



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE

Youth

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. (Isaiah 9:2)

All: Christ is our light. By grace he came, in power he rose; we wait for Christ to come again.

One: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. (Jeremiah 33:14-15)

All: In those days and at that time God will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

One: Make known to us your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths. (Psalm 25:4-5)

All: Lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for you we wait all day long.

✦ “O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL”

arr. Hendrickson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND HOPEFULNESS

Rev. Rebekah Anderson

Coming Christ, you may not find us as you hoped. We’ve looked away from signs we do not wish to see. We’ve stopped listening to distress we do not wish to hear. We are numb to inconvenient truths. Keep us alert, O God, to the needs of our neighbors. Revive our hearts laden with compassion fatigue. Sharpen our minds clouded by worries. Sober our lives addicted to privilege. Show us the signs of your coming, that we may stand before you, the Son of Man, in whose name we pray.

SUNG RESPONSE

“Wait for the Lord”

HYMN 90

✦ TIME OF GREETING

Adam Hendrickson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Rebekah Anderson

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

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

MESSAGE

“Prepare for the Promise of Love”

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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

“Promise of Love”

Bruce Ellis

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Revs. Gorsky & Anderson

LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

CLOSING PRAYER

✦ “PUT A LITTLE LOVE IN YOUR HEART”

DeShannon, Holiday, & Myers

✦ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

✦ Please stand as you are able.

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, 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

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), Advent Candle Litany 2024 (YEAR C), text written by Carla Pratt Keyes.

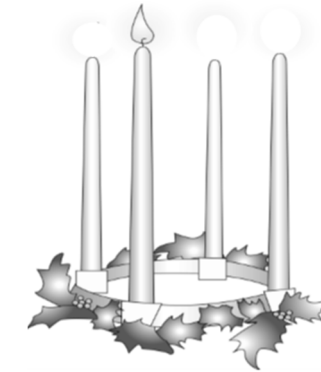


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First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

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**“May Advent be a time for us to be filled with wonder
at the great gift we have at Christmas,
Christ’s incarnation on earth, his taking on flesh
for the sake of love and our salvation.”
— A Time for Wonder, 2024 Advent Devotional**

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**DECEMBER 1, 2024
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" *Jack Noble White*

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

WELCOME Rev. Barbara Gorsky

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE Children

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

One: For many years people walked in darkness.

One: Until they saw a great light!

One: Jesus is our light and hope.

One: God brought love and justice to the world through Jesus.

One: Let us celebrate the birth of hope together.

All: Let us worship God!

✦HYMN 88 (vv. 1, 5, 6, 7) "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" VENI EMMANUEL

HANGING OF THE GREENS LITANY Children

GARLAND

HYMN 83 (vv. 1, 2) "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" STUTT GART

PARAMENTS

HYMN 108 (vs. 1) "Of the Father's Love Begotten" DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

WREATH

HYMN 347 (vs. 1) "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" PICARDY

CANDLES

HYMN 79 (vs. 1) "Light Dawns on a Weary World" TEMPLE OF PEACE

CALL TO CONFESSION Youth

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 Rev. Barbara Gorsky

One: As sure as your love, so sure is the salvation of God, poured out for the world in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

✦RESPONSE (Hymn 84 vs.1)

**Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, redeemer of us all, we pray you, hear us when we call.**

✦TIME OF GREETING

COMMUNITY LIFE

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

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Youth

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 33:14-16
(Pew Bible, p. 645) Youth
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
(Pew Bible, p. 960) Rev. Barbara Gorsky
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Prepare for the Promise of Love" Rev. Barbara Gorsky

✦HYMN 828 "More Love to Thee, O Christ" MORE LOVE TO THEE

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

CALL AND PRAYER FOR OFFERING

(See back for other giving options.)

OFFERTORY "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates" *William Mathias*
"Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory."
Chancel Choir

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Revs. Barbara Gorsky & Ken Hockenberry

THE INVITATION

THE THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

(All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please partake of the bread as it is served. We will hold the cup and drink together. Self-contained packs of gluten-free bread and juice are available on each bread tray that will be brought to the pews.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

✦HYMN 360 "Christ Is Coming!" UNSER HERRSCHER

✦CHARGE & BENEDICTION Rev. Barbara Gorsky

POSTLUDE "People, Look East!" *Kristina Langlois*

✦Please stand as you are able.

Fellowship Hosts: Opportunities are available.

