



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME Adam Hendrickson

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

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✦ "GREAT ARE YOU LORD" Leonard, Ingram, & Jordan

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND HOPEFULNESS

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

God of mercy, we confess that we have not loved you with all our being. We have done things which we ought not to have done, and we have left undone things which we ought to have done. We have built walls between neighbors and between countries, and we have ignored the cries of those in need. Forgive us and set us free, that we may live into the hope of your calling, that your reign may come on earth as it is in heaven. Through Jesus Christ we pray...

✦ SUNG RESPONSE "Amen" HYMN 600

✦ TIME OF GREETING Adam Hendrickson

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Laura Sherwood

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

LUKE 13:29; 24:30, 31 Rev. Barbara Gorsky

MESSAGE "One Bread, One Body" Rev. Laura Sherwood
Scripture: James 5:13-20

SHARING OUR GIFTS AND 2024 PEACE AND GLOBAL

WITNESS SPECIAL OFFERING (See back for other giving options.)
"One Love" Bob Marley

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER Greg Schultz

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

CLOSING PRAYER

✦ "SHOUT TO THE NORTH" Martin Smith

✦ CHARGE & BLESSING Rev. Laura Sherwood

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Compass: Dan Berg, guitar; Amy Carroll, piano; Kevin Carroll, bass; Adam Hendrickson, guitar/vocals; Nate Montgomery, drums; Greg Schultz, saxophone; Todd Smith, trombone

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. You are also invited to join the conversation on Facebook, at facebook.com/firstpresah, Twitter, at @FirstPresAh, and Instagram, at @firstpresah. We look forward to connecting with you again. Please scan the QR code to visit our website for more information.



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 (8:45 am – 11:45 am).

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP ACTIVITY BAGS

Activity bags for children are available at the Sanctuary entrance.

CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

From September through May, Sunday morning Christian education classes are held for all ages. These include classes for preschool, elementary, middle school, and high school students, as well as education and discussion groups for adults. To learn more, visit firstpresah.org or call the church office at 847-255-5900.

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. 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.

SOURCES FOR WORSHIP

All liturgies are from *Call to Worship* Presbyterian Publishing; scriptures are from the New Revised Standard Updated Edition (NRSVUE).

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Please scan the QR code to access our online giving portal. Please select "General Fund" or other offering option. You may also text 11855 to 73256 to give. Thank you for your generous support!



First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
Organized in 1855



"Look out into the universe and contemplate the glory of God. Observe the stars, millions of them, twinkling in the night sky, all with a message of unity, part of the very nature of God."

— Sai Baba

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 6, 2024
9:00 & 10:30 AM

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Crown Him with Many Crowns" *Fred Bock*
"Children of the Heavenly Father" *Fred Bock*
Chuck Beech, piano; Chris Urban, organ
The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation for the worship of Almighty God.

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✠ HYMN 268 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" DIADEMATA

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SILENT CONFESSION

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

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

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: In Christ we have the forgiveness of sins and the riches of God's grace. Friends, let us receive God's forgiveness and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

✠ GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

✠ TIME OF GREETING

COMMUNITY LIFE Rev. Laura Sherwood

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Barbara Gorsky

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Luke 13:29; 24:30, 31
(Pew Bible, p. 849) Rev. Barbara Gorsky
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "Prayer of the Children" *Kurt Bestor*
"Can you hear the prayer of the children on bended knee, in shadow of an unknown room? Empty eyes with no more tears to cry, turning heavenward toward the light. Crying Jesus help me to see the morning light of one more day, but if I should die before I wake, I pray my soul to take. Can you feel the hearts of the children aching for home, for something of their very own, Reaching hands with nothing to hold on to, but hope for a better day. Crying Jesus help me to feel the love again in my own land, but if unknown roads lead away from home, give me loving arms, away from harm. Can you hear the voice of the children softly pleading for silence in their shattered world? Angry guns preach a gospel full of hate, blood of the innocent on their hands. Crying Jesus help me to feel the sun again upon my face? For when darkness clears, I know you're near, bringing peace again. Can you hear the prayer of the children?"
Men's Chorus

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING James 5:13-20
(Pew Bible, p. 983) Rev. Laura Sherwood
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "One Bread, One Body" Rev. Laura Sherwood

✠ HYMN 530 "One Bread, One Body" ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

CALL AND PRAYER FOR OFFERING AND 2024 PEACE AND
GLOBAL WITNESS SPECIAL OFFERING
(See back for other giving options.)

