

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](https://twitter.com/FirstPresAh), and Instagram, at [@firstpresah](https://instagram.com/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

Call to Worship from Worship Ways website Lent 3B, Call to Confession – Rev. Thom Shuman Lectionary Liturgies, Confession and Assurance written by Rev. Dr. Emily K. Bisset. Produced by Presbyterian World Service & Development; additional litanies from Call to Worship – PC(USA). Scriptures are from the New Revised Standard Updated Edition (NRSVUE).

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For Goodness' Sake

The Cast

Jaxson Domagata
Mallory Grochocki
Lily Hendrickson
Isabella Juarez
Leo Juarez
Everett Landwehr
Jayne Martinka
Mary Martinka
Sarah Martinka
Cole McDonough
Keira McDonough
Brynn Miller
Eliana Pulikowski
Louis Pulikowski
George Richardson
Hadley Smith
James White
Jonathan White

Crew

Myles Grochocki
Kiefer Miller
Jovie Smith

The Family

Eric, Codi, Eric Jr. and Anika Larson

Parent Helpers

Heather Behles
Cindy Cahill-Crim
Connie Claybough
Steve Drey
Sue Lyon
Carrie Martinka
Diana Stoic Richardson
Sarah White

Piano

Christopher Urban

**First Presbyterian Church
of Arlington Heights**

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“The only real, practical measure of my appreciation for the goodness and mercy of God to me is the extent to which I am, in turn, prepared to show goodness and mercy to others”
— W. Phillip Keller, *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23*,
www.zondervan.com, 1970, p. 133

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 5, 2024
10:30 AM**

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "The Last Spring" *Edvard Grieg*

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

WELCOME Rev. Laura Sherwood

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP (BASED ON PSALM 19) Charlie Landwehr

One: The heavens are telling of the glory of God;

All: and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

One: Your law, O God, is perfect, reviving our souls,

All: and your commandments are sure, rejoicing our hearts.

One: Let our words and worship, the meditation of our hearts, be acceptable to you,

All: O God, our rock and our redeemer!

✠ HYMN 49 "The God of Abraham Praise" LEONI

CALL TO CONFESSION Brianna Smith

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (INSPIRED BY EXODUS 20:1-17)

God gave us the covenant of the law to guide us and help us live with our neighbors in love. When we break God's law, we leave our neighbors hurt and bruised. God's law is a gift to us, showing us how to keep our part of the covenant. Even through old pain and wounds, may we embrace the new life that Christ can bring...

SILENT CONFESSION

(please pray a silent and personal prayer of confession during this time)

...in Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: May the God of the law guide us in living lives that keep the covenant of love.

All: May Christ's forgiveness grant us new life, even when we break God's law.

One: May the Holy Spirit of conviction lead us to confession and renewal.

All: May we respond in love to the God of covenant and change.

✠ 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 Rev. Laura Sherwood

COMMUNITY LIFE

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

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Rev. Rebekah Anderson

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 20:1-17
(Pew Bible, p. 58) Youth & Rev. Rebekah Anderson
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

✠ HYMN 61 "Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect" DER IST MEIN LEBE

A MUSICAL MESSAGE *Cynthia Wright*

For Goodness' Sake

1. This is the Story of Moses
2. I Am the Lord Thy God
3. Graven Images
4. Speak of God with Reverence
5. Remember the Sabbath Day
6. Honor Those Who Love You
7. Do Not Kill and Do Not Steal
8. Husbands and Wives
9. Gossip Round
10. Greediness
11. Now You've Heard the Story of Moses

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Barbara Gorsky

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

OFFERTORY "Worthy!" *Mark Burrows*

"Worthy! I will live a life worthy; worthy of the calling I have received!

I will be tireless, I will be fearless, being my best to serve those in need.

Watching and waiting, hearing and helping, heeding the call to go where God leads.

Filled with passion, filled with a purpose, filled with the power of God's love."

Children's Choir; Todd Smith, Djembe;

Mallory Grochocki, Mary Martinka,

Brynn Miller and Eliana Pulikowski, soloists

✠ 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 Mikayla Carlson

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 65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA

✠ CHARGE & BENEDICTION Rev. Rebekah Anderson & Nick Pulikowski

POSTLUDE "Postlude on 'CWM RHONDDA'" *Wayne Kerr*

✠ Please stand as you are able.

