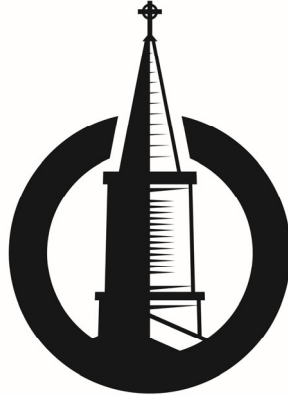


# First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

*A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)*

*Organized in 1855*



"We look forward to the time when the Power of Love will replace  
the Love of Power. Then will our world know the blessings of Peace."

— William Gladstone

"When the Power of Love overcomes the Love of Power,  
the world will know Peace."

— Jimi Hendrix

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**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / BAPTISM**  
**MUSIC & VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY**  
**June 9, 2024**  
**10:00 AM**

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# 10:00 AM

## PRELUDE

“Organ Hymn”

Raymond Haan

“For God alone my soul waits in silence.” Psalm 62:1

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

## WELCOME

Rev. Rebekah Anderson

## ✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: What a blessing! We gather to listen and to discern God’s will.

**All: What a fellowship! We join together and share our testimony in the presence of God.**

One: Our delight in God will be our song of praise.

**All: We come to worship God with our whole hearts.**

## ✠ HYMN 641

“When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

ENGELBERG

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsive)

One: Generous God, in Jesus, you have shown us love,

**All: love that seeks, love that suffers, love that survives all things.**

One: You call us, even command us, to show that love in our lives. Yet we turn away from what you would have us do.

**All: We confess that the ways of love are not our ways. We deny and ignore, hurt and hate, despise and reject.**

One: Have mercy on us. Help us to receive your love so that we can love others.

**All: Help us to receive your love so that we can love ourselves.**

### WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: The resurrection of Jesus shows us that the grace of God is stronger than death and the love of God has no boundary. This is good news!

**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 AND SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Rev. Rebekah Anderson

Charlotte Aubrey Money — born February 10, 2023, daughter of Michael Money and Lauren Blanchette

### COMMUNITY LIFE

Rev. Laura Sherwood

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

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

2 Peter 1:3-11 (Pew Bible, p. 987) Rev. Laura Sherwood

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

### ANTHEM

“Canticle of Fellowship”

Craig Courtney

*“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Forgive each other as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above. Before our Father’s throne we pour our ardent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,*

*Our comforts and our cares. We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear; And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear. When we asunder part, It gives us inward pain; But we shall still be joined in heart, And hope to meet again. From sorrow, toil, and pain and sin we shall be free; And perfect love and joy shall reign throughout eternity.”*  
Chancel Choir and Chancel Handbell Choir

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 9:10-19 (Pew Bible, p. 893) Adam Hendrickson  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

“Our Election and Calling” Adam Hendrickson

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION**

**SONG**

“One” Clayton, Evans, Hewson, and Mullen Jr  
Compass Praise Band

**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**

“May the Living Christ Be with You”

Richard Clemmitt

*“May the living Christ be with you: Before you to show you the way, Beside you to befriend you, Behind you to encourage you, Above you to watch over you, Beneath you to cushion you, And within you to give you peace. Holding you in peace. Holding you in love. Amen.”*

Chancel Choir; Phil Lewis & Joan Morrone, horns

✠ **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**

Rev. Laura Sherwood

One: Gracious God, all that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you. And so, in gratitude for all your gifts, we offer you ourselves, and all that we have, in union with Christ’s offering for us. By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

✠ **HYMN 733**

“We All Are One in Mission”

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✠ **BENEDICTION**

Adam Hendrickson

**POSTLUDE**

“Toccata” from Symphony No. 5

Charles-Marie Widor

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✠ Please stand as you are able.

**Sources:** Litanies and Prayers 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 16**

Preacher: Rev. Barbara Gorsky | Scriptures: Ezekiel 17:22-24; Mark 4:26-34 |

Music: Men’s Chorus

# 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 9 — Third Sunday after Pentecost / Music & Volunteer Appreciation**

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—Baptism** — Sanctuary

10:00 am All-ages Summer Sunday School — Fellowship Hall

11:00 am Volunteer Appreciation Brunch — Fellowship Hall, Parlor

12:00 pm Session Meeting — Boardroom

## Upcoming Events

**MUSIC AND VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY: WORSHIP & BRUNCH — *Today*** — Today in worship 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.

**BASSOON CAMP MASTERCLASS — *Monday, June 10 / 2:00-5:00 pm / Sanctuary*** — New and exciting in every way, First Pres has been hosting a Bassoon camp and on Monday, June 10, Miles Maner from the Chicago Symphony Orchestra will be offering a masterclass from 2:00-5:00 pm in our very own Sanctuary. If you can contain your excitement and be well behaved as the masterclass is presented, you are more than welcome to join!

**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!

**ALL-AGES 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 **today** (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 evenings 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*	\$ 1,484.00
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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).

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## 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	All-ages Summer Sunday School (brunch prep)
Today	Music & Volunteer Appreciation Sunday: Worship and Brunch
June 10	Bassoon Camp Masterclass
June 15	Summer Concert: Eddie Zheng, organ
June 16	All-ages 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
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# 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  
Louise Tischendorf — friend of Ken & Susan  
Weller  
Claire Walsh — cousin of Mary Hebden  
Pamela Wilson — daughter-in-law of  
Al & Karen Wilson

### ***Sympathy to***

**Lee Bruce**, on the death of her cousin, Kevin Morris

### ***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

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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).

**ALL AGES 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 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](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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