OFFERTORY "O Great God" *Bob Kauflin*
"O great God of highest heaven, occupy my lowly heart. Own it all, and reign supreme, conquer every rebel power. Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war. You have loved and purchased me; make me Yours forevermore. I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice; Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys. Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me, Through the Gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace. Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace. Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face. You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed. O great God of highest heaven, glorify Your Name through me. You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed. O great God of highest heaven, glorify Your name through me."
Men's Chorus

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

THE THANKSGIVING

One: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

All: They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.

One: According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, He took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

All: Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

One: Let us pray...

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All: We thank you, God, for making one people out of many. Thank you for your love in Jesus, who invites us to his table. Look upon us as we leave this feast, that the union we have shared here not be forgotten, but used to strengthen our bonds with all your people in every place. Amen.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

✠ HYMN 463 "How Firm a Foundation" FOUNDATION

✠ CHARGE & BENEDICTION Rev. Laura Sherwood

POSTLUDE "Festival Toccata" *Percy Fletcher*

✠ Please stand as you are able.

Fellowship Host: Carrie Costello

Flowers: **Lori Chandler**—Thank you to all the Fall Kick-off Volunteers!

Kris Ford—In honor of my mother, Millie Engelbretsen, on her birthday

Betty Launer—In honor of my husband, Witold Launer's, 95th birthday

Preaching: Rev. Laura Sherwood

Liturgists: (9:00 am) Rev. Barbara Gorsky

(10:30 am) Revs. Barbara Gorsky and Rebekah Anderson

Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson

Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban

Tech Support and Livestream: Amy Senior and Jonah White

Prayer Requests

Healing & Comfort

First Pres Community

Mario Alberico
Carole Anderson
Judy Ayers
Pat Baker
Dawn Bruce
Lee Bruce
Laura Carlson
Jean Castles

Mary Clarbour
Nancy Conning
Don Johnson
Corinne Peterson
Patty Richard
Scott Sinclair
Amy Sonderegger
Bea Sonderegger

Friends & Family

Colton — Kathy Sobeski's neighbor's Grandson
Don Gross — father of Suzanne Kowalski
John Hayes — friend of Mary Kiepora
Debbie & Peter Jung — friends of Jim & Ingrid Kaufman
Monica Kotas — sister of Mario Alberico
Bradford Leach — brother of Jeff Leach
Desa Peric — great-granddaughter of Steve Smith
Phil Perillo — brother of Kristie Cerniglia

Jerry Shields — husband of Dianne Shields
Jood Singer — daughter-in-law of Jo Christian
Ron and Peg Slack — friends of Jo Christian
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

The Cooper family, on the death of **Chuck Cooper**

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

About First Pres

STAFF

Interim Pastor / Head of Staff:
Laura Sherwood

Interim Associate Pastor:
Barbara Gorsky

Associate Pastor of Children, Youth and Families: Rebekah Anderson

Director of Music and Worship:
Adam Hendrickson

Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban

Worship Technicians:
Amy Senior, Jonah White

Business Administrator:
Debbie Walter

Senior Administrative Assistant:
Mary Fino

Administrative Assistant / Receptionist: Carol Vega

Director of First Pres PDO & Preschool: Coleen Anzalone

Nursery Coordinator: Beth Johnson

Save the Date

Today	World Communion Sunday
October 13	Stewardship Sunday
October 13	Concert
October 20	Bible Sunday (3rd & 8th Grades)
October 20	New Member Class & Baptism Class
October 26	Aluminum Can Drive
October 26	Trunk or Treat
October 30	Wednesdays@Noon
October 30	All Saints' Day Service: <i>Requiem</i>
November 16	Service Saturday
November 17	90th Birthday Celebration

PASTORAL CARE — If you have a death in the family, an anticipated surgery, the birth of a new baby, or if you or a loved one are struggling, your pastors and church family want to be there to support you. Please contact Rev. Barbara Gorsky, at barbaragorsky@firstpresah.org, or 847-255-5900, extension 225 or Rev. Laura Sherwood, at laurasherwood@firstpresah.org or 847-255-5900, extension 229 or call the office to share your pastoral needs.

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Church Life

October 6, 2024

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.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY — Today — This special day gives us the opportunity to celebrate our oneness in Christ with all of our brothers and sisters around the world. As we gather to celebrate communion together, we ask that you please give generously to the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

CHIMES DEADLINE — Tuesday, October 8 — The deadline for the November issue of The Chimes is Tuesday, October 8. Please submit articles to Chris Urban at chrisurban@firstpresah.org.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY — Sunday, October 13 — The kick-off to our 2025 Stewardship Campaign **Faith in the Future**. As we approach a new era for our congregation, we reflect with gratitude on the abundance God has provided us. We prayerfully consider our gifts of time and talent to the mission and ministry of First Pres in 2025.