Fellowship Hosts: Men's Monday Morning Bible Study

Preaching: Children's Musical

Liturgists: Revs. Laura Sherwood, Barbara Gorsky, and Rebekah Anderson, Devyn Berbaum, Mikayla Carlson, Elliott Drey, Sidney Drey, Andrew Haines, Charlie Landwehr, Susannah Landwehr, Elijah Lang, Lucas Lang, Jessica Lynn, Brianna Smith, Haleigh Smith

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	Kurt Carlisle
Mario Alberico	Laura Carlson
Carole Anderson	Jean Castles
Roger Anderson	Mary Clarbourn
Don & Judy Ayers	Marilyn Giacoppi
Virginia Blocki	Marylyn Jirsa
Dawn Bruce	Patty Richard

Friends & Family

Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kiepora	Jerry Shields — husband of Dianne Shields
Don Gross — father of Suzanne Kowalski	Tom Spaeth — friend of Steve Smith
Donna Hames — friend of Mary Halatek	Claire Walsh — cousin of Mary Hebden
Desa Peric — great-granddaughter of Steve Smith	Pamela Wilson — daughter-in-law of Al & Karen Wilson
Phil Perillo — brother of Kristie Cerniglia	

Congratulations to

Don & Donna Holmes, on the birth of their great-grandson, Dylan Anthony Joyce

Sympathy to

Bonnie Barczak, on the death of her husband, Ron Barczak
Bruce Blanck, on the death of his wife, Wendy Blanck
Beth Buzogany (former member) and family, on the death of her husband Bruce
The family of Karen Johnson

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	Children's Spring Musical (During 10:30 am Worship)
Today	Youth Stock Sale
May 8	God's Honest Truth
May 12	Guest Preacher: Steve Gumaer, NOVI
May 15	Last Family Night of the Program Year
May 19	Pentecost / Baccalaureate Sunday
May 26	Summer Worship Schedule Begins (One service 10:00 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.

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Church Life

May 5, 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.

CHILDREN'S SPRING MUSICAL — *Today* — 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.

BUY STOCK TO SUPPORT OUR YOUTH — *Sundays: Today, May 12 & May 19* — The Youth Stock Sale is back! Mark your calendars for when you can buy shares from the middle and high school youth following each worship service. Shares cost \$10 each and 100% of the proceeds support Youth Missions! This year, the middle schoolers will be serving with Youth Works in Indianapolis, Indiana, and the high schoolers will be serving in Logan County, West Virginia.

BSA TROOP 32 FLOWER SALES PICK UP — *Today* — 11:30 am — Thank you to all who supported the BSA Troop 32 Flower Sales Fundraiser. If you placed an order for flowers at a previous service, your flowers will be available to pick up today after worship - just outside of Door 9 (on St. James St. by the rose garden). If you have any questions, please contact Paul Wakefield at t32chair@gmail.com.



NEXT SUNDAY: GUEST PREACHER, STEVE GUMAER, NOVI — *Sunday, May 12* — Steve is Co-founder & CEO of NOVI and he was our Annual Speaker in October where he shared the work NOVI is doing around the world. He has dedicated his life to helping children in war-torn communities.

For more than three decades he has worked to deliver relief, aid, and programs to support families uprooted by war in Southeast Asia, the Middle East and Ukraine. He has a Master's Degree in Transformational Development, is an EMT and is the driving force behind the development of the NOVI community.

May 5 — Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:15 am – 11:45 pm — Child care (infants – 4 years) — Room 205/207 (Blue Room), Main Floor Christian Education (CE) Wing
9:30 am Baptism Class — Chapel
10:30 am **Worship: Children's Musical** — Sanctuary
11:30 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex
11:30 am BSA Flower Sales Pick Up — Door 9
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:
 - Kids Connect (grades K-5)
 - Middle School Youth Group (grades 5-8)

GOD'S HONEST TRUTH — *Wednesday, May 8 / 7:00 pm / Sanctuary* — The theme for the evening is **Untold: Hidden Stories From Our Past**. Come and join us for what will certainly be a great evening! (There will be no Engage & Encounter class on Wednesday, May 8). A reception in the Parlor will immediately follow the program.

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.

