

# WELCOME, GUESTS!

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## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP ACTIVITY BAGS

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## 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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## WORSHIP LEADERS

**Preaching:** Rev. Barbara Gorsky and Rev. Laura Sherwood  
**Liturgists:** Members of the Administrative Commission and the Children and Youth of First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights  
**Director of Music and Worship:** Adam Hendrickson  
**Associate Director of Music and Organist:** Christopher Urban  
**Music from:** Compass Praise Band, Chancel Choir and Youth Handbell Choir  
**Dance and Choreography:** Haley Baker  
**Tech Support and Livestream:** Amy Senior and Jonah White

# First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

*A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)  
Organized in 1855*



"Don't ask what the world needs.  
Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it.  
Because what the world needs is people who have come alive."

— Rev. Howard Thurman

## Service of the Presbytery of Chicago to Install

The Rev. Rebekah Anderson  
as Associate Pastor for  
Children, Youth and Families

June 23, 2024  
4:00 pm

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## GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

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PRELUDE “Fanfare” *John Cook*  
“Celebration No. 4 in G” *Michael Keller*  
Youth Handbell Choir

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

WELCOME Rev. Laura Sherwood, Jim Davidovich

✠CALL TO WORSHIP First Pres Children

One: In times of trouble when the world feels scary,  
One: we can cry out to God and God will listen.  
One: If we feel lost or alone,  
One: we can look for God who brings us home.  
One: When we are filled with joy and celebration,  
One: God dances and rejoices with us.  
**All: Let us rejoice and worship together. Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER Rev. Amanda Joria

✠HYMN 610 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” AZMON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Judy Wang

**Loving God, you formed each of us and took great care to breathe your spirit into all of humankind. Forgive us. Instead of honoring our connection to one another through God’s spirit, we hurt one another. Rather than uplifting the gifts God has given us, we see only what we don’t have and our shortcomings. Redirect us to turn toward one another with love and lead us to live in ways that make God’s love visible in the world. Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Through the power of God’s love, we die to our old selves and are made into new creations. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

✠GLORY TO GOD (Hymn 582)

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

✠PASSING THE PEACE

One: Since God has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Please greet one another by sharing signs of peace in ways that are both comfortable and meaningful for you.

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## HEARING GOD’S WORD

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Rev. Ken Hockenberry

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 5:1-5 (Pew Bible p. 917) Mikayla Carlson  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM “Seasons of Love” *Jonathan Larson arr. Zegree*  
*“Five hundred, twenty-five thousand, six hundred minutes. Five hundred, twenty-five thousand moments so dear. Five hundred, twenty-five thousand, six hundred minutes. How do you measure, measure a year? In daylights, in sunsets, in midnights, in cups of coffee. In inches, in miles, in laughter and strife. In five hundred, twenty-five thousand, six hundred minutes. How do you measure a year in the life? How about love? Measure in love. Seasons of love. Five hundred, twenty-five thousand, six hundred minutes. Five hundred, twenty-five thousand journeys to plan. Five hundred, twenty-five thousand, six hundred minutes. How do you measure the life of a woman or a man? In truth that she learned, or in times that he cried. In bridges he burned, or the way that she died. It’s time now, to sing out, though the story never ends. Let’s celebrate, remember a year in the life of friends. Remember the love. Measure in love. Seasons of love.”*  
Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:38-39; 41-47 (Pew Bible p. 886) Rev. Kimberly Mendoza  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON Rev. Barbara Gorsky & Rev. Laura Sherwood  
“What Makes You Come Alive”

PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS OF MINISTRY

✠HYMN 157 “I Danced in the Morning” LORD OF THE DANCE

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## GIVING THANKS TO GOD

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CALL FOR OFFERING Cleo Puckett  
*The offering today will support the Presbytery of Chicago’s Pastor Support Grant Fund. Thank you for your offerings.*

OFFERTORY “River” *Leon Bridges*  
Compass Praise Band with Haley Baker

✠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 Nokes

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## THE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

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A LITANY OF GIFTS Susan Weller

One: There are many gifts, but the same Spirit gives them,

**All: there are different ways to serve God, but we serve the same God.**

One: God’s spirit is in every person,

**All: creating the Kingdom of God through our gifts.**

One: If your gift is service,

**All: live to serve others.**

One: If your gift is the heart of a teacher,

**All: teach what is true.**

One: Let preachers preach with conviction, and givers give freely;

**All: let leaders work diligently.**

One: Let us not lack enthusiasm, but be wholehearted,

**All: serving God, maintaining hope, supporting those who suffer and welcoming all.**

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS Jim Davidovich

QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION Susan Weller

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION Jim Davidovich

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION Jim Davidovich

WELCOME Jim Davidovich

CHARGE TO THE PASTOR First Pres Middle School Youth

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION First Pres High School Youth

✠HYMN 761 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” BEECHER

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## GOING FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

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✠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Rev. Rebekah Anderson

POSTLUDE “Toccata from Symphony No. 5” *C. M. Widor*

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✠Please stand as you are able.

*Please join us in the Parlor for a reception celebrating the installation of Rev. Rebekah Anderson following the service. This reception is hosted by members of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and Children’s Ministry Director Search Committee.*

## THANK YOU FROM PASTOR REBEKAH

I want to sincerely thank everyone for attending and taking part in my installation. I feel so fortunate to serve such a vibrant, generous and compassionate congregation. It is an honor and a gift to serve you and your families and I am so thankful to celebrate being installed as your pastor today. Thank you to members of the APNC and CMNC who were part of bringing me to First Pres, to members of the Administrative Commission who took part in worship, to members of the pastoral staff, administrative staff and music ministries who went above and beyond to make this service special, sharing many hours of your time to do so, and to all the children, youth and families who make my work such a joy. It is a gift to serve as your pastor.