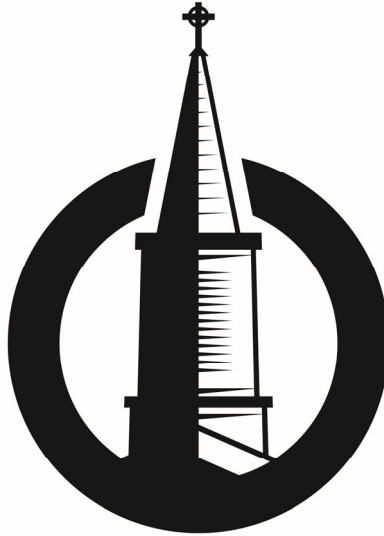


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A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

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“If you do not expect the unexpected you will not find it,
for it is not to be reached by search or trail.”

— Heraclitus

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY **FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

June 23, 2024

10:00 AM — Sanctuary

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

“Adagio” from Organ Symphony No. 3

Camille Saint-Saëns

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

WELCOME

Rev. Rebekah Anderson

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP (from Matthew 4:18-22)

One: Jesus called his first disciples, who were fishermen on the Sea of Galilee,

All: come and follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.

One: Jesus has also called all of us.

All: Let us follow Him with our lives and worship with all our hearts!

✠ HYMN 405

“Praise God for This Holy Ground”

HEYMONYSTRAAT

CALL TO CONFESSION

Youth

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you did not send your son so that we'd do things the same old way. Jesus didn't come into our lives so we'd be stuck in a rut. Help us see things with the eyes of a child. Help us to stop looking over our shoulders, and look ahead for what's to come. Each morning is a new day, and a new chance for us to see all the opportunities that you give us. We spend a lot of time worrying about how we mess up. We're afraid that you won't love us anymore, and we try to hide from you. But like a loving parent, you wrap your arms around us. You forgive us and send us on our way with yet another chance. Stay with us, God. The path is long, and we need you to light the way...

SILENT CONFESSION

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

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

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Because of Christ, we know that we are forgiven!

All: 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

Rev. Laura Sherwood

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Rev. Rebekah Anderson, Rev. Barbara Gorsky, Elder Jenn Fick
Eloise Anne Ames—born May 4, 2023, daughter of Elliott and Kaitlyn Ames
Grace Elizabeth Gibbs—born June 19, 2020, daughter of Jason and Ginger Gibbs
Kaylee Ann Gibbs—born September 6, 2023, daughter of Jason and Ginger Gibbs

ANTHEM

“You Have Put on Christ”

Howard Hughes

“You have put on Christ; in Him you have been baptized. Alleluia!”

Chancel Choir

COMMUNITY LIFE

Rev. Laura Sherwood

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3:1-6 (Pew Bible, p. 44) Youth
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“God in Unexpected Places”

Rev. Rebekah Anderson

✠HYMN 442

“Just as I Am, without One Plea”

WOODWORTH

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

“You Are My Refuge”

Michael John Trotta

“You are my refuge and my strength, You are my shelter from the storm, I will not fear when the ground shakes or the mountains fall into the sea. I will not fear when oceans roar or mountains shake from swelling tide. There is a river filled with life, a sacred place in which you dwell. Within its streams I find you there, I find your help at break of dawn. Though nations fear and kingdoms fade, your voice brings hope when morning comes. You are with me, my fortress, and strength! Be still and know that I am. Be still. Be.”

Chancel Choir; Diana Richardson, soprano

✠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

Youth

✠HYMN 846

“Fight the Good Fight”

DUKE STREET

✠BENEDICTION

Middle School Work Trip Participants

POSTLUDE

“Maestoso” from Organ Symphony No. 3

Camille Saint-Saëns

✠ Please stand as you are able.

Flowers: Denise Beihoffer—In memory of Warren & Dorothy Beihoffer

Don & Donna Holmes—In celebration of our granddaughter’s wedding. Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Brian Keefe, June 15, 2024

Sources: Liturgies from *The Book of Uncommon Prayer*, by Steven L. Case, 2002 Youth Specialties Zondervan Publishing; scriptures are from the New Revised Standard Updated Edition (NRSVUE).

