



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME Adam Hendrickson

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

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All: God moving in this place, calling us to worship?
One: The spirit has come! The church is born!
All: Let us worship God with thanksgiving!

✦ “HOLY SPIRIT” Katie & Bryan Torvalt

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND HOPEFULNESS
Rev. Laura Sherwood

O God, as your Spirit filled the church on the first Pentecost day, so fill this house of worship with your presence, and fill us with your passion. You are doing a new thing, actively moving in the world. Forgive us when we act as if your stories have all been written. You hear the prayers of every language and call us to hear each other. Forgive us when we act as if your Spirit only spoke our native tongue. Wash us in your grace, O God, and illumine us with your fire. Send us out to follow your spirit and teach us to hear the prayers of all your people.

✦ SUNG RESPONSE “Amen” HYMN 600

✦ TIME OF GREETING Adam Hendrickson

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

SERMON & SCRIPTURE Rev. Barbara Gorsky
Part 1: The Spirit at Work-Water Mark 1:9-11
Part 2: The Spirit at Work-Breath John 15:26-27

CELEBRATION OF 10TH & 8TH GRADE CONFIRMANDS
Rev. Rebekah Anderson

SONG “The Potter’s Hands” Darlene Zschech

SERMON & SCRIPTURE
Part 3: The Spirit at Work-Fire Acts 2:1-4

RECOGNITION & PRAYER FOR GRADUATES
Rev. Rebekah Anderson

THE LORD’S PRAYER
SHARING OUR GIFTS (See back page for other giving options.)
“I Can Go the Distance” Menken & Zippel

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦ “GOD OF JUSTICE” Tim Hughes

✦ CHARGE & BENEDICTION Rev. Barbara Gorsky

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Compass: Dan Berg, guitar; Amy Carroll, piano; Kevin Carroll, bass; Adam Hendrickson, guitar/vocals; Nate Montgomery, drums; Greg Schultz, saxophone; Todd Smith, trombone; 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*, PC(USA) Presbyterian Publishing; Scriptures are from the New Revised Standard Updated Edition (NRSVUE).

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First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

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Organized in 1855*



“If you quiet the loud cries of culture, you might just hear the Holy Spirit start whispering to you.”
— Michael Todd

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY DAY OF PENTECOST BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY

**MAY 19, 2024
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Tongues of Fire" *Alfred Fedak*
"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" *Robert Elmore*
The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation for the worship of Almighty God.

WELCOME Rev. Barbara Gorsky

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✦ HYMN 289 "On Pentecost They Gathered" MUNICH

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. (Acts 2:17, 21) In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
All: Thanks be to God!

✦ RESPONSE (Hymn 288)

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

✦ TIME OF GREETING Rev. Laura Sherwood

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

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Rev. Rebekah Anderson

SERMON & SCRIPTURE PT 1: THE SPIRIT AT WORK-WATER
Mark 1:9-11 (Pew Bible, p.812)
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Sungmin Kim

ANTHEM "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit" *William Dawson*
"Ev'ry time I feel the spirit, Moving in my heart, I will pray. Upon the mountain my Lord spoke, Out of His mouth came fire and smoke; Looked all around me, It looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine. Jordan river is chilly an' cold, It chills the body, but not the soul; There ain't but one train upon this track, It runs to heaven – an right back. Ev'ry time I feel the spirit, Moving in my heart, I will pray."
Chancel Choir; Dan Richardson, bass

SERMON & SCRIPTURE PT 2: THE SPIRIT AT WORK-BREATH
John 15:26-27 (Pew Bible 878)
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS
Elliott & Kaitlyn Ames, Tim & Riley Cleary, Jason & Ginger Gibbs,
Patricia Janda, Sungmin Kim, Brian & Betsy Linhart, Jeff Pascus

✦ HYMN 286 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" TRENTHAM

SERMON & SCRIPTURE PT 3: THE SPIRIT AT WORK-FIRE
Acts 2:1-4 (Pew Bible, p. 885)
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

RECOGNITION & PRAYER FOR GRADUATES
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 (See back page for other giving options.)

