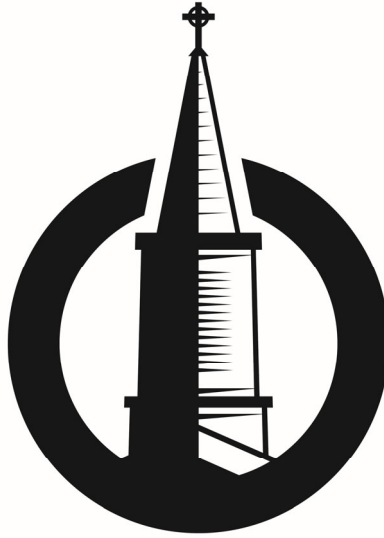


# First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

*A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)*

*Organized in 1855*



“Don’t judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.”

— Robert Louis Stevenson

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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 16, 2024

10:00 AM — Sanctuary

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# 10:00 AM

## PRELUDE

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”  
Chuck Beech, piano; Chris Urban, organ

Joel Raney

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

## WELCOME

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

## ✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The God we worship is the giver of life:

**All: the One who makes the dry tree green and grows a forest from the smallest seed.**

One: The God we worship is the giver of life:

**All: the One who forms us, names us, loves us and teaches us to share our lives with the world.**

## ✠ HYMN 263

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

CORONATION

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Laura Sherwood

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsive)

One: When our actions are not consistent with the truth of your gospel,

**All: forgive us, Lord. Cleanse us and free us.**

One: When our lives do not proclaim the power of your love, compel us, Lord.

**All: Free us and forgive us.**

One: When our minds are full of self-condemnation, with no room for your grace,

**All: revive us, Lord. Forgive us and compel us.**

One: For our lives are rooted in our faith in Jesus Christ,

**All: and through Christ’s love alone, we are reconciled to you.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

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

...in Jesus’ name we pray. **Amen.**

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, every one of us is a work in progress, but the good news is that our God will keep showing up again and again. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

## ✠ 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

### COMMUNITY LIFE

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

### MINUTE FOR MISSION—SESSION

Bill Lyon, Clerk & Elder Dick Reeves

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 17:22-24 (Pew Bible, p. 684) Rev. Laura Sherwood  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4:26-34 (Pew Bible, p. 815) Rev. Barbara Gorsky  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

**ANTHEM**

"A Vineyard Grows"

K. Lee Scott arr. Scott Hyslop

*"Amid the world's bleak wilderness a vineyard grows with promise green, The planting of the Lord himself, the planting of the Lord. His love selected this terrain, His vine with love he planted here to bear the choicest fruit for him, the choicest fruit for him. We are his branches, chose, dear, and through we feel the dresser's knife, we are the objects of his care, the objects of his care. From him we draw the juice of life, For him supply his winery with fruit from which true joys derive, from which true joys derive. Vie, keep what I was meant to be: Your branch, with your rich life in me."*

Men's Chorus

**SERMON**

"Seeing God in the Smallest Things"

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

✠ **HYMN 817**

"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

DUNLAP'S CREEK

**COMMISSIONING OF MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS**

Rev. Laura Sherwood

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE 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****OFFERTORY**

"You Are Exalted!"

Randall Dennis

*"Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power! Yours, O Lord, is the glory and the majesty! The heavens and earth and yours, and all that dwell therein. Yours is the kingdom: you are exalted high over all! Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are might and power to exalt and give strength to all!"*

Men's Chorus

✠ **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

✠ **HYMN 774**

"There Is Now a New Creation"

STUTTGART

✠ **BENEDICTION**

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

**POSTLUDE**

"Come, Christians Join to Sing"

Carolyn Hamlin

✠ Please stand as you are able.

**Fellowship Hosts:** Men's Monday Morning Bible Study**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 23**

10:00 am Worship: Preacher: Rev. Rebekah Anderson & Middle School Youth | Scripture: Exodus 3:1-6 |  
Music: Chancel Choir

4:00 pm Installation Service - Rev. Rebekah Anderson

# 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 16 — Fourth Sunday after Pentecost / Youth Mission Trip Commissioning**

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

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

11:00 am Fellowship Time — Parlor

## Upcoming Events

**MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING — *Today*** — During worship, we will commission our middle school youth and leaders participating in the Middle School Mission Trip to Indianapolis, IN, where we'll work with homeless shelters, food banks and community centers to support people working on the front lines of organizations that alleviate poverty, hunger and homelessness in central Indiana.

**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 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 members of the praise band, 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!

**JOIN THE RED, WHITE & BLUE CHOIR — *Sunday, June 30 / 9:30 am Rehearsal & 10:00 am Worship / Sanctuary*** — Tune up your voice because we would love to have you join the Red, White & Blue Choir on June 30. If you have ever wanted to give singing in the choir a try, please join us. No prior membership in any of our choirs or any choir at all is necessary. Just come at 9:30 am for rehearsal to learn our anthems and we'll sing at the 10:00 am service. Don't forget to wear something red, white and blue. Contact Adam Hendrickson at [adamhendrickson@firstpresah.org](mailto:adamhendrickson@firstpresah.org) for more information.

**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 **today, 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](mailto:rebekahanderson@firstpresah.org) with questions.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MISSION TRIP REGISTRATION IS OPEN!** — 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 this trip is \$450 per person. Scholarships are available. Please contact Rev. Rebekah Anderson to register by email.

## Serving, Giving and Growing

**LISTEN & LEARN — *Sundays in July*** — You are invited to join Pastors Rebekah and Barbara for a time of gathering to "Listen & Learn." Each Sunday in July, we will meet to listen to a podcast titled *Unlocking Us* by Brenè Brown and then discuss issues that surface around the topics in the podcast. We will meet in the Boardroom from 11:30 to 12:30. Hope you will come as we explore current issues we are facing.

**SUMMER PROJECTS AROUND THE CHURCH - CAN YOU HELP?** — We have a number of projects around the Church to complete this summer and invite anyone who has specific skills and interest to help out. Fill out our short form online or in person following worship today and we will reach out to you directly as the project schedule is developed. Thank you!

**CHRISTOPHER HOUSE BACKPACK COLLECTION — *Last day to give!*** — 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 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*	\$ 1,554.00
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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	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
July 4	Office Closed
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  
Don & Judy Ayers  
Virginia Blocki  
Dawn Bruce  
Lee Bruce  
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  
The family of Louise Tischendorf — friends 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).

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**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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