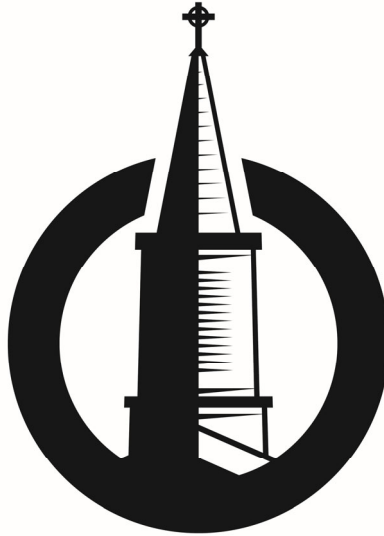


First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

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“For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.”

— Hebrews 3:4

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
MISSION STUDY PRESENTATION
June 30, 2024
10:00 am — Sanctuary

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

"Adagio in E"

Frank Bridge

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

WELCOME

Rev. Laura Sherwood

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 105:1-4, 7)

One: Give thanks to the Lord; call on His name; make His deeds known to all the people!

All: For He is the Lord, our God, faithful to a thousand generations!

One: Sing His praises; tell of His wonderful works, and glory in His holy name! Let those who seek the Lord rejoice!

All: For He is the Lord, our God, faithful to a thousand generations!

One: Search for God, and for His strength. Never stop looking for Him.

All: For He is the Lord, our God, faithful to a thousand generations!

✠ HYMN 331

"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

NATIONAL HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Kris Ward

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord...

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Rebekah Anderson

COMMUNITY LIFE *(Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to those around you.)* Kristin Michalczyk

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 1:3-6 (Pew Bible, p. 956) Lauren Kehoe
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

"A Song of Peace"

Johnnie Carl

"This is my song, O God of all the nations, A song of peace for lands afar and mine; This is my home, the country where my heart is, This is my hope, my dream, my shrine; But other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams the same as yours and mine. My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine. But other lands have sunlight, too, and clover, and skies are sometimes blue as mine. O hear my song, O God of all the nations, A song of peace for their land and mine. May truth and freedom come to every nation, May peace abound where strife has raged so long, That all may seek to love and build together a world united, righting every wrong, A world united in its love of freedom, proclaiming peace together in one song! This is my song, O God, Amen!"

Red, White & Blue Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 3:1-6 (Pew Bible, p. 972) Steve Smith
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

MISSION STUDY PRESENTATION

Mission Study Team

✠ HYMN 320

“The Church of Christ in Every Age”

WAREHAM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Laura Sherwood

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 THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Hallelujah, Amen”

George Frederic Handel

“Hallelujah, Amen; O Judah, rejoice. Rejoice, O Judah, in songs divine, with cherubim and seraphim harmonious join. Hallelujah, Amen.”
Red, White and Blue Choir

✠ 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

Eric Larson

One: With hearts of praise, O Lord, we dedicate to you these gifts as tokens of our lives and work.
Use them, as you use us, to fulfill your purposes for creation, that we might give glory to you, not only in the hearing, but in the doing of your word.
All: **Amen.**

✠ HYMN 338

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

MATERNA

✠ BENEDICTION

Rev. Laura Sherwood

POSTLUDE

“Toccata”

David Hegarty

✠ Please stand as you are able.

Flowers: Carolyn Schmidt—Remembering Keith

Fellowship Hosts: Community Life & Education Committee (Ice Cream Social)

Mission Study Team: Lauren Kehoe, Eric Larson, Steve Miller, Kristin Michalczyk, Kris Ward;
Interim Pastors Barbara Gorsky & Laura Sherwood; Consultant: Todd Hjermstad

Sources: Scriptures are from the New Revised Standard Updated Edition (NRSVUE).

Join Us for Worship Next Sunday, July 7 in the Chapel

Preacher: Rev. Laura Sherwood | Scriptures: Psalm 48; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 | “God’s Grace”

Music: Compass Praise Band

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 worshiping 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 30 — Sixth 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 - Mission Study Presentation** — Sanctuary
10:00 am All-ages Summer Sunday School — Fellowship Hall, Loaves & Fishes Garden
11:00 am Ice Cream Social — Parlor
11:30 am VBS Leader Training — Boardroom
6:00 pm HSYG — HS Lounge (Room 301)

Upcoming Events

MISSION STUDY TEAM PRESENTATION — *Today During Worship* — The Mission Study Team will present the 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 today. **Mission Study Team:** Lauren Kehoe, Eric Larson, Kristin Michalczyk, Steve Smith, Kris Ward; Interim Pastors Laura Sherwood and Barbara Gorsky; Consultant Todd Hjermstad.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL — *Today / 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*

VBS LEADER TRAINING — *Today / 11:30 am / Boardroom* — All youth and adults volunteering at VBS must be trained. Training will be offered at **11:30 am** in the Boardroom. See you there! If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Rebekah Anderson at rebekahanderson@firstpresah.org.

ALL-AGES SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL — *Today / 10:00 am* — 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 and **Sundays, July 7, July 21, August 4 and August 18**. All-ages Sunday School will follow the Children’s Message in worship, then move 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!

EAST PARKING LOT CLOSURE — *Monday & Tuesday, July 1 & 2* — The East Parking Lot will be closed for sealcoating and restriping. The lot will reopen on Wednesday, July 3. The East Lot is across from the main Sanctuary doors on Dunton Ave. If you have any questions, please contact Michele Holifield.

OFFICE CLOSURE — *Thursday, July 4* — In observance of the holiday, the office will be closed on Thursday, July 4. The office will be open Friday, July 5, from 8:30 am—12:30 pm.

NEW! 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.

VBS VOLUNTEER COMMISSIONING — *Sunday, July 7 / Chapel* — During worship, we will commission our VBS volunteers. We invite all participating to be present in worship as the congregation commissions you for this important work.

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, July 13 — Myroslav Mykhailenko, piano

Saturday, July 27 — Andrew Marlin, bassoon

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 **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 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

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.

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 and we will reach out to you directly as the project schedule is developed. Thank you!

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*	\$ 1,696.00
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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. *Beginning next week, bookmark donations will be donated to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Tornado and Windstorm Fund.*

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	All-ages Sunday School
Today	VBS Leader Training
Today	High School Youth Group (HSYG)
July 4	Office Closed; Parade Hospitality Offered
July 8 -12	VBS & MissionFactory
July 13	Summer Concert: Myroslav Mykhailenko, piano
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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

Congratulation to

Curt and Beth Johnson, on the birth of their new granddaughter, Riley Elizabeth Martin

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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