

# First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

*A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)*

*Organized in 1855*



“The three Persons are distinct from one another; a sublime knowledge is infused into the soul, imbuing it with a certainty of the truth that the Three are of one substance, power, and knowledge and are one God.”  
—St. Teresa of Ávila

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**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**TRINITY SUNDAY**  
**SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM AND COMMUNION**  
**May 26, 2024**  
**10:00 AM**

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# 10:00 AM

## PRELUDE

*Maurice Duruflé, Alfred Fedak, Jeff Ostrowski*

"Variations on 'Veni Creator Spiritus' "

Paul Vander Weele, organist

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

## WELCOME

Rev. Laura Sherwood

## ✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The voice of the Lord rings out over the waters.

**All: The love of the Holy Three washes over the world.**

One: Let us worship the God whose voice flashes fire,

**All: and whose love cannot be bound.**

## ✠ HYMN 1

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

NICAEA

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Laura Sherwood

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**For you so loved the world, O God, that you came among us to feel our pain, amplify our joy, and bless our broken stories. For you so loved the world, O God, that you are among us still calling us by your spirit to follow in the way of your love. Forgive us when we do not listen, O God: when we forget the love that you have for us and the love we are called to share with one another. Forgive us, three-in-one God, and let your love transform our lives...**

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

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

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. 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

Rev. Laura Sherwood

## COMMUNITY LIFE

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

## SERMON & SCRIPTURE PART 1—GOD THROUGH TRINITY

Rev. Rebekah Anderson

Isaiah 6:1-8 (Pew Bible, p. 553)

The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Cameron Michael Cleary — born November 4, 2023, son of Tim and Riley Cleary

## ANTHEM

"To God be Praise and Glory"

*Katherine K. Davis*

*"All praise to God who reigns above, The God of all creation, The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. With healing balm my soul he fills, And every faithless murmur stills. To God all praise and glory. The Lord is never far away, But through all grief distressing, An ever present help and stay, Our peace and joy and blessing. Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, Both soul and body. Bear your part. To God, praise and glory! Then all my way along, I sing aloud thy praises, O hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.*

*Within thy kingdom, Lo! All is just and all is right. To God all glory."*

Chancel Choir

**SERMON & SCRIPTURE PART 2—JESUS IN THE SACRAMENTS**

Rev. Laura Sherwood  
John 3:1-17 (Pew Bible, p. 863)  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

**HYMN 839**

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!”

ASSURANCE

**SERMON & SCRIPTURE PART 3—THE HOLY SPIRIT, OUR COMPANION**

Rev. Barbara Gorsky  
Romans 8:12-17 (Pew Bible, p. 919)  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

**CALL AND PRAYER FOR OFFERING**

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

**OFFERTORY**

“Timeless One”

Phillip Keveren

*“Morning breaks, evening falls, Rivers and where the sea begins. Autumn leaves give way to winter wind, but the spring waits to warm the earth again. You are Alpha, Omega, Lord of all. Every season is guided by Your hand. From beginning to ending, You are God. Dust to dust, we will trust You, Timeless One. You were there in the void, By Your Word, gave earth its form. Now You’re here, You dwell within my heart, Filled with wonder and awe of who You are. We will wait for You in our anxious hour. We will trust in You, God of majesty and power.”*

Chancel Choir

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Rev. Barbara Gorsky & Rev. Rebekah Anderson

**THE INVITATION**

**THE THANKSGIVING**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**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.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

✠ **HYMN 30**

“O God, in a Mysterious Way”

DUNDEE

✠ **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Revs. Rebekah Anderson, Laura Sherwood, Barbara Gorsky

**POSTLUDE**

“Come God, Creator, Holy Spirit”

*J. S. Bach*

✠ Please stand as you are able.

**Preaching:** Revs. Rebekah Anderson, Laura Sherwood, Barbara Gorsky

**Guest Organist:** Paul Vander Weele

**Sources:** Liturgies from Call to Worship Year B—PC(USA), Scriptures are from the New Revised Standard Updated Edition (NRSVUE)

**Join Us for Worship Next Sunday, June 2**

Preacher: Rev. Laura Sherwood | “Seen by God”

Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 |

Music: Compass Praise Band

# Church Life

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 worshipping 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.