MUSIC FOR ORGAN & ORCHESTRA — Sunday, October 13 / 4:00 pm / Sanctuary / Adam Hendrickson, conductor; Christopher Urban, organ — We will draw from the vast musical literature written for organ and orchestra that is rarely heard. Featured work will be Camille Saint-Saëns' *Symphony No. 3 in C minor, Op. 78*, "Organ Symphony".

October 6 — Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost/World Communion Sunday
8:45 am – 11:15 am — Child care (infants – 4 years) — Room 205/207 (Blue Room), Main Floor Christian Education (CE) Wing

9:00 am **Worship with Holy Communion** — Chapel
10:00 am Adult Choir Rehearsal — Choir Auditorium
10:00 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex
10:30 am **Worship with Holy Communion** — Sanctuary
10:30 am Coffee: Grounds for Discussion & Service — Room 110/112
10:30 am Preschool Sunday School (3- & 4-year olds) — Room 206
10:30 am K-5 Sunday School — Room 304
10:30 am Sunday School (Grades 6-7 & 9-12) — Room 301/303
10:30 am Confirmation — Room 109/111
11:30 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex
5:00 pm Youth Handbell Choir Rehearsal — Bell Choir Room
5:45 pm Youth Handbell Choir/HSYG Dinner — Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm HSYG — HS Lounge, Gym

Upcoming Events



FAMILY NIGHT PROGRAMMING — *Wednesdays / 6:00-8:00 pm / September through May* — Come and share dinner and fellowship with families from First Pres and the broader community. This program includes dinner, adult education and programs for children and youth.

Weekly Schedule:

- 6:00-7:00 pm:** Drop-in dinner time for all ages
- 6:30-7:00 pm:** Children's Choir (grades K-5)
- 7:00-8:00 pm:** Classes and programs, including:
 - ENGAGE & ENCOUNTER adult Christian education
 - Kids Connect (grades K-5)
 - Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8)

NEW! ENGAGE & ENCOUNTER: *Feasting on the Word of God: Reading the Bible With Joy* — *Wednesdays, through October 23 / 7:00 pm / Chapel / Instructor: Mary Larson* — Come on a journey with fellow Christians to enjoy reading the Bible just like you would any other book. Mary Larson is an English teacher who really loves to read and a Christian woman who wants people to enjoy reading the Bible. You don't have to come to every class because each will stand alone. Come with an open heart, an open mind and your beautiful, God-given curiosity! **Week 1:** Who's Afraid of the Big Old Book?, **Week 2:** Heroes Who Are Just Like Us, **Week 3:** I Know This Happened Thousands of Years Ago but Could Have Been Yesterday, **Week 4:** Different Versions but Same Story

BIBLE SUNDAY — *October 20* — Celebrate with our children and youth as our 3rd & 8th graders will be receiving new Bibles in worship. The Youth Choir will sing at 9:00 am and the Children's Choir will sing at 10:30 am.

NEW MEMBER & SEEKERS CLASS — *October 20 / 11:45 am / Boardroom* — Our next new members class will take place on Sunday, October 20, at 11:45 am in the Boardroom. For more information or to join the class, contact Rev. Laura Sherwood at laurasherwood@firstpresah.org.

BAPTISM SUNDAY — *November 17* — Our next Baptism Sunday will be Sunday, November 17, at either 9:00 and/or 10:30 am worship. In preparation for Baptism, there will be a class on **Sunday, October 20, at 11:45 am** in the Chapel. To begin the process of scheduling a baptism, please complete the baptism form on our website and submit to Mary Fino by email. Since all baptisms must be approved by Session which meets once a month, submitting a baptism form at least two months before the desired baptism date will help to ensure requested baptism dates can be honored.

TRUNK OR TREAT — *Saturday, October 26 / 1:00-3:00 pm / West Parking Lot* — Families of all ages are invited to join us for an afternoon of fun! Car trunks will be decorated with spooky Halloween decorations to allow kids to trick-or-treat by going from car to car for candy. Allergen-free treats will be available and will be designated with a teal pumpkin on the trunk display. Be sure to bring your friends and family for this free Halloween event!

CHRISTMAS CAMP REGISTRATION — *Sign-ups are open!* — Children's Ministries and First Pres' Music Ministry are excited to offer a Christmas Pageant experience for our preschoolers – 5th graders. Christmas Camp will incorporate drama, music and crafts on Wednesday nights beginning November 20 through December 18, from 6:45-8:00 pm. Registration is free and all are welcome. To learn more, please contact Rev. Rebekah Anderson at rebekahanderson@firstpresah.org or sign-up on our website.