WEAR RED, ORANGE OR YELLOW — *Sunday, May 19* — Help us celebrate Pentecost Sunday by wearing red, orange or yellow in recognition of the liturgical colors of the Spirit and Fire. This is also the last Sunday to give to the PC(USA) Pentecost Offering.

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY — *Sunday, May 19* — Join us for Baccalaureate Sunday during worship on May 19, when we'll celebrate the incredible accomplishments of our students and wish them well as they embark on new journeys. Is your loved one graduating this year? We want to recognize them in worship as part of Baccalaureate Sunday. Please send info for your graduate to Rev. Rebekah Anderson by email.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE: ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 AM — *May 26 through September 1* — Starting on Sunday, May 26, and continuing through Sunday, September 1, we will have **one worship service at 10:00 am**. On the first Sunday of the month, worship will be held in the Chapel and remaining Sundays, worship will be in the Sanctuary. On Sunday, September 8, we will return to two services at 9:00 am in the Chapel and 10:30 am in the Sanctuary.



VBS AND MISSIONFACTORY REGISTRATION IS OPEN! — *Register Online* — Register for Vacation Bible School (preschool-4th grade) and MissionFactory (rising 5th and 6th graders) online. The cost is \$35 per child. These programs will be offered concurrently, July 8-12, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm each day. Contact Rev. Rebekah Anderson, rebekahanderson@firstpresah.org with questions.

YOUTH MISSION TRIPS REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN! — The middle school mission trip to Indianapolis, Indiana will take place from June 16 to June 21. The high school mission trip to Logan County, West Virginia will take place from July 27 to August 2. Register online, the all-inclusive cost for each trip is \$450 per person. Scholarships are available. Please contact Rev. Rebekah Anderson to register by email.

Serving, Giving, and Growing

COFFEE: GROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION & SERVICE — *Today* — *Class Canceled*

PENTECOST OFFERING — *Sunday, May 19* — Pentecost celebrates the renewal of the relationship between God and the community of faith. Through our gifts to the Pentecost Offering, we are there to help build a foundation of faith in our youth which will last a lifetime. **40%** stays with our congregation to support ministries with children, youth and young adults. **25%** supports Young Adult Volunteers (YAV), serving in communities around the world and growing as leaders through transformative Christian service. **25%** supports ministries with youth including the Presbyterian Youth Triennium. **10%** is devoted to children at-risk and supports to improve education and provide safe havens. Please give generously.

COLLECTION FOR VETERANS — *Through May 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. 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 khogan559@gmail.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 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.

ONGOING FOOD COLLECTION — Donations of nonperishable food items benefit many families and individuals who are clients of several local organizations that we support. Food has been shared through our PADS ministry with those who are homeless; provided to clients of FamilyForward; and collected for families served by Christopher House and Firman House, both in Chicago. The next time you are at the grocery store, why not pick up a few healthy nonperishable items to donate? Thank you for your past and continued support!

Worship Next Sunday

May 12, 2024: Seventh Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day

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

10:30 am — Worship (Sanctuary)
Music: Chancel Choir & Youth Handbell Choir

Preacher: Steve Gumaer, NOVI
Scriptures: Psalm 127:3-5; Matthew 19:13-15
Sermon Title: "Rebuke, Invitation, Blessing: Jesus' Stand for Children's Worth"

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*	\$800.00
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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.

THANK YOU! — A big thank you goes out to all who donated to the Blanket Drive. With all the displaced people in the world, the need is great. As of the end of February, **First Pres collected \$2,190** which will provide **219 blankets** for people throughout the world! Thank you for your generosity!

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 debbiewriter@firstpresah.org, if you have any questions.

MARY AND MARTHA'S LENDING CLOSET — If you have not checked out the Lending Closet yet, now is the time. Reserve items for any event you are hosting. Mary and Martha's Lending Closet is a one-stop shop for all things entertaining, from tables and chairs to serving dishes, dishes, glassware, vases, centerpieces, outdoor games, and even a giant movie screen and projector. It's the perfect place to borrow for your next book club, shower, neighborhood gathering, casual or fancy dinner party. A donation to the Closet goes towards programs that address food insecurity in the Chicagoland area. Make an appointment today to reserve your items or to see what is available. Email maryandmartha@firstpresah.org.