**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE STARTS TODAY: ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 AM — *Through September 1*** — Starting today, 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 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.

**OFFICE CLOSURE — *Monday, May 27*** — In observance of Memorial Day, the office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, May 27. Normal business hours (8:30-4:30 & Friday 8:30-12:30) will resume on Tuesday, May 28. The church will be open in the morning to extend hospitality to parade viewers.

## **Sunday, May 26 — Trinity Sunday**

9:45 am - 11:15 am — Child care (infants - 4 years) — Room 205/207 (Blue Room), Main Floor  
Christian Education (CE) Wing

10:00 am **Worship** — Sanctuary

11:00 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex

## Upcoming Events

**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. Questions? Contact Kim Hogan at [k\\_hogan2003@yahoo.com](mailto: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 a Saturday afternoon, 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 & Christopher Urban, organ

**Saturday, July 13** — Myroslav Mykhailenko, piano

**Saturday, July 27** — Andrew Marlin, bassoon

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BRUNCH — *Sunday, June 9 / 11:00 am / Fellowship Hall & Parlor*** — Our church is full of amazing people who are so generous with their time and gifts! Please allow us to say **thank you** by joining us for a volunteer appreciation brunch in Fellowship Hall on June 9, following worship. We'll also have a continental breakfast available in the Parlor for anyone that cannot stick around and would like some treats to go. Brunch will be prepared and served by the children and youth of First Pres. We hope you can join us!

**JOIN US FOR PASTOR REBEKAH'S INSTALLATION — *Sunday, June 23 / 4:00 pm / Sanctuary*** — Join us for a worship service of the Presbytery of Chicago to celebrate the installation of Rev. Rebekah Anderson as Associate Pastor for Children, Youth and Families. The service will be moderated by Jim Davidovich, Moderator of the Presbytery of Chicago. Revs. Laura Sherwood and Barbara Gorsky will preach with music offered by the Chancel Choir and Youth Handbell Choir. Haley Baker, a dancer with the Chicago Repertory Ballet, will offer a liturgical dance. A reception with food and refreshments will follow the service. We hope you will join us for this celebration!

# Serving, Giving, and Growing

**COLLECTION FOR VETERANS — *Final day, tomorrow, May 27*** — Donated items can also be dropped off 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](mailto:k_hogan2003@yahoo.com).

**CHRISTOPHER HOUSE BACKPACK COLLECTION — *Sundays, June 2 through June 16*** — We are again supplying money to purchase backpacks and school supplies for the students at Christopher House. When school begins in the fall, we want the children to have the excitement of having these new supplies. The suggested donation is \$20, but all contributions are very welcome! Please donate checks, cash or use the church's website choosing "Christopher House Backpacks". Make checks payable to Presbyterian Women and indicate CH Backpacks on the memo line. We are asking for monetary donations only. Your support is needed now more than ever! Thank you!

**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.

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL** — We cannot wait for Summer Sunday School to begin! This summer we will have Sunday School from 10:00-11:00 am that is open to any children and youth. We'll be working together in the Loaves and Fishes Garden, learning Bible stories and playing games. All-ages Summer Sunday School will meet on June 9 (Volunteer Appreciation Brunch Preparation), June 16, June 30, July 7, July 21, August 4 and August 18. All-ages Sunday School will begin by meeting in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am before going to the Loaves and Fishes Garden (weather permitting). In cases of inclement weather, we will remain in Fellowship Hall. We hope you can join us for a great summer!

**SUMMER YOUTH GROUP** — We had so much fun in youth group this year. Let's keep the fun going this summer! Middle School Youth Group will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00 pm for light snacks, games and a lesson on June 26, July 17, July 24, July 31, August 7, August 14 and August 21. High School Youth Group will meet on Sunday evening from 6:00-8:00 pm for light snacks, games and a lesson on June 23, June 30, July 7, July 14, July 21, August 4, August 11, and August 18. We hope to see you there!