OFFERTORY "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" *Gilbert Martin*
"Holy Spirit, truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine; Word of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight. Holy Spirit, love divine, glow within this heart of mine; Kindle every high desire; purge me with your holy fire. Holy Spirit, power divine, fortify this will of mine; by your will I strongly thrive, bravely bear, nobly strive. Holy Spirit, right divine, make my conscience wholly thine; Be my guide, and I shall be firmly bound, forever free. Amen."
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 (Mark 12:41–44)
Rev. Rebekah Anderson
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 360 "Christ Is Coming!" UNSER HERRSCHER

✦ CHARGE & BLESSING Rev. Barbara Gorsky

POSTLUDE "Toccata" *Michelle LeClerc*

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Fellowship Hosts: Community Life & Education Committee
Flowers: **Dave & Linda Berkow**—In honor of our wedding anniversary
Walter Meyer—In memory of Seaman Sandy River, USS Benewah APB 35
Preaching: Rev. Barbara Gorsky
Liturgist: Rev. Rebekah Anderson and 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
Virginia Blocki
Dawn Bruce
Kurt Carlisle

Laura Carlson
Jean Castles
Mary Clarbour
Nancy Conning
Marilyn Giacoppi
Marylyn Jirsa
Patty Richard
Bea Sonderegger

Friends & Family

Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kiepura
Don Gross — father of Suzanne Kowalski
Donna Hames — friend of Mary Halatek
Tracy Johnson — friend of Betty Launer
Monica Kotas — sister of Mario Alberico
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

Sympathy to

Mario & Claudia Alberico, on the death of their nephew, David Kotas
Mike Beecher, on the death of his father
The Kret family, on the death of Bob & Nancy Kret
The family of Mary Mack

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	Youth Stock Sale
Today	Pentecost / Baccalaureate Sunday / New Members Received
May 21	Summer Issue <i>Chimes</i> Deadline
May 26	Summer Worship Schedule Begins (One service 10:00 am)
May 27	Memorial Day Parade Hospitality
June 2	Buffalo Grove Pride Parade

PASTORAL CARE — If you have a death in the family, an anticipated surgery, the birth of a new baby, or if you or a loved one are struggling, your pastors and church family want to be there to support you. Please contact Rev. Barbara Gorsky, at barbaragorsky@firstpresah.org, or 847-255-5900, extension 225 or Rev. Laura Sherwood, at laurasherwood@firstpresah.org or 847-255-5900, extension 229 or call the office to share your pastoral needs.

LIVE WEBCAST & WORSHIP RECORDINGS — Services are webcast live at firstpresah.org/experience/livestream. To download or listen to a podcast of today's sermon, search Apple podcasts for **The Word @ First Pres**. Past sermons are available at firstpresah.org/experience/sermons. If you need help with technical problems, please send an email to webcasting@firstpresah.org.

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Church Life

May 19, 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.

BUY STOCK TO SUPPORT OUR YOUTH — Today — The Youth Stock Sale is back following each worship service. Shares cost \$10 each and 100% of 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.

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY — Today — Today in worship, we'll celebrate the incredible accomplishments of our students and wish them well as they embark on new journeys.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED — Today — Please join us in welcoming our newest members of the First Pres family of faith, who will be received during worship today.

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**. Worship will be held in the Chapel on July 7, August 4 and September 1. All other worship services 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.

May 19 — Day of Pentecost / Baccalaureate Sunday

8:45 am – 11:45 am — Child care (infants – 4 years) — Room 205/207 (Blue Room), Main Floor Christian Education (CE) Wing
9:00 am **Worship** — Chapel
10:00 am Adult Choir Rehearsal — Choir Auditorium
10:00 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex
10:30 am **Worship** — Sanctuary
11:30 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex



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Upcoming Events

PW CIRCLE 7 SALAD DINNER — *Tuesday, May 21 / 6:30 pm / Parlor* — PW Circle 7 will meet in the Parlor for an end of the year salad dinner. RSVP to Karen Wilson at 847-669-2677, and indicate what you will bring to share.

CHIMES DEADLINE — *Tuesday, May 21* — The deadline for the combined summer issue (June, July, August) of *The Chimes* is Tuesday, May 21. Submit articles to Chris Urban at chrisurban@firstpresah.org.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE HOSPITALITY HELP WANTED — *Monday, May 27* — First Pres will once again extend hospitality to parade viewers on Monday morning, May 27. If you are interested in helping, contact Arlene Bullerman at abullerman@earthlink.net or 847-670-0319.



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.

BUFFALO GROVE PRIDE PARADE — *Sunday, June 2* — The Mission Committee invites the congregation and friends to join us on June 2 as we represent First Pres in the 6th annual family-friendly Buffalo Grove Pride Parade. The parade starts at 11:00 am; we will gather about 10:00 am with exact details to come later. Following the parade is a Pride Picnic at Mike Royko Community Park with live entertainment, food trucks and family entertainment, so stay for the fun! There will be an opportunity to sign up in the Narthex Sunday mornings. Questions? Contact Kim Hogan at K_Hogan2003@yahoo.com.