Flowers: **Bob Ahrens**—In memory of Nancy Ahrens
Carrie Costello—In loving memory and thankfulness for my parents, Rodney and Sally Costello

Preaching: Rev. Barbara Gorsky

Liturgists: (9:00 am) Rev. Rebekah Anderson & Adam Hendrickson

(10:30 am) Children & Youth, Rev. Ken Hockenberry

Advent Wreath Church Pillar: Youth & Families

(9:00 am) Youth

(10:30 am) Children

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
Denise Beihoffer
Carl Burklund
Laura Carlson
Jean Castles
Mary Clarbour

Nancy Conning
Cathy Dillon
Don Johnson
Patty Richard
Scott Sinclair
Bea Sonderegger
Terry Wade

Friends & Family

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

Jim & Nancy Robinson — friends of Sheila Hall
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

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	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
December 22	Cookie Walk
December 22	Concert Series: <i>Messiah</i> Sing-along

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

December 1, 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.

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.

HANGING OF THE GREENS — *Today / 10:30 am* — This tradition marks the beginning of Advent and includes adorning the Sanctuary with candles and greens. After the Advent candle lighting and following the first hymn, children will come forward to hang the greens. At the conclusion, we will exit the Sanctuary for the remainder of our Sunday school time together.

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.

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.

December 1—First Sunday of Advent / Communion

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 & Hanging of the Greens** — 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
5:00 pm Youth Handbell Choir Rehearsal — Fellowship Hall
5:45 pm Youth Handbell Choir/HSYG Dinner — Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm HSYG — High School 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

6:45-8:00 pm: Christmas Camp

7:00-8:00 pm: Classes and programs, including:

- ENGAGE & ENCOUNTER adult Christian education
- Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8)

ENGAGE & ENCOUNTER: *The Gospels* — *Wednesdays, through December 11 / 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?

CHRISTMAS CAMP REGISTRATION — *Sign-up by December 4!* — 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.

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.

ALL-CHURCH CAROLING — *Sunday, December 15 / 4:00 pm* — Join a caroling group to spread Christmas cheer, followed by a pizza dinner at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

CONCERT SERIES: MESSIAH SING-ALONG — *Sunday, December 22 / 4:00 pm / Sanctuary* — Northwest Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Timothy Semanik, and soloists present our annual Handel's *Messiah* Sing-along. Many will become one as the audience serves as the chorus. Warm up your vocal cords as we fill the Sanctuary with beautiful music, such as the *Hallelujah Chorus*, honoring the birth of our Savior.

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. **Sundays, through December 22: Advent Study, Scrooge: Connecting Christ & Culture** by Matt Rawle — *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.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION — *Sundays, through December 22 / 9:00 am / Boardroom* — Join us for our Advent study: *Peace, Justice, Joy and Salvation: An Adult Advent Study*, from The Thoughtful Christian. This class will consider familiar texts from the Book of Isaiah through the lens of gifts. Embedded in these texts are gifts that God longs to give us and deeply desires for us to receive into our lives.

COOKIE WALK IS COMING — *Sunday, December 22 / between worship services / Parlor* — Youth Ministries is excited to host our annual Cookie Walk! The funds raised from the Cookie Walk go to a cause that's close to the heart of our church: The Youth Mission Fund. We will need lots of cookies! If you're able to share a batch of cookies, please let Rev. Rebekah know how many you plan to bring and **drop them off at church on Saturday, December 21, between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm.**

CHRISTOPHER HOUSE FAMILY TO FAMILY — *Drop-off Saturday, December 7 / 8:30-9:45 am / East Parking Lot* — 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. These will be used for the family meals for Christmas.

REFUGEEONE HELP NEEDED — *Sign up 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.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING — *Donate during the month of December* — Through the Christmas Joy Offering, we have an opportunity to honor past, present and future church leaders who faithfully work to lead us toward God. 50% of the Joy Offering supports present and retired church workers who are experiencing extreme financial need. The remaining 50% provides much needed financial assistance to Presbyterian related schools and colleges that equip students of color with education and leadership development skills. Please give generously!



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

December 8, 2024: Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 am — Worship (Chapel)

Music: Compass Praise Band and Youth Choir

10:30 am — Worship (Sanctuary)

Music: Chancel Choir and Youth Choir

Preacher: Rev. Laura Sherwood

Scriptures: Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

Sermon Title: "Prepare for God's Promise"

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	\$1,547.00
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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 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.