

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Organized in 1855



"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress;
working together is success"
— Martin Luther King, Jr.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
August 4, 2024
10:00 AM—Chapel

302 N. Dunton Ave | Arlington Heights, IL 60004 | (847) 255-5900 | firstpresah.org

10:00 AM

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When the world around us seems to be shaking,

All: God's love is our foothold, which shall not be moved.

One: When the life within us is dry and parched,

All: God's word is our wellspring, our fount of living water.

One: Let us worship the One who offers us wisdom

All: and teaches us how to serve.

✠ HYMN 451

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

OPEN MY EYES

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Rebekah Anderson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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,

All: compel us, Lord. 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

One: Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, 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

(All children and youth can follow their leader to the Loaves & Fishes Garden for All-ages Sunday School.)

COMMUNITY LIFE

Rev. Rebekah Anderson

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 85:8-13 (Pew Bible, p. 473) Rev. Rebekah Anderson
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:1-13 (Pew Bible, p. 951) Rev. Barbara Gorsky
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“Seeking to Be Faithful TOGETHER”

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

✠ HYMN 69

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

HERE I AM

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

“Shining Star”

White, Bailey, & Dunn

✠ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Rebekah Anderson

One: Generous God, we give you thanks for all your blessings to us. Use these gifts we offer as a sign of your great love for the world, so that all may know and share the abundance of your grace; in your holy name we pray.

All: **Amen.**

✠ HYMN 837

“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

SHOWALTER

✠ BENEDICTION

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

SENDING MUSC

✠ Please stand as you are able.

Flowers: **Matt & Lois Meisterheim**—Celebrating our 62nd wedding anniversary
Spencer & Laurie Ruhlin—In memory of Jan Olson

Fellowship Hosts: Opportunities are available to sign up to host fellowship time.

Sources: Liturgies from Call to Worship Year B—PC(USA); scriptures are from the New Revised Standard Updated Edition (NRSVUE).

All-ages Summer Sunday School: Parents should pick up children & youth at the Loaves & Fishes Garden (or Fellowship Hall, if inclement weather) following worship.

Join Us for Worship With Holy Communion Next Sunday, August 11

Preacher: Rev. Rebekah Anderson | Scriptures: 1 Kings 19:4-8; Mark 6:30-32 | “A Deserted Place”

Music: JoAnn Thompson, soprano

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* — We will have **one worship service at 10:00 am**. Worship will be held in the Chapel on 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.

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PNC) — Are you interested in helping to discern the future of our church by discovering our next pastor? Your insights and commitment will help shape the future of our congregation. Contact the committee at PastorSearch@firstpresah.org by August 11, to volunteer or recommend someone.

August 4—Eleventh 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

10:00 am All-ages Sunday School — Loaves & Fishes Garden

11:00 am Fellowship Time — Parlor

6:00 pm HSYG — Fellowship Hall

Upcoming Events

WORSHIP NOTE — *Sunday, August 11 / 10:00 am / Sanctuary* — Join us for worship **in the Sanctuary** next Sunday, August 11, with Holy Communion and hear reflections on the Senior High Mission Trip.

ALL-AGES SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL — *Today / 10:00 am* — We 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 also meet on **Sunday, 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!

SAVVY SENIORS (69+) EVENT — *Saturday, August 17 / 5:00-7:30 pm / The Moorings* — Members and friends, 69+, are invited to a social gathering at the Moorings. Chicken will be available. Guests with last names A-P are asked to bring a side dish, and Q-Z to bring dessert. There is a \$5.00 charge for bartender fees. Drink tickets are available for purchase (you may bring your own soft drinks). For more information or to RSVP, contact Tom & Susan Carroll at 847-956-4086 or tcarroll60@aol.com, by **August 8**.

SUMMER BOOK CLUB — *Thursday, August 29 / 7:00 pm / Parlor* — The Mission Committee is sponsoring a discussion of *Searching for Savanna* by Mona Gable. A gripping and illuminating investigation into the disappearance of Savanna LaFontaine-Greywind when she was eight months pregnant, highlighting the shocking epidemic of violence against Native American women in America and the societal ramifications of government inaction. *Searching for Savanna* confronts this history of dehumanization toward Indigenous women and the government's complicity in the crisis. Featuring in-depth interviews, personal accounts and trial analysis, *Searching for Savanna* investigates these injustices and the decades-long struggle by Native American advocates for meaningful change.

