

# 9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

### **†CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Through the power of God, Christ our Lord sits on the throne of truth.

All: As we worship, may this truth guide our thoughts.

One: Christ our Lord sits on the throne of love.

All: May this love guide our hearts.

One: Let us worship our Lord who leads the way.

## **†"COME PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING"**

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### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND HOPEFULNESS

Rev. Rebekah Anderson

O Holy One, you showed us what it means to live by your reign: sharing food with the hungry, freedom with the imprisoned, justice with the oppressed and joy with the sorrowful. We ask your forgiveness, O God, for all the ways we fail to live as people who belong to your reign. Show us once more what our belonging means, for you are the beginning, you are the end, and, in every time between, you fill our lives with grace.

**SUNG RESPONSE** 

"Jesus, Remember Me"

HYMN 227

### **†**Time of Greeting

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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PSALM 93 Rev. Rebekah Anderson

MESSAGE "Politics and Truth"

Scripture: John 18:33-37

# **†"THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS"**

arr. Hendrickson

COMMISSIONING OF NEW TRUSTEES

Revs. Gorsky & Anderson

THE LORD'S PRAYER

### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE & SHARING OUR GIFTS

(See back for other giving options.)

Rev. Rebekah Anderson

"Give Me Jesus"

# PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**†"SHOUT TO THE NORTH"** 

Martin Smith

**†CHARGE & BENEDICTION** 

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

Please stand as you are able.

Compass: Amy Carroll, piano; Kevin Carroll, bass; Nate Montgomery, drums; Greg Schultz, saxophone; Todd Smith, trombone

# 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, X, 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 and Chapel entrances. Please put used bags in the basket after worship.

#### **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**

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### **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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"I am not anxious to be the loudest voice or the most popular. But I would like to think that at a crucial moment, I was an effective voice of the voiceless, and effective hope of the hopeless."

— Whitney M. Young, Ir.

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY CHRIST THE KING

NOVEMBER 24, 2024 9:00 & 10:30 AM

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# 10:30 AM WORSHIP

# GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**PRELUDE** 

WELCOME

**♦**HYMN 263

"Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door"
"Sing to the Lord of Harvest"
Chancel Handbell Choir

The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation

for the worship of Almighty God.

One: Through the power of God, Christ our Lord sits on the throne of truth.

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

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FIRST SCRIPTURE RE

Ken Weller

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Psalm 93

(Pew Bible, p. 478) Ken Weller The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!** 

ANTHEM

Brenda Austin

Sondra Tucker

CORONATION

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

Text from Hymn 363

arr. Jack Schrader

Men's Chorus

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 18:33-37

(Pew Bible, p. 881) Rev. Barbara Gorsky The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!** 

SERMON

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

**†**HYMN 273

"He Is King of Kings"

"Politics and Truth"

HE IS KING

# CALL TO CONFESSION

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# 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: Those who trust in God will renew their strength. They will run and not be weary, they will walk and not grow faint. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

All: 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

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

# GIVING THANKS TO GOD

# ORDINATION, INSTALLATION, COMMISSIONING OF CHURCH OFFICERS

### 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.

# STEWARDSHIP UPDATE & CALL FOR OFFERING (See back for other giving options.)

OFFERTORY "Crown Him Lord of All!" Mary McDonald "Crown Him Lord of all! All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all! Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall; Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him the Lord of all! Let every kindred, every tribe, On this terrestrial ball, To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him the Lord of all! O that with yonder sacred throng, We at His feet may fall. We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all!"

Men's Chorus

# ♦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**

One: Loving God, accept the gifts we offer you, today and every day. Put our time, our talents and our treasure to good use wherever they are needed, for the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

# GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

**†**HYMN 643

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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**♦**CHARGE **&** BENEDICTION

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

POSTLUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God" J. S. Bach, arr. Fox

₱Please stand as you are able.

**Fellowship Hosts:** Opportunities are available to sign up to host fellowship time. See Church Life on how to sign up.

time. See Church Life on now to sign up

Flowers: Nancy Schmidt—In memory of Dr. Richard Schmidt

Steve Smith—In memory of my loving wife, Julie, forever my

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Bill & Liz Thompson—In memory of Bill's mother, Nancy E.