**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](mailto: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.

**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. Contact Garrett Childs at [garett\\_childs@hotmail.com](mailto:garett_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](mailto:dwberkow@att.net) if you'd like to join the team!

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*	\$ 1,299.00
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**\*GIVING OPPORTUNITY: *The Wednesday Market*** — Through 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](mailto:k_hogan2003@yahoo.com).

## Mary AND Martha's LENDING CLOSET

**MARY AND MARTHA'S LENDING CLOSET** — Mary and Martha's Lending Closet is ready for the summer season. If you have not checked out the Lending Closet yet, now is the time. Reserve items for your graduation party, backyard BBQ or any event you are hosting. What exactly is Mary and Martha's Lending Closet? It's 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 for that fun backyard movie viewing. It's the perfect place to borrow for your next book club, graduation party, shower, neighborhood gathering, casual or fancy dinner party. What are the fees? A donation to the closet goes towards programs that address food insecurity in the Chicagoland area. To make an appointment to reserve your items, email [maryandmartha@firstpresah.org](mailto:maryandmartha@firstpresah.org).

**PASTORAL CARE** — If you have a death in the family, an anticipated surgery, the birth of a baby, or if you or a loved one are struggling, your pastors and church family want to be there to support you. Contact Rev. Barbara Gorsky, at [barbaragorsky@firstpresah.org](mailto:barbaragorsky@firstpresah.org), or call the church office to share your pastoral needs.

## Looking Ahead

Today	Summer Worship Schedule Begins (One service 10:00 am)
May 27	Office Closed — Church Open for Memorial Day Parade Hospitality
June 2	Buffalo Grove Pride Parade
June 9	Volunteer Appreciation Brunch
June 15	Summer Concert: Eddie Zheng, organ
June 16	Summer Sunday School
June 20	Summer Book Club
June 23	Installation Service for Rev. Rebekah Anderson
June 23	HSYG
June 25	MSYG
June 29	Summer Concert: Adam Hendrickson, baritone; Chuck Beech, piano; Christopher Urban, organ
July 13	Summer Concert: Myroslav Mykhailenko, piano
July 27	Summer Concert: Andrew Marlin, bassoon

# Prayer Requests

## *Healing & Comfort*



### ***First Pres Community***

Mario Alberico  
Carole Anderson  
Roger Anderson  
Don & Judy Ayers  
Virginia Blocki  
Dawn Bruce  
Lee Bruce  
Kurt Carlisle  
Laura Carlson

Jean Castles  
Mary Clarbour  
Nancy Conning  
Marilyn Giacoppi  
Marylyn Jirsa  
Betty Launer  
Patty Richard  
Bea Sonderegger

### ***Friends & Family***

Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kiepura  
Don Gross — father of Suzanne Kowalski  
Donna Hames — friend of Mary Halatek  
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***

**Dave and Therese Haines** and family, on the death of Therese's aunt, Patricia Smolen

### ***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

# Staff Directory

**Interim Pastor / Head of Staff:**

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## 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.

**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 (9:45 am – 11:15 am).

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL** — This summer we will have Sunday School from 10:00-11:00 am that is open to any children and youth. We'll be working together in the Loaves and Fishes Garden, learning Bible stories and playing games. All-ages Summer Sunday School will meet on June 9 (Volunteer Appreciation Brunch Preparation), June 16, June 30, July 7, July 21, August 4 and August 18. All-ages Sunday School will begin by meeting in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am before going to the Loaves and Fishes Garden (weather permitting). In cases of inclement weather, we will remain in Fellowship Hall. We hope you can join us for a great summer!

**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](http://firstpresah.org).

**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.

**LIVE WEBCAST & WORSHIP RECORDINGS** — Services are webcast live at [firstpresah.org/experience/livestream](http://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](http://firstpresah.org/experience/sermons).

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