SUMMER YOUTH GROUP — Middle School Youth Group will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00 pm for light snacks, games and a lesson on **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 **today** and on **August 11 and August 18**. We hope to see you there!

CONCERT: BEATLES 60TH ANNIVERSARY — Saturday, September 7 / 4:00 pm / West Parking Lot — Join us for a concert celebrating the Beatles 60th anniversary of their concert on September 5, 1964, at the International Amphitheater in Chicago. This concert is free and open to the public.

SAVE THE DATE! FALL KICK-OFF — Sunday, September 8 / 11:30 am — Join us for this all-church celebration of the beginning of another program year. There will be food, fellowship and fun for all ages! Bring a friend. Mark your calendar now. Volunteers will be needed to make this event a success. To Volunteer, scan the QR code to the right.



Serving, Giving and Growing

THE WEDNESDAY PRODUCE MARKET IS BACK — The Wednesday Market 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. The Wednesday Market will now also feature Summer Suppers, anyone is invited to join us for a free meal in the West parking lot. Contact Kim Hogan at k_hogan2003@yahoo.com for more information or to volunteer.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HOST SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP TIME — Summer is a perfect time for you to try hosting Sunday morning Fellowship Time. Fellowship Time takes place after the 10:00 am worship service for about 30 minutes. Who can be a Fellowship Time host? Anyone can! Gather your family, a group of families, a group of friends, your book club, your committee and scan the QR code to sign-up for one of the open summer weeks.



FOOD BARREL COLLECTION — The Mission Committee has voted to direct the donations for the next quarter (July-September) to the Village of Mount Prospect Food Pantry in support of the families displaced by the recent apartment fire. Please place items in the barrels located in the Narthex and outside the Chapel.

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*	\$ 695.00
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***NEW GIVING OPPORTUNITY: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) Tornado and Windstorm Fund —** Through September, Sunday morning bookmark donations will support *the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Tornado and Windstorm Fund*. In response to the recent outbreak of tornadoes resulting in widespread damage in the Midwest and elsewhere, the Mission Committee has voted to direct the bookmark funds to the PDA Tornado and Windstorm Fund. This fund supplements the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering to enable a significant response to tornadoes and windstorms. This might include immediate relief, long-term rebuilding and emotional/spiritual care.

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	Worship in the Chapel
August 11	Worship with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary
August 17	Savvy Seniors (69+) Event
August 24	Volunteer Work Day
August 29	Summer Book Club
September 2	Labor Day - Office Closed
September 7	Beatles 60th Anniversary Concert
September 8	Two Worship Services & Education for Children & Youth Resumes
September 8	Fall Kick-off Celebration
September 11	Family Night Dinner & Programming Resumes
September 15	Sunday Education for Adults Resumes

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
Scott Sinclair
Bea Sonderegger

Friends & Family

Colton — Kathy Sobeski's neighbor's grandson
Cora Bigger — sister of Launa Ismail
Jude Edlin — grandson of Ken & Judy
Hockenberry
Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kiepura
Don Gross — father of Suzanne Kowalski
Donna Hames — friend of Mary Halatek
Debbie & Peter Jung — friends of Jim & Ingrid
Kaufman
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
Dave Weiss — brother of Rev. Barbara Gorsky
Pamela Wilson — daughter-in-law of Al &
Karen Wilson
Carol Wyse — sister of Joyce Spohr

Sympathy to

Dawn Bruce, on the death of her brother, Corris Davis, Jr.
Pastor Laura Sherwood and her Ukrainian family, on the death of father, Mikayil Kuznichenko

Congratulations to

Dick Hennessy, on the birth of his great-granddaughter, Adalyn Marie Kubilius

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

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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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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP ACTIVITY BAGS — Activity bags for children are available at the Sanctuary & Chapel entrances. Please place used bags in the basket after worship.

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.

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