Thompson

**Preaching:** Rev. Barbara Gorsky

Liturgist: (9:00 am) Rev. Rebekah Anderson

(10:30 am) Ken Weller

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

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Nancy Conning Mario Alberico Carole Anderson Cathy Dillon Judy Ayers Richard S. Hamilton Don Johnson Denise Beihoffer Carl Burklund Patty Richard Scott Sinclair Laura Carlson Bea Sonderegger Jean Castles Mary Clarbour Terry Wade

Friends & Family Colton — Kathy Sobeski's neighbor's | Jerry Shields — husband of Dianne Shields grandson Don Gross — father of Suzanne Jood Singer — daughter-in-law of Kowalski Io Christian John Hayes — friend of Mary Ron and Peg Slack — friends of Jo Christian Kiepura Tom Spaeth — friend of Steve Smith Peter Jung — friend of Jim & Ingrid Kaufman Claire Walsh — cousin of Mary Hebden Monica Kotas — sister of Mario Dave Weiss — brother of Rev. Alberico Barbara Gorsky Bradford Leach — brother of Jeff Pamela Wilson — daughter-in-law of Leach Al & Karen Wilson Desa Peric — great-granddaughter of Steve Smith Phil Perillo — brother of Kristie

### Serving in the Armed Services

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MU2 Wesley Carroll, Navy — son of Kevin and Amy Carroll, grandson of IoAnn 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	Concert: Bruce Blanck & Friends
Today	Wise & Sage Dinner
November 27	Office Closes at 12:30 pm
November 28-29	Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
November 30	All-Church Decorating for Christmas
December 1	Hanging of the Greens
December 4	Wednesdays@Noon
December 8	Concert Series: The Glory of Christmas
December 11	PW Christmas Tea
December 14	Annual All-Church Christmas Breakfast
December 15	All-Church Caroling

**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

# November 24, 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 2025: FAITH IN THE FUTURE — If you have not yet done so, please return your 2025 commitment card. You can also use the online commitment card (firstpresah.org/contribute/2025commitment/). If you have any questions, contact Debbie Walter at debbiewalter@firstpresah.org. All our gifts together will help us plan for a vital and vibrant 2025.

BRUCE BLANCK AND FRIENDS — Today / 4:00 pm / Sanctuary — This concert features long-time member of First Pres, Bruce Blanck. He brings his inimitable jazz piano stylings coupled with other musicians. The program will include sacred and secular selections. Those 60+ are encouraged to stay for the Wise & Sage Dinner hosted by High School Youth at 5:30 pm.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS DECORATING — Saturday, November 30 / 9:30 am — Be a part of this wonderful tradition of decorating the church. All participants are welcomed as a variety of tasks are fulfilled. Families can participate together. It is a great opportunity to meet new people and be a part of our church family. We plan to be finished by noon.

HANGING OF THE GREENS — Sunday, December 1 / 10:30 am — Children of all ages are invited to participate in our annual Hanging of the Greens during the 10:30 am worship service. Children will carry decorations into the Sanctuary to celebrate the beginning of the Advent and Christmas season. Meet in the lobby at 10:15 am. Children will return to Sunday school for regular programming.

#### A TIME OF WONDER ADVENT DEVOTIONAL NOW AVAILABLE —

This 4-week devotional guides you along a journey through times of renewal, trial, revelation and ultimately to a time of wonder at the great gift that we have at Christmas. Available in print in the literature rack or by request from the church office.

#### November 24 — Christ the King

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 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

10:30 am Coffee: Grounds for Discussion & Service — Room 110/112

11:30 am Fellowship Time — Parlor, Narthex

2:30 pm Concert Rehearsal — Sanctuary

4:00 pm Concert Series Concert — Sanctuary

5:00 pm Youth Handbell Choir Rehearsal — Fellowship Hall

5:30 pm Wise & Sage Dinner — Fellowship Hall

# **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.

THERE WILL BE NO FAMILY NIGHT ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY. Join us when we return to the regular Family Night schedule on Wednesday, December 4.

ENGAGE & ENCOUNTER: The Gospels — Wednesdays, through December 11 (NO CLASS NOVEMBER 27) / 7:00 pm / Chapel / Instructor: *Dr. Don Kaasch* — We have all understood the Gospels to be eyewitness works of four authors who each wrote of their unique experiences alongside Jesus and after his death. What do the authors say about themselves, about each other and about Jesus? Are they the same? Are they close enough to corroborate with one another? Why are Mark and John so vastly different that the Jesus between them is hardly the same person. Is Jesus human, semi or fully divine? Join us as we discuss these questions and more!

CHRISTMAS CAMP REGISTRATION — Sign-ups are open! — The Children's and Music Ministries at First Pres are excited to work together again to create another exciting Christmas Pageant experience! Christmas Camp is a 4-week program for children in preschool – 5th grade to experience the story of Christmas through music, drama and crafts. This program will culminate in our Christmas pageant at 10:30 am on Christmas Eve! Christmas Camp takes place on Wednesday nights through December 18, from 6:45-8:00 pm. Registration is free and all are welcome. Contact Rev. Rebekah Anderson, rebekahanderson@firstpresah.org.

