



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME

Rev. Rebekah Anderson

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather to worship the Good Shepherd,
All: who lays down his life for his sheep.
One: We gather to worship Jesus Christ,
All: who calls us to lay down our lives for others.
One: Easter people, Christ is risen!
All: Christ is risen indeed!

SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US arr. Hendrickson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND HOPEFULNESS Rev. Rebekah Anderson

O God, you have called us to love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. You have laid down your life for us and commanded us to lay down our lives for one another. Still, O Lord, we offer empty thoughts and prayers when the world needs our hands and our feet. Still, O Lord, we fail to share our lives with the world, hiding behind a myth of independence. Forgive us, we pray, and by your forgiveness, raise us to new life in you. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE Amen HYMN 600

TIME OF GREETING Adam Hendrickson

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Rebekah Anderson
Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along to those around you.

PSALM 23 Dawn Bruce

MESSAGE To Be Known Rev. Barbara Gorsky
Scripture: John 10:11-18

SONG Shepherd Crowder, Bentley, Fieldes, & Millard

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

SHARING OUR GIFTS (Use the QR code on the back page to give now.)
Now and Then John Lennon

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Rev. Barbara Gorsky

LEAN ON ME Bill Withers

CHARGE & BENEDICTION Rev. Barbara Gorsky

Please stand as you are able.

Compass: 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. 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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Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God. Corrie ten Boom

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21, 2024 9:00 & 10:30 AM

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Beside Still Waters" *Raymond Haan*
"Psalm 23" *Searle Wright*

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

WELCOME Rev. Barbara Gorsky

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

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✦ HYMN 624 "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" TOULON

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Laura Sherwood

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. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

✦ 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

COMMUNITY LIFE

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

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Rev. Laura Sherwood

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 23
(Pew Bible, p. 435) Rev. Laura Sherwood
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" *Edward Bairstow*
Text from Hymn 802
Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 10:11-18
(Pew Bible, p. 872) Rev. Barbara Gorsky
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "To Be Known" Rev. Barbara Gorsky

✦ HYMN 803 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" RESIGNATION

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Laura Sherwood

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 "He, Watching Over Israel" *Felix Mendelssohn*
*"He, watching over Israel, slumbers not nor sleeps;
Should'st thou, walking in grief, languish,
He will quicken thee."*
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: 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. Amen.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

✦ HYMN 187 "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" BRADBURY

✦ CHARGE & BLESSING Rev. Barbara Gorsky

POSTLUDE "Festive Postlude" *Paul Fey*

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Flowers: Stephen Smith—To my loving wife, Julie, remembering our anniversary

Fellowship Hosts: Stewardship Committee

Preaching: Rev. Barbara Gorsky

Liturgists: (9:00 am) Rev. Rebekah Anderson & Dawn Bruce
(10:30 am) Rev. Laura Sherwood

Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson

Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban

Tech Support and Livestream: Amy Senior and Jonah White

WORSHIP NOTES

Prayer Requests

Healing & Comfort

First Pres Community

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

Laura Carlson
 Jean Castles
 Mary Clarbourn
 Roger Fick
 Marilyn Giacoppi
 Marylyn Jirsa
 Karen Johnson
 Patty Richard

Friends & Family

Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kiepura
 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
 Claire Walsh — cousin of Mary Hebden
 Pamela Wilson — daughter-in-law of Al & Karen Wilson

Congratulations to

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

Sympathy to

The family of Priscilla Heerens

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

Associate Pastor of Children, Youth and Families: Rebekah Anderson

Director of Music and Worship:
 Adam Hendrickson

Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban

Worship Technicians:
 Amy Senior, Jonah White

Business Administrator:
 Debbie Walter

Senior Administrative Assistant:
 Mary Fino

Administrative Assistant / Receptionist: Carol Vega

Facilities Director: Tony Scheurich

Facilities Coordinator:
 Michele Holifield

Director of First Pres PDO & Preschool: Coleen Anzalone

Nursery Coordinator: Beth Johnson

Save the Date

Today	Concert Series: Elijah
April 28	Celebration/Confirmation Sunday
May 1	Wednesdays@Noon
May 5	Children's Spring Musical (During 10:30 am Worship)
May 8	God's Honest Truth
May 12	Guest Preacher
May 15	Last Family Night of the Program Year
May 19	Pentecost / 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 21, 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.