NEW SUMMER CONCERT SERIES — Mark your calendars for these exciting artists and concerts this summer! These concerts will take place on Saturday afternoons, at **4:00 pm**, with a light reception following. Each concert is free and open to the community. Bring a friend!

Saturday, June 15 — Eddie Zheng, organ

Saturday, June 29 — Adam Hendrickson, baritone; Chuck Beech, piano and Christopher Urban, organ

Saturday, July 13 — Myroslav Mykhailenko, piano

Saturday, July 27 — Andrew Marlin, bassoon

Serving, Giving, and Growing

PENTECOST OFFERING — *Today* — 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%** will be donated to support NOVI, which helps children in war-torn communities. **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 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!

JOIN THE NEW INSURANCE/RISK MANAGEMENT TEAM — We are looking for church members with a background and/or interest in insurance/risk management to serve on a new Insurance Team, led by our church treasurer, Dave Berkow. Contact Dave at dwberkow@att.net if you'd like to join the team!

SUMMER BOOK CLUB — *Thursday, June 20 / 7:00 pm / Parlor* — Please join Kim Hogan for a discussion of *His Truth is Marching On: John Lewis and the Power of Hope*. Civil rights icon and U.S congressman John Lewis, who at age twenty-five marched in Selma, Alabama, and was beaten on the Edmund Pettus Bridge, was a visionary and a man of faith. Drawing on decades of wide-ranging interviews with Lewis, Jon Meacham writes of how this great-grandson of a slave and son of an Alabama tenant farmer was inspired by the Bible and his teachers in nonviolence.

Worship Next Sunday

May 26, 2024: Trinity Sunday

10:00 am — Worship (Sanctuary)

Music: Chancel Choir

Preachers: Revs. Rebekah Anderson, Barbara Gorsky & Laura Sherwood

Scriptures: Psalm 29:1-11; Romans 8:12-17

Sermon Title: "The Mystery of Our Faith"

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*	\$1,159.00
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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 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.

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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

May 19, 2024



Elliott & Kaitlyn Ames — Elliott & Kaitlyn have been married for two and a half years and have an 11 month old daughter, Eloise. They have been living in Arlington Heights for three and a half years. Kaitlyn was confirmed at First Pres in 2005, and likes to see how much the church has grown and adapted over the years. Elliott is in marketing and Kaitlyn is a Senior Regulatory Project Manager with the US Army Corps of Engineers. Elliott enjoys sports and Kaitlyn enjoys traveling, playing volleyball and gardening. Kaitlyn would like to get involved with PADS. They enjoy the community, youth programs and relatable sermons.



Tim & Riley Cleary — Tim & Riley have been married for two and a half years, but have been together for 11 years. They have a five month old son, Cameron. They have lived in the area for three years. Tim is a consulting manager and Riley is a youth prevention program director. Tim enjoys following Chicago sports teams. Riley has a special interest in volunteering in the community. They both look forward to volunteering with PADS. Riley hopes to join the choir when Cam is a little older. They enjoy the traditional service, care team and opportunities for their child to grow up in the church.



Jason & Ginger Gibbs — Jason & Ginger have been married for 12 years and have lived in Deerfield for five years. They have three children, Jayden, Grace and Kaylee. Jason is a hospitality manager and Ginger is a stay-at-home mom. Jason enjoys golf, outdoor activities and barbequeing. They enjoy the sense of community at First Pres and look forward to helping out where they can.



Patricia Janda — Patricia is new to the area, just having moved from Florida. She is retired, and likes to read, cook and bake. She also likes music and exploring the Chicago and Arlington Heights areas. She has already joined choir and a PW Circle. She is looking forward to getting involved in volunteer and fellowship opportunities at First Pres. She finds our church to have a welcoming environment, strong faith community and a wide variety of community activities to become involved in.



Sungmin Kim — Sungmin has been married to his wife, Soojung Lee, for 13 years and has lived in the area for eight years. He is a CPA by profession. Sungmin enjoys golfing. He is looking forward to getting involved in the music ministry at First Pres, specifically the choir.



Brian & Betsy Linhart — Brian & Betsy have been married for 13 years and have lived in Arlington Heights for six years. They have two children, Ava and Isabella. Brian is a counselor at Buffalo Grove High School and an adjunct professor at National Louis University. Betsy is Vice President of Sales at Advanced Resources. They enjoy the strong sense of community and the volunteer opportunities at First Pres. They especially enjoy the music program and look forward to their children participating in the plays.



Jeff Pascus — Jeff was confirmed at First Pres in 2004 and he is looking forward to reconnecting with the church. He has been married to his wife, Adriana, for four years. They have lived in the area since 2020. Jeff is a project manager.