WEDNESDAYS@NOON — Wednesday, December 4 / 12:10 pm / Sanctuary / Chuck Beech, piano; Christopher Urban, organ — The program will feature holiday selections for piano and organ.

CONCERT SERIES: THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS — Sunday, December 8 / 4:00 pm / Sanctuary — Chancel Choir, Men's Chorus and orchestra present our annual Christmas concert featuring choral music by John Rutter and orchestra music by Mannheim Steamroller. Always a popular event, come early to get a seat.

ALL-CHURCH BREAKFAST — Saturday, December 14 / 9:00 am-10:30 am / Fellowship Hall — Men's Monday Morning Bible Study invites you to the annual Christmas Breakfast served by Scout Troop 32. All are welcome! Come and enjoy food, fellowship and fine conversation! Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, December 10.

THE BRIDGE: ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY — Saturday, December 14 / 7:00 pm — The Bridge (social group for adults 50-60+) is hosting their annual Christmas party at the home of Kirk & Kate Ingemunson. There will be a contest for the ugliest Christmas sweater! Please bring an appetizer to share, \$10 per person for the beverage fund and an unwrapped toy to donate to the Wheeling Township Toy Drive. Please RSVP by December 12 to Kate Ingemunson at kate.ingemunson@gmail.com.

# 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. Today: Advent Study Prep: Join us to watch Scrooge (1970) starring Albert Finney; Sundays, December 1 - December 22: Advent Study, Scrooge: Connecting Christ & Culture by Matt Rawle, a 4-week study — The Redemption of Scrooge, based on Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, will explore the world of Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim and the Cratchits, with an eye to Christian faith. Along the way you will meet the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Yet to Come and learn about living with and for others in a world blessed by Jesus. This book is part of Matt Rawle's Pop in Culture series.

NEW SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION / Today / 9:00 am / **Boardroom** — Join us for a discussion of what we want from studying the Bible as adults and a preview of our Advent study, December 1-22: Peace, *Justice, Joy and Salvation: An Adult Advent Study, from The Thoughtful* Christian.

CHRISTOPHER HOUSE FAMILY TO FAMILY — Sign up today / between worship services / Narthex. <u>Drop-off</u> Saturday, December 7 / 8:30-9:45 am / East Parking Lot — Many of us have enjoyed providing wrapped Christmas gifts for Christopher House families in the past years. Please consider participation as an individual, family, club or group of friends. Gifts should be wrapped and dropped off between 8:30 and 9:45 am on December 7, in our East Parking Lot. Volunteers will load and deliver them to Christopher House in Logan Square. You may also purchase an Aldi or Jewel \$25.00 gift card. Please mark the dollar amount on the card with a Sharpie. Drop off at the sign -up table on a Sunday or put the card in an envelope, Attn: Liz Thompson, and drop the envelope off at the church office. These will be used for the family meals for Christmas.

REFUGEEONE HELP NEEDED — <u>Sign up</u> today / between worship services / Narthex — In conjunction with RefugeeOne, the Mission Committee has agreed to furnish an apartment in the North Rogers Park neighborhood. This is an essential part of their work in welcoming a refugee family. There will be a table in the Narthex with a list of the items needed through the month of December. We are also looking for volunteers to grocery shop, provide a hot meal for the family on their arrival day and to help with the actual setup. Want to help? Contact Kim Hogan, K\_Hogan2003@yahoo.com.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND TEA — Wednesday, December 11 / 1:30 pm / Sanctuary, Parlor — All are invited to join PW for a musical Christmas program and tea. Our program will start in the Sanctuary where we will be entertained by the Madrigal Singers from Rolling Meadows High School under the direction of Caitlyn Walsh. We will have a Christmas Tea in the Parlor following the program.

PATHWAYS (mid-30s to late-40s) DINNER OUT—Friday, December 6 / 6:00 pm / Dinner out in the Arlington Heights/Mt. *Prospect area* — The location will be determined once we have a count of how many are coming. Please sign up by Friday, November 22, using the QR code to the right.



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HOST SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP**



IKKERIE 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

# December 1, 2024: First Sunday of Advent

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

10:30 am — Worship (Sanctuary)

Music: Chancel Choir

*Preacher:* Rev. Barbara Gorsky

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Thessalonians 3:9-13 Scriptures: "Prepare for the Promise of Love" Sermon Title:

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	\$1,270.00
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CURRENT GIVING OPPORTUNITY: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) *Hurricane Helene Restoration Fund* — In response to the devastating destruction by hurricane Helene, 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

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.