toward what is right. Allow your spirit to transform our hearts so our lives can reflect your love...

SILENT CONFESSION
(please pray a silent and personal prayer of confession during this time)
...in Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS
One: In our love for others, we discover God's love for us. In forgiving others we learn how deeply God forgives us. Friends, this is good news for all of us! In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
All: Thanks be to God.

¶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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Rebekah Anderson

COMMUNITY LIFE Charlie Landwehr
Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along to those around you.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:14-16
(Pew Bible, p. 786) Audrey Childs
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "Amazing Grace" arr. Dennis Robert
Youth Handbell Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Romans 12:3-17
(Pew Bible, p. 922) Haleigh Smith
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Zooming Out" Rev. Rebekah Anderson

¶HYMN 767 "Together We Serve" SAN ANSELMO

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Middle & High School Youth

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 "Many Gifts, One Spirit" Allen Pote
"Many gifts, one spirit, many songs, once voice. Many reasons, one promise, many questions, one choice. O God, we pray for unity, give guidance from above. In our differences unite us in the circle of your love. O God, remind us we are not alone. Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne. Help us to love each other, show us ways to understand. We are members of one family, growing strong by joining hands. O God, remind us we are not alone. Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne. Take our many ways of working, lend the colors of each soul into the beauty of a rainbow, Give us life, Lord, make us whole." 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: God, you have shown us the way of your heart. Now use these gifts—and use our lives—to liberate the oppressed, to break the bonds of injustice, to feed the hungry, welcome the poor, and unite the human family, all in the name of Jesus Christ.
All: Amen.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

¶HYMN 727 "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" THE SERVANT SONG

¶CHARGE & BENEDICTION Rev. Rebekah Anderson/Andrew Haines

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

POSTLUDE "Trumpet Tune in D Major" Henry Purcell

¶Please stand as you are able.

Please join us for a light reception in the Parlor following the Congregational Meeting.

Flowers: Marty Kraybill—In celebration of 66 years of troth
Listing of Worship Leaders:

Preaching: Rev. Rebekah Anderson

Liturgists: (9:00 am) Rev. Barbara Gorsky
(10:30 am) Children & Youth

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

Bob Ahrens
Mario Alberico
Carole Anderson
Don & Judy Ayers
Wendy Blanck
Virginia Blocki
Dawn Bruce
Kurt Carlisle

Friends & Family

Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kiepura
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

Congratulations to

Jeff and Adriana Pascus, and big sister Arianna, on the birth of their daughter, Adalina Azalia Pascus

Sympathy to

Jane Treppa and family, on the death of her brother, Blair Damian

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

Worship Technicians:

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Coleen Anzalone

Nursery Coordinator:

Beth Johnson

Save the Date

Today
April 21
April 28
May 1
May 5
May 8
May 19

Candidating Sunday & Congregational Meeting
Concert Series: Elijah
Confirmation/Celebration Sunday
Wednesdays@Noon
Children's Spring Musical during Worship
God's Honest Truth
Baccalaureate 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

April 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 to those around you.

ALL-CHURCH MISSION STUDY — *At-home versions available through April 28* — There's still time — even if you've missed any or all of the in-person sessions! Please complete the **at-home version online for Sessions 1, 2 and 3 by April 28** (look for the button on our church website). Your reflections will help us get an understanding of the Church's history and heritage, passions for ministry and mission, and visions for the future and your next pastoral leadership. Questions? Contact Pastors Laura Sherwood or Barbara Gorsky.

CANDIDATING SUNDAY FOR THE REV. REBEKAH ANDERSON AND CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — *Today* — The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for today, 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 extend her call and to approve her Terms of Call which will be presented during the meeting. A light reception will follow. We hope you will join us for this joyous event and important meeting of the congregation!

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

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.

April 14 — Third Sunday of Easter

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

9:30 am Youth Handbell Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

10:00 am Adult Choir Rehearsal — Choir Auditorium

10:00 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex

10:30 am **Worship** — Sanctuary

10:30 am Coffee: Grounds for Discussion & Service — Room 110

11:30 am Congregational Meeting — Sanctuary

11:45 am Reception for Rev. Rebekah Anderson — Parlor, Narthex

2:00 pm Repairing the World Film & Discussion — St. John UCC

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

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 Spring 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, Through 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.

