



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME Adam Hendrickson

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: With endless creativity,
All: **God forms and shapes our lives.**
One: Each of us bears the image of our maker.
All: **Each of us is made in love.**

✦ “GOD OF WONDERS” Byrd & Hindalong

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND HOPEFULNESS

Generous God, you give beyond measure, bringing forth abundance day by day. We confess our failure to acknowledge your goodness. We confuse our efforts with your providence. We conflate our deeds with your gifts. Forgive our sins. Grow in us thankful hearts, ready to praise your faithfulness. Form in us grateful spirits, quick to trust in your gracious care; through Jesus Christ our Lord...

✦ SUNG RESPONSE “Amen” HYMN 600

✦ TIME OF GREETING Adam Hendrickson

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Rebekah Anderson
Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along to those around you.

PSALM 139:13-18 Rev. Rebekah Anderson

MESSAGE “Faith in the Future” Rev. Laura Sherwood
Scripture: Jeremiah 29:10-14

SONG “Hope for the Future” Paul McCartney

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER Rev. Rebekah Anderson

One: Lord, in your mercy,
All: **hear our prayer.**

SHARING OUR GIFTS (See back for other giving options.)
“I Still Haven’t Found What I’m Looking For”
Clayton, Evans, Hewson, & Mullen Jr.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Rev. Rebekah Anderson

✦ “YOU NEVER LET GO” Beth & Matt Redman

✦ CHARGE & BENEDICTION 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

WELCOME, GUESTS!

Thank you for worshiping 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); Prayer of Thanksgiving from ministrymatters.com

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First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

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Organized in 1855*



**“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.”
— Jeremiah 29:11**

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

**OCTOBER 13, 2024
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Carillon" Leo Sowerby

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

WELCOME Rev. Laura Sherwood

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✦ HYMN 475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Barbara Gorsky

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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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: Rejoice in the Lord always for the Lord is near. With bountiful mercy and abiding grace, God greets us with love. This is good news!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

✦ 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 Psalm 139:13-18
(Pew Bible, p. 503) Rev. Barbara Gorsky
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "Creator God" Carole Halmekangas
"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, Before you were born, I called you by name. Lord! You created my being, You knit me together in my mother's womb; My frame was not hidden from You, when I was formed, You were there. Long before I knew You, You reached down and touched me, Loving me before I was born; Elohim Jehovah, Creator God, my Father, Praise and blessed be Your holy name. I am fearfully and wonderfully made, My soul knoweth that full well; Lord, Your thoughts ever are upon me, and all my days are written in Your Book."
Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 29:10-14
(Pew Bible, p. 639) Rev. Laura Sherwood
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Faith in the Future" Rev. Laura Sherwood

✦ HYMN 686 "God of Our Life" SANDON

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Barbara Gorsky

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 (See back for other giving options.)

OFFERTORY "Distant Land" John Rutter
"I see a distant land; it shines so clear. Sometimes it seems so far, sometimes so near. Come, join together, take the dusty road; Help one another: share the heavy load. The journey may be long: no end in sight; There may be hills to climb, or giants to fight: But if you'll take my hand, we'll walk together t'ward the land of freedom. I hear a distant song: it fills the air. I hear it, deep and strong, rise up in prayer: O Lord we are many; help us to be one. Heal our divisions: let thy will be done. I know the time will come when war must cease: A time of truth and love, a time of peace. The people cry, How long till all our world can join the song of freedom. I touch a distant hand and feel its glow, The hand I hoped was there: at last I know. Swords into plough shares: can it all come true? Friends out of strangers: start with me and you. I see another time, another place Where we can all be one, one human race. The walls will melt away, we'll come together on the day of freedom."
Chancel 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 Rev. Laura Sherwood

One: God of light and beauty, every gift is from you. Even our ability to give is a blessing of your love. We offer you what we have and what we are. Use our gifts to give birth to a world of righteousness where none are in need and where all draw close to your grace.

