

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Organized in 1855



“The best and most beautiful things in the world
cannot be seen or even touched—they must be felt with the heart.”
— Helen Keller

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**June 2, 2024
10:00 AM**

10:00 AM

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

Rev. Laura Sherwood

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The God who has searched us and knows us, who is acquainted with all our ways, that God calls us each by name.

All: Speak, Holy One, your servants are listening!

One: The God who liberated slaves from Egypt, the Lord of the Sabbath who bids us rest, that God empowers us to make Jesus' life visible in our very bodies.

All: Speak, Holy One, your servants are listening!

One: Let us sing aloud to God, our strength, and shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

✠ HYMN

"How Great Thou Art"

arr. Hendrickson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsive)

Rev. Rebekah Anderson

One: Ever present God, You call us to be your hands in this world.

All: Forgive us for the times we have been afraid to reach out toward those left out or kept away. Help us to recognize the harm we have done in our actions and inactions, and lead us to work toward a different way.

One: You call us to be your feet in this world.

All: Forgive us for the times we have not tread lightly. Guide us to live in harmony with Earth that gives us life instead of treating it as something to be conquered.

One: You call us to live in this world with open hearts.

All: Forgive us for the ways we have closed ourselves off from you. Remind us of your expansive love, that we might recognize your presence everywhere we go. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: The good news is that God knows how messy it is to be human and still offers us grace over and over again.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

✠ GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME (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.

✠ TIME OF GREETING

Adam Hendrickson

COMMUNITY LIFE

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 4:5-12 (Pew Bible, p. 939) Rev. Rebekah Anderson
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

arr. Hendrickson

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18 (Pew Bible, p. 503) Rev. Laura Sherwood
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Seen by God"

Rev. Laura Sherwood

✠ **HYMN**

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Hendrickson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

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.

OFFERTORY

“He Lives in You”

Mancina, Rifkin & Lebo M

✠ **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

All-knowing Creator, just as you intimately know us, help us understand and trust in your vastness. May our stewardship reflect our trust in your guiding hand that helps us live as a community of faith in love, service and action. Bless these offerings as a symbol of our commitment to live out our beliefs. Amen.

✠ **HYMN 543**

“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

GREEN TYLER

✠ **BENEDICTION**

Rev. Laura Sherwood

SENDING MUSIC

✠ Please stand as you are able.

- Flowers:** **The Henderson, Holifield, Allen & Jegier families**—In loving memory of our son and brother, Jimmy
Don & Ruth Howard—In celebration of our anniversary
Bill & Liz Thompson—In memory of Bill Thompson & Jack Huntley, dads of Bill Thompson and Liz Huntley Thompson
- Fellowship Hosts:** Admin & Finance Committee
- Sources:** Litanies and Prayers from Call to Worship Year B – PC(USA); Scriptures are from the New Revised Standard Updated Edition (NRSVUE); Prayer of Thanksgiving (adapted) UMC Discipleship Ministries.

Join Us for Worship Next Sunday, June 9
Music & Volunteer Appreciation

Preacher: Adam Hendrickson | Scriptures: 2 Peter 1:3-11; Acts 9:10-19 | “Our Election and Calling” |
Music: Chancel Choir, Praise Band, Handbell Choir and Brass

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: ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 AM — *Through September 1* — 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.

June 2 — Second Sunday after Pentecost

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

11:00 am Buffalo Grove Pride Parade — Off-site

1:30 pm Scout Troop 32 Eagle Court of Honor — Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall

Upcoming Events

BUFFALO GROVE PRIDE PARADE — *Today* — 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 in the church parking lot at 9:30 am. 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! Questions? Contact Kim Hogan at k_hogan2003@yahoo.com.

MUSIC AND VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY: WORSHIP & BRUNCH — *Sunday, June 9* — Please join us in worship on Sunday, June 9 (10:00 am in the Sanctuary), as we celebrate our music ministry and all who volunteer their time and gifts to make all the ministries at First Pres possible. Please join us after worship for brunch in Fellowship Hall hosted by our children and youth to say thank you. If you can't stay for brunch, please stop by the Parlor after worship for some fellowship time and continental breakfast offering.

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

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.

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!

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 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

CHRISTOPHER HOUSE BACKPACK COLLECTION — *Sundays, 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!

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 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!

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* | \$ 1,359.00 |
|------------|-------------|

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.

Mary
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.

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, or call the church office to share your pastoral needs.

Looking Ahead

| | |
|---------|--|
| Today | Buffalo Grove Pride Parade |
| June 9 | Music & Volunteer Appreciation Sunday: Worship and 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 | High School Youth Group (HSYG) |
| June 26 | Middle School Youth Group (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
Don Johnson
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:

Laura Sherwood | laurasherwood@firstpresah.org

Interim Associate Pastor:

Barbara Gorsky | barbaragorsky@firstpresah.org

Associate Pastor of Children, Youth & Families:

Rebekah Anderson | rebekahanderson@firstpresah.org

Director of Music and Worship:

Adam Hendrickson | adamhendrickson@firstpresah.org

Associate Director of Music and Organist:

Christopher Urban | chrisurban@firstpresah.org

Worship Technicians: Amy Senior, Jonah White

Nursery Coordinator: Beth Johnson

Business Administrator:

Debbie Walter | debbiewriter@firstpresah.org

Senior Administrative Assistant:

Mary Fino | maryfino@firstpresah.org

Administrative Assistant / Receptionist:

Carol Vega | carolvega@firstpresah.org

Facilities Coordinator:

Michele Holifield | micheleholifield@firstpresah.org

Director of First Pres PDO & Preschool:

Coleen Anzalone | coleenanzalone@firstpresah.org

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!

SUMMER YOUTH TRIPS & EVENTS — Contact Rev. Rebekah Anderson at rebekahanderson@firstpresah.org.

SUMMER ADULT CHRISTIAN ED SCHEDULE — Contact Rev. Barbara Gorsky at barbaragorsky@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. 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.

GET CONNECTED — Join the conversation on Facebook, at facebook.com/firstpresah; Twitter, at @FirstPresAH; and Instagram, at @firstpresah. Download the free ACS Church Life app or visit the website to access the church directory or manage your giving online. Simply set up a user account at firstpresah.org under the Member Login tab to get started. We look forward to connecting with you!



QR CODE FOR THE ONLINE GIVING PORTAL— Please scan the QR code to access our online giving portal. Please select "General Fund" or other offering option. You may also text 11855 to 73256 to give. Thank you for your generous support!