



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME

Adam Hendrickson

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God's word is a lamp to our feet,
All: and a light to our paths.
One: Though the world around us tosses and tumbles,
All: we hold fast to God's love.
One: God's stories and songs,
All: they comfort us.
One: God's presence and promise,
All: they give us hope.
One: Let us worship God.

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

arr. Hendrickson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Laura Sherwood

Gracious God, you embrace us with open arms. You have called us to a path of love but too often, we choose to wander on our own to find our way. Sometimes we hear you call us to you and we return quickly. Other times, we ignore your call to love until fear calls us back. Forgive us when we do not put your love into practice. Remind us that we are always your children and guide us to return to your paths. Free us to try again, and let your love lead the way. In Jesus' name we pray...

SUNG RESPONSE

"Amen"

HYMN 600

TIME OF GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Laura Sherwood

8TH GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

SONG

"Thy Word"

Michael W. Smith

Youth Choir

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Rev. Laura Sherwood

FAITH IN THE FUTURE - FAMILIES & YOUTH

PSALM 119:105-112

Rev. Laura Sherwood

MESSAGE

"Interpreted in Love"

Rev. Rebekah Anderson

Scripture: Luke 2:41-52

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

SHARING OUR GIFTS (See back for other giving options.)

SONG

"Love Is Bigger Than Anything In Its Way"

Clayton, Evans, Hewson, & Mullen Jr.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ONE THING REMAINS (YOUR LOVE NEVER FAILS)

Johnson, Gifford, & Riddle

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Rev. Rebekah Anderson

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.

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For worship in the Sanctuary, large print bulletins, and hearing amplifiers (some with T-Coil lanyard adapters) are available from the ushers.

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SOURCES FOR WORSHIP

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"Whoever, then, thinks that he understands the Holy Scriptures, or any part of them, but puts such an interpretation upon them as does not tend to build up this twofold love of God and our neighbor, does not yet understand them." - Augustine of Hippo

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST BIBLE SUNDAY

OCTOBER 20, 2024 9:00 & 10:30 AM

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# 10:30 AM WORSHIP

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## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

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PRELUDE "How Great Thou Art" Carolyn Hamlin

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

WELCOME Rev. Rebekah Anderson

INTROIT "Prepare Ye & Bless the Lord" Stephan Schwartz

*"Prepare Ye, the way of the Lord. Oh, bless the Lord my soul, God's grace to you proclaim! And all that is within me joins, To bless God's holy name, Oh yeah! Oh, bless the Lord my soul, God's mercies bear in mind! Forget not all God's benefits, The Lord to you is kind."*  
Children's Choir; Nick Pulikowski, director

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Laura Sherwood

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✠ HYMN 625 "How Great Thou Art" HOW GREAT THOU ART

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Laura Sherwood

### 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: Hear the good news: God's faithfulness and mercy endures to all generations. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new!  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

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

### 3RD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE Rev. Laura Sherwood

FAITH IN THE FUTURE - FAMILIES & YOUTH The White Family

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## HEARING GOD'S WORD

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Laura Sherwood

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 119:105-112  
(Pew Bible, p. 495) Rev. Laura Sherwood  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "Carried By Love" David Lantz III  
*"Far from the flock, far from the fold; lost in the dark, frightened and cold. Captured by fear, bound by despair; crying for One to hear my prayer. Search me and find me, lost and alone. Search me and find me, carry me safely home. Out of the night, black as my shame, I hear a voice calling my name, Shepherd of Love, calling to me, offering grace abundant and free. Lifted by hands gentle and strong, into His arms where I belong. Held by the One sent from above, Covered by grace and carried by Love. Search me and find me, lost and alone. Search me and find me, carry me safely home."*  
Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:41-52  
(Pew Bible, p. 833) Rev. Rebekah Anderson  
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Interpreted in Love" Rev. Rebekah Anderson

✠ HYMN 30 "O God, in a Mysterious Way" DUNDEE

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## GIVING THANKS TO GOD

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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 "Behold the House of God" Richard Proulx  
*"Behold, the house of God; the spirit of God dwells within you all. The house of God is holy, a temple not built with stone, the temple you are! Sing joyfully, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness. Enter his gates with thanksgiving; enter his courts with praise!"*  
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. Barbara Gorsky

One: Generous and merciful God, we thank you for your indescribable gift of Jesus Christ. As we present our offerings today, give us grateful and generous hearts, that we may always follow Jesus in what we say and do. Help us to remember that every generous act of giving and every perfect gift is a demonstration of your love that changes the world.  
**All: Amen.**

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## GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

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✠ HYMN 727 "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" THE SERVANT SONG

✠ CHARGE & BENEDICTION Rev. Rebekah Anderson

POSTLUDE "Grand Chorus in B flat" Théodore Dubois

✠ Please stand as you are able.