All: Amen.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

✦ HYMN 720 "Jesus Calls Us" GALILEE

✦ CHARGE & BENEDICTION Rev. Laura Sherwood

POSTLUDE "Fanfare" William Mathias

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Fellowship Hosts: Stewardship Committee

Flowers: Walter Meyer—Happy 249th birthday, US Navy

Preaching: Rev. Laura Sherwood

Liturgists: (9:00 am) Rev. Rebekah Anderson
(10:30 am) Rev. Barbara Gorsky

Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson

Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban

Tech Support and Livestream: Amy Senior and Jonah White

WORSHIP NOTES

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
Bea Sonderegger

Friends & Family

Colton — Kathy Sobeski's neighbor's Grandson
Don Gross — father of Suzanne Kowalski
John Hayes — friend of Mary Kiepura
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

Sympathy to

The Cooper family, on the death of **Chuck Cooper Dave, Kristen & Brian Sonderegger, and John & Bea Sonderegger**, on the death of wife, mother and daughter-in-law, **Amy Sonderegger**
Joyce Spohr, on the death of her sister, Carol Wyse

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	Stewardship Sunday
Today	Concert
October 20	Bible Sunday (3rd & 8th Grades)
October 20	New Member Class & Baptism Class
October 24	October Book Study
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 13, 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.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY — Today — Today is 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 — Today / 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"*.

NOVI, WORKING WITH CHILDREN IN UKRAINIAN WAR ZONE — Sunday, October 20 / 9:00 am Presentation and Update in the Boardroom; 10:45am Interactive Event in Fellowship Hall following Children's Time in worship; 10:00 am and 11:30 am Fellowship in the Parlor – Greet Jon and Hannah Peerbolt — Our relationship began with this incredible organization last fall. You may remember the special sunflower ornaments made from Kiev newspapers. Novi is focused on assisting children affected by the war in Ukraine, who are deprived of basic needs; including safety, education and nutrition, and are exposed to violence, displacement and emotional trauma. Novi's "Life Kits" help children develop self-regulation skills through structured adult-led interventions, and they collaborate with local organizations to prioritize sustainability and building partnerships that focus on prevention and intervention for vulnerable children.

October 13 — Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost / Stewardship 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** — Chapel
10:00 am Adult Choir Rehearsal — Choir Auditorium
10:00 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex
10:30 am **Worship** — 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
11:30 am Baptism Class — Chapel
12:00 pm New Officer Meet & Greet with Session — Fellowship Hall
12:30 pm Session Meeting — Room 109/111
2:30 pm Concert Rehearsal — Sanctuary
4:00 pm Concert Series Concert — Sanctuary
5:00 pm Concert Reception — 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 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.

PLEASE DONATE A BAG OF CANDY / DECORATE A TRUNK 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. 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!

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!

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!

OCTOBER BOOK STUDY — *Thursday, October 24 / 7:00 pm / Parlor* — **The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew - Three Women Search for Meaning and Understanding** — *The Faith Club* weaves the story of three women, their three religions and their urgent quest to understand one another. When an American Muslim woman befriends two other mothers, one Jewish and one Christian, they decide to educate their children about their respective religions. None of them guessed their regular meetings would provide life-changing answers and form bonds that would forever alter their struggles with prejudice, fear and anger. Personal, powerful, and compelling, *The Faith Club* forces readers to face the tough questions about their own religions.

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.

Worship Next Sunday

October 20, 2024: Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost / Bible Sunday (for 3rd & 8th graders)

9:00 am — **Worship** (Chapel)
Music: Compass & Youth Choir

10:30 am — **Worship** (Sanctuary)
Music: Chancel Choir & Children's Choir

Preacher: Rev. Rebekah Anderson
Scriptures: Luke 2:41-52
Sermon Title: "Interpreted in Love"

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	\$380.00
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***NEW! GIVING OPPORTUNITY: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) Hurricane Helene Restoration Fund**

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.**

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.



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.