Middle School Youth Work Trip Participants & Chaperones

Youth: Andrew Haines, Susannah Landwehr, Anika Larson, Jessica Lynn, Samuel Mogbo, Tyler Plummer

Adults: Rev. Rebekah Anderson, Darl Pochert

Join Us for Worship Next Sunday, June 30

Mission Study Team Presentation and Looking to the Future

Music: Red, White and Blue Choir

Fellowship: Ice Cream Social hosted by Community Life & Education Committee

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 23 — Fifth 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-Baptisms** — Sanctuary
11:00 am Fellowship Time — Parlor
4:00 pm Installation Service for Rev. Rebekah Anderson — Sanctuary
5:30 pm Reception for Rev. Rebekah Anderson — Parlor
6:00 pm HSYG — HS Lounge (Room 301)

Upcoming Events

JOIN US FOR PASTOR REBEKAH'S INSTALLATION — *Today / 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!

VBS LEADER TRAINING — Calling all VBS volunteers: Join us for VBS Training! All youth and adults volunteering at VBS must be trained. Training will be offered on **Tuesday, June 25**, at **6:30 pm** and **Sunday, June 30**, at **11:30 am** in the Boardroom. See you there! If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Rebekah Anderson at rebekahanderson@firstpresah.org.

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

MISSION STUDY TEAM PRESENTATION JUNE 30 DURING 10:00 AM WORSHIP — The Mission Study Team invites all members and friends of First Pres to join us in 10:00 am worship, June 30, for a presentation on the Mission Study findings about who we are, the pillars of our congregational life and what they mean for our future as we prepare to search for the next pastoral leadership. We will also present an eight-question "Last Blast" Survey to help us answer remaining essential questions. Patriotic music by the Red, White and Blue Choir and an Ice Cream Social Fellowship will add to the celebration of this day. Please plan to come in person or watch it online. **Mission Study Team:** Lauren Kehoe, Eric Larson, Kristin Michalczyk, Steve Smith, Kris Ward; Interim Pastors Laura Sherwood and Barbara Gorsky; Consultant Todd Hjermstad.

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 for more information.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL — Sunday, June 30 / 11:00 am — Join fellow members for our annual Ice Cream Social! We will have flavors and toppings galore, along with treats for those with certain allergies. It's a wonderful day to bring a guest to meet and mingle! We hope to see you there. *The CLE Committee*

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 **Sundays, 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.

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 am to 12:30 pm. 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!

4th OF JULY PARADE HOSPITALITY HELP WANTED — Thursday, July 4 — First Pres will once again extend hospitality to parade viewers on Thursday morning, July 4. If you are interested in helping, contact Arlene Bullerman at abullerman@earthlink.net or 847-670-0319.

CHRISTOPHER HOUSE BACKPACK COLLECTION THANK YOU! — Thank you for your generous donations that support our efforts to purchase backpacks for the children at Christopher House. We are helping families who cannot afford to buy backpacks and school supplies. The children will be very excited to receive these items as they begin a new school year!

THE WEDNESDAY PRODUCE MARKET IS RETURNING — The Wednesday Market will return on July 10 and will run through September 4. We'll distribute produce from the Loaves & Fishes Garden free to the community from 6:00-7:00 pm. If you are a gardener with spare produce, we'd love your donations! We are always looking for volunteers to help setup and distribute produce. For more information or to volunteer, contact Kim Hogan at k_hogan2003@yahoo.com.

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*	\$ 1,624.00
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GIVING OPPORTUNITY: *The Wednesday Produce Market — Through June, Sunday morning bookmark donations will support our Wednesday Produce Market. The market runs from July 10 - 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 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
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.

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	Installation Service for Rev. Rebekah Anderson
Today	High School Youth Group (HSYG)
June 25	Safe Sanctuary Training
June 26	Middle School Youth Group (MSYG)
June 29	Summer Concert: Adam Hendrickson, baritone; Chuck Beech, piano; Christopher Urban, organ
June 30	All-ages Sunday School
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July 4	Office Closed
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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

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.

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