**Fellowship Hosts:** Deacons  
**Flowers:** **Christopher Urban**—In celebration of Dale and Suzanne Urban's 54th wedding anniversary.  
**Preaching:** Rev. Rebekah Anderson  
**Liturgists:** (9:00 & 10:30 am) Revs. Laura Sherwood & 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

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## WORSHIP NOTES

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# Prayer Requests

## Healing & Comfort

### First Pres Community

Mario Alberico  
Carole Anderson  
Judy Ayers  
Dawn Bruce  
Lee Bruce  
Laura Carlson  
Jean Castles  
Mary Clarbourn

Nancy Conning  
Cathy Dillon  
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

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

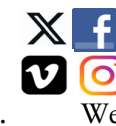
## Save the Date

Today	Bible Sunday (3rd & 8th Grades)
Tody	NOVI Presentation & Update
Today	New Member Class & Baptism Preparation Class
October 24	October Book Study
October 26	Aluminum Can Drive
October 26	Trunk or Treat
October 30	All Saints' Day Service: <i>Requiem</i>
November 6	Wednesdays@Noon
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](mailto:barbaragorsky@firstpresah.org), or 847-255-5900, extension 225 or Rev. Laura Sherwood, at [laurasherwood@firstpresah.org](mailto: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 20, 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.

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

**NOVI, WORKING WITH CHILDREN IN UKRAINIAN WAR ZONE — Today / 9:00 am Presentation and Update in the Boardroom; 10:45 am 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.

**NEW MEMBER & SEEKERS CLASS — Today / 11:45 am / Boardroom** — If you are interested in joining our family of faith or finding out more, join us today at 11:45 am in the Boardroom.

**BAPTISM CLASS — Today** — 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 today, at 11:45 am in the Chapel.

### October 20 — Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost / Bible 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  
9:00 am NOVI Presentation — Boardroom  
10:00 am Adult Choir Rehearsal — Choir Auditorium  
10:00 am Fellowship Time & NOVI Meet and Greet — Parlor, Narthex  
10:30 am **Worship** — Sanctuary  
10:30 am Coffee: Grounds for Discussion & Service — Room 110/112  
10:45 am NOVI Interactive Event for Children & Youth — Fellowship Hall  
11:30 am Fellowship Time & NOVI Meet and Greet — Parlor, Narthex  
11:45 am New Member Class — Boardroom  
11:45 am Baptism Preparation Class — Chapel  
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)

**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 4:** Different Versions but Same Story

**Upcoming ENGAGE & ENCOUNTER: *The Gospels*** — *Wednesdays, November 6 through December 11 / 7:00 pm / Chapel / Instructor: Dr. Don Kaasch*

**PLEASE DONATE A BAG OF CANDY / DECORATE A TRUNK FOR TRUNK OR TREAT** — Last year's Trunk or Treat event 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. 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!

**REFORMATION SUNDAY** — *Sunday, October 27* — Music at 10:30 am worship will include bagpipes and brass as we celebrate our reformed heritage. We will install our upcoming class of Elders, Deacons and Trustees.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) CHRISTMAS FLOWER ORDERS** — *Sundays, October 27 & November 3 / after worship / Lobby* — PW will be in the Lobby after both worship services accepting donations for Christmas Flowers to beautify our Sanctuary during the Christmas season. Suggested donation is \$30, but any amount is appreciated.

**RUTTER'S REQUIEM** — *Wednesday, October 30 / 7:00 pm / Sanctuary* — Community-wide All Saints' Day service with a presentation of Rutter's *Requiem*. The choir will be singers from First Pres and neighboring Arlington Heights choirs, joined by soloists and orchestra. Adam Hendrickson, conductor; Diana Richardson, soprano.

## 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.

**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.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FOOD DRIVE** — *Final day to donate!* — 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!

**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.

**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.

## Worship Next Sunday

### October 27, 2024: Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost / Reformation Sunday & Installation of Officers

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

**10:30 am** — **Worship** (Sanctuary)  
*Music:* Chancel Choir; First Pres Brass & Bagpipes

*Preachers:* Rev. Barbara Gorsky & Rev. Laura Sherwood  
*Scriptures:* Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28  
*Sermon Title:* "Always Being Re-formed (by God)"

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	\$517.00
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**\*NEW! GIVING OPPORTUNITY: *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) Hurricane Helene Restoration Fund*** — In response to the devastating destruction by the hurricane, monies collected from bookmarks will support PDA Hurricane Helene Restoration Fund through the end of the year. Know that your support of PDA is addressing immediate needs and will provide the necessary resources to support the long-term recovery, which will take many years.

**FAMILY NIGHT HELP WANTED** — There are many ways to help support this vital ministry to church and community members. Please consider ways you could help:

- **Sponsor** the full or partial cost of dinner for one night (*average cost is \$400 for 100 people*). Contact *Debbie Walter* in the Church office or choose "Family Night" from the dropdown on our *Giving page*.
- **Bring Dessert** — we need a few people each week to bring four dozen servings of dessert.
- **Wash Dishes & Cleanup** — we need three people each week to help wash, dry and put away dishes.
- **Attend!** The most important part of Family Night is YOU – whether you can help with funds, food or cleanup, ***your presence is the best gift of all!***

**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](mailto:maryandmartha@firstpresah.org).