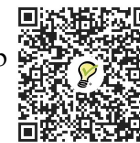
Serving, Giving, and Growing

COFFEE: GROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION & SERVICE — *Sundays / 10:30-11:30 am / Room 110* — Coffee Grounds is a member-led study group open to ALL adults, of ALL ages. **Through November 10: *Invitation to the Old Testament* (8-week study)** — Explore the Old Testament's story of God and God's calling of the people of Israel through the many "voices" of the biblical text. Hear the magnificence of a Creation hymn, discover the law and wisdom teachings, listen to the warning of the prophets and explore the poetry of the Song of Solomon. Ideal experience for adults who are interested in the practice of prayer and worship and would like to connect prayer practice with Scripture. The study is accessible for adults with little prior Bible experience. Participants gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Old Testament as an integral part of the Christian Bible and a renewed discovery of our identity in God and God's vision for all things. Questions? Contact Kelly Dean at k_p_dean@hotmail.com.

PW CIRCLE MEETINGS — Presbyterian Women (PW) is a community of women helping to make a difference in the lives of others. We look forward to another year of growing, supporting each other and listening to God's word. Join us for our new study, *Let Justice Roll Down*. For more information, contact Ingrid Kaufman at ingridkaufman@icloud.com.
Circle 7: Tuesday, October 15 / 7:00 pm / Parlor
Circles 1, 2, 3: Wednesday, October 16 / 9:30 am / Parlor

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FOOD DRIVE — *Sundays, through October 20* — Presbyterian Women will be holding their annual collection of financial donations for the purchase of food items for the families served by Christopher House and Firman Community Services, two organizations that help families in need. Cash and checks made out to Presbyterian Women will be accepted. Donations can also be accepted on the church website. All of the donations will help these organizations to purchase nutritious items for their clients. Please stop by the table in the Narthex between services!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HOST SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP TIME — Fellowship Time takes place after worship services for about 30 minutes. Anyone can host! Gather your family, a group of families, a group of friends, your book club, or your committee and scan the QR code to sign-up.



PLEASE DONATE A BAG OF CANDY FOR TRUNK OR TREAT — We need your help! Last year's Trunk or Treat event in the West Parking Lot was such a huge success that we ran out of candy. This year, we are asking the congregation to help out by donating a bag of candy. Candy can be dropped off at the church starting on September 30. Also, if you are interested in participating by decorating your car trunk, please contact Rev. Rebekah Anderson at rebekahanderson@firstpresah.org. Thank you for your help making this event so much fun!

ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE — *Saturday, October 26 / 10:00 am / West Parking Lot* — Scout Troop 32, sponsored by the First Pres Men's Bible Study, is organizing an aluminum can drive on Saturday, October 26, from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm in the West Parking Lot. Drop off your crushed cans for recycling. **Please do not bring cans to the church office before the collection date.**

Worship Next Sunday

October 13, 2024: Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am — Worship (Chapel)
Music: Compass

10:30 am — Worship (Sanctuary)
Music: Chancel Choir

Preacher: Rev. Laura Sherwood
Scriptures: Psalm 139:13-18; Jeremiah 19:11-14
Sermon Title: "Faith in the Future"

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	\$0.00
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NEW! GIVING OPPORTUNITY: *Facing Forward to End Homelessness (a community partner of the Chicago Presbytery) — Bookmark funds collected during the quarter (October - December) will support Facing Forward to End Homelessness. Facing Forward is a Chicago-based nonprofit that partners with families and individuals currently experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness. They specialize in providing long-term housing, essential resources, and personalized, family-wide support services that build stability, enhance mental and physical health, and increase access to empowering education and employment opportunities.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO STAFF OUR NURSERY! — Would you like to volunteer your services at either the first or second service? We are looking for once a month volunteers or substitutes. **Requirements:** Must be 18 or older, take "SAFE SANCTUARY" training, work in pairs once a month or more, have fun with babies/toddlers! Times available 8:45-10:15 am or 10:15-11:45 am. If this volunteer position interests you, please contact Beth Johnson at btj0914@hotmail.com.

FOOD BARREL COLLECTION — The Mission Committee has voted to direct the donation of nonperishable food items for the quarter (October-December) to the Wheeling Township Food Pantry. Please place items in the barrels located in the Narthex and outside the Chapel. The next time you are at the grocery store, why not pick up a few healthy nonperishable items to donate? Thank you for your past and continued support!

MARY AND MARTHA'S LENDING CLOSET — 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.