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, April 16 / 7:00 pm / Parlor
Circles 1, 2, 3: Wednesday, April 17 / 9:30 am / Parlor

APRIL RESTAURANT WALK — Tuesday, April 16 (6:00 pm), Sunday, April 21 (12:30 pm), Sunday, April 28 (12:30 pm) & Tuesday, April 30 (6:00 pm) / Armand's (101 W. Campbell, AH) — Our popular Restaurant Walk fellowship program returns for another session! This is a great way to connect with other members of the congregation and support a local restaurant. Register through the link in Weekly Highlights or call the church office. Questions? Contact Barbara Gorsky at barbaragorsky@firstpresah.org.

ELIJAH: AN ORATORIO — Sunday, April 21 / 4:00 pm / Sanctuary — Choir, soloists and orchestra present Mendelssohn's dramatic oratorio *Elijah*, which chronicles many episodes of the prophet Elijah's life, including his challenge to Ahab and the contest of the gods, the miracle of raising the dead and his ascension into heaven. The choir will be made up of voices from the First Pres Chancel Choir, Southminster Presbyterian, Faith Lutheran, St. John UCC, Christian Church of Wood Dale, Sounds Good Choir, Elgin Master Chorale and Apollo Chorus.

HONOR GOD'S CREATION ON EARTH DAY — Sunday, April 21 — Earth Day calls on us to demonstrate our support for environmental protection. We are planning a number of ways our congregation can honor Earth Day. On Sunday, April 21, look for a table in the Narthex with biodegradable vegetable bags and suggestions for other activities.

Serving, Giving, and Growing

COFFEE: GROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION & SERVICE — Sundays, through May 5 / 10:30 am / Room 110 / What's So Amazing About Grace? — 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? 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? In his most personal and provocative book ever, Yancey offers compelling, true portraits of grace's life-changing power. He searches for its presence in his own life and in the church. He asks, "How can Christians contend graciously with moral issues that threaten all they hold dear?" And he challenges us to become living answers to a world that desperately wants to know, *What's So Amazing About Grace?*

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 garett_childs@hotmail.com if you are interested in joining the group. Let's raise some money!

GOD'S HONEST TRUTH STORYTELLERS WANTED! — Wednesday, May 8, 7:00 pm — Our next God's Honest Truth theme is Untold: Hidden Stories from Our Past. We are looking for your own personal untold stories that have had a significant impact on your life. Please contact Rev. Rebekah Anderson at rebekahanderson@firstpresah.org by Sunday, April 14, with your story or talk to her at church. If you aren't telling a story, plan to attend to support and hear the amazing stories from our congregation.

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 programming 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 programming is set for the fall. If you would like to serve in this capacity, contact Rev. Barbara Gorsky at barbaragorsky@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.

Worship Next Sunday

April 21, 2024: Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

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

Preacher: Rev. Barbara Gorsky
Scriptures: Psalm 23; John 10:11-18
Sermon Title: "To Be Known"

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*	\$205.00
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***GIVING OPPORTUNITY: The Wednesday Market** — From April to June, our Sunday morning bookmark donations will go to support our Wednesday Produce Market. The market runs from July 10 through September 4. This was a very successful community outreach last year and we'd like to keep it going. The money collected will go towards the purchase of food for the community dinner we offer each week and supplies for pickles and pesto made from garden produce that are given away. For more information about the Wednesday Produce Market or to volunteer to serve at the market, contact Kim Hogan at k_hogan2003@yahoo.com.

NEW ONLINE GIVING PORTAL, ABUNDANT, IS HERE! — We are thrilled to announce that we have transitioned to a new eGiving platform called Abundant, designed to make your online giving experience as seamless and straightforward as possible. This change comes with many benefits, including enhanced security, flexible giving options and an intuitive user interface. It also allows members to cover the processing fee for online credit card giving by clicking the button *Contribute to help offset processing costs*. These are fees that could be going to the mission and ministry of First Pres. Click the "Donate" button on the website to get started! Contact business administrator, Debbie Walter, at debbiewalter@firstpresah.org, if you have any questions.

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.

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.