HONOR GOD'S CREATION ON EARTH DAY— Today — 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. Look for the table in the Narthex with biodegradable vegetable bags and suggestions for other activities.

ELIJAH: AN ORATORIO — *Today / 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. A light reception will follow the concert.

April 21 — Fourth 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 Special Session Meeting With Confirmands — 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 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
 11:30 am Confirmation Retreat — Fellowship Hall, Off-site
 11:45 am Session Lunch With New Members — Fellowship Hall
 12:15 pm Session Meeting — Boardroom
 12:30 pm Restaurant Walk — Off-site (Armand's)
 2:30 pm Orchestra & Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
 4:00 pm Concert Series: Elijah: An Oratorio — Sanctuary
 5:45 pm 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)

ENGAGE & ENCOUNTER CLASS — *Wednesdays, through 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. This fun children's musical retells the familiar lessons of the Ten Commandments through music and drama. The show is set on a typical Sunday morning with a family rushing to get to church. During their car trip to church, they listen to a radio program interpreting each commandment as a song performed by the choir. Children will perform their musical in worship on Sunday, May 5, at the 10:30 am service. Contact Nick Pulikowski at nickpulikowski@firstpresah.org for more information.

APRIL RESTAURANT WALK — *Today (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 Pastor Barbara Gorsky at barbaragorsky@firstpresah.org.

CELEBRATION & CONFIRMATION SUNDAY — *Sunday, April 28* — Join us to celebrate important milestones in the lives of our youth. For 8th graders currently finishing Confirmation, we'll celebrate their hard work and dedication to learning about their faith as they enter a period of discernment before choosing whether or not they'd like to join the church. For 10th graders, we'll celebrate the culmination of their discernment following their time in Confirmation in 8th grade by welcoming them as members of the church. This is such a special Sunday. We hope you'll join us!

GARDENERS WANTED — *Monday, April 29 / 7:00 pm / Parlor* — The church's gardeners are looking for additional volunteers to help maintain our landscaping. This meeting is a chance to meet other gardeners and ask any questions you may have. Please contact Walt Meyer at 847-253-1701 or aw5171@earthlink.net for more information.

FINAL WEDNESDAYS@NOON RECITAL — *Wednesday, May 1 / 12:10 pm / Sanctuary* — Christopher Urban, organ. Our final noontime recital will focus on music of spring and rebirth from the hymn tune *All Things Bright and Beautiful* to Edvard Grieg's *The Last Spring*.

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?*

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SALAD LUNCHEON — *Wednesday, May 15 / 12:00 pm / Fellowship Hall* — Presbyterian Women invite you to our May Gathering Salad Luncheon followed by a program presented by Natalie Griffin and Amy Philpott the co-founders of Gerry's Cafe. Gerry's Cafe provides jobs and training opportunities for adults with disabilities.

COLLECTION FOR VETERANS — *May 1-27* — Throughout the month of May, First Pres will again host a drive to collect **new** move-in essentials for veterans as they transition to permanent housing. Beginning May 1, there will be an information table in the Narthex where you can drop off donations, pick up a list of needed items and get more information. Donated items can also be dropped off during the week in the church office and in the Parlor during the Arlington Heights Memorial Day Parade. The **Veterans Exiting Homelessness Program** is a collaborative effort between Military Outreach USA and the Department of Veteran Affairs. Any questions, contact Kim Hogan at k_hogan2003@yahoo.com.

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!

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 28, 2024: Fifth Sunday of Easter / Confirmation & Celebration Sunday

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

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

Preacher: Rev. Rebekah Anderson

Scriptures: Philippians 1:3-11

Sermon Title: "That Love May Overflow"

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*	\$448.00
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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.