

9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We praise you, God, for the diversity of your body.

All: By God's Spirit, we are one.

One: From diverse backgrounds and diverse places,

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One: From diverse questions and diverse dreams,

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One: We celebrate our diversity. We celebrate our unity.

By God's Spirit, we are one. Hallelujah!

†"GREAT ARE YOU LORD"

Leonard, Ingram, & Jordan

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND HOPEFULNESS

Rev. Rebekah Anderson

Holy God, we confess that we have wandered from your light. We follow paths of self-indulgence, instead of focusing on our need of you. We passively accept the suffering of the world, expecting others to stand up and work for the change we would like to see. Lord, in your strength, renew us and compel us by your invitation that we may work to pursue your justice and mercy for all people, sharing your light in ways great and small.

†SUNG RESPONSE

"Amen"

HYMN 600

†Time of Greeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

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

PSALM 19 Rev. Rebekah Anderson

MESSAGE "Refreshed by Joy" Rev. Ken Hockenberry

Scripture: Nehemiah 8:1-12

SONG "Joy" Barrett & Brown

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

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

"Refresh My Heart"

Geoff Bullock

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†"JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE"

arr. Hendrickson

†CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Rev. Ken Hockenberry

Compass: Amy Carroll, piano; Kevin Carroll, bass; Adam Hendrickson, guitar/ vocals; 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

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 Year C, PC(USA); scriptures are from the New Revised Standard Updated Edition (NRSVUE).



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"Joy is the holy fire that keeps our purpose warm and our intelligence aglow."

— Helen Keller

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Please stand as you are able.

10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God" Chuck Beech, piano; Chris Urban, organ Joel Ranev

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

WELCOME Rev. Laura Sherwood

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 †HYMN 14

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

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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: May the God of mercy, the Lord of strength, fill you with the peace that forgiveness brings; and may the Holy Spirit refresh you with new life.

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.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Barbara Gorsky

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 19

(Pew Bible, p. 433) Rev. Barbara Gorsky The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

"A Jubilant Song"

Allen Pote

"Sing to the Lord a jubilant song. Rejoice and sing and let the earth be glad. Let the heavens be filled with joy, and a jubilant song. Sing alleluia to the Lord. Tell of His salvation from day to day. Shout His marvelous works among the people, for great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised. Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were made, or the land and the sea were born, From age to age you are God, and we pray for the coming of your Kingdom, We shall rejoice, we shall be glad all the days of our lives."

Men's Chorus

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Nehemiah 8:1-12

(Pew Bible, p. 379) Rev. Ken Hockenberry The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Refreshed by Joy"

Rev. Ken Hockenberry

†HYMN 333

"How Our Hearts with Joy Abound" DURCH ALLE WELT

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

"Offertory"

John Ness Beck

"With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, Shall I come before Him with yearling claves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

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: We praise and thank you, Lord God, for the majesty of your work, the wisdom of your word, and the generosity of your grace. Let the gifts of our lives bear witness to your goodness and mercy, your faithfulness of justice, and your steadfast love for all.

All: Amen.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

†HYMN 300

"We Are One in the Spirit"

WE ARE CHRISTIANS

♦CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Rev. Ken Hockenberry

POSTLUDE

"Psalm 19"

Benedetto Marcello

Fellowship Hosts: Congregational Life & Education Committee (CLE)

Preaching: Rev. Ken Hockenberry

Liturgist(s): (9:00 am) Revs. Rebekah Anderson & Barbara Gorsky (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

WORSHIP NOTES

[₱]Please stand as you are able.

Prayer Requests

Healing & Comfort

First Pres Community

Bill Dillon Mario Alberico Carole Anderson Cathy Dillon Judy Ayers Don Johnson Denise Beihoffer Nancy Johnson Dave Berkow Susan Kogan Carl Burklund Connie Leach Laura Carlson Mollie Lumsden Elaine Chen Lois Meisterheim Mary Clarbour Patty Richard Margie Conner Bea Sonderegger Nancy Conning Terry Wade

Friends & Family

Colton — Kathy Sobeski's neighbor's grandson

John Haves — friend of Mary

John Hayes — friend of Mary Kiepura

Kristin Jones Hill — daughter of Ken & Susan Weller

Monica Kotas — sister of Mario Alberico

Bradford Leach — brother of Jeff Leach

Lisa — daughter-in-law of Launa

Ismail
Phil Perillo — brother of Kristie

Cerniglia

Jim & Nancy Robinson — friends of Sheila Hall

Betty Sanders — friend of the congregation

Jerry Shields — husband of Dianne Shields

James Vasiliades — brother-in-law of Carolyn Nunley

Dave Weiss — brother of Rev. Barbara Gorsky

Pamela Wilson — daughter-in-law of Al & Karen Wilson

Sympathy to

The Kalivoda family, on the death of Marjorie Kalivoda Suzanne Kowalski, on the death of her father, Don Gross, and mother,

Carol North, on the death of her husband, William North

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

Custodian & Facility Monitor:

Joe Webb (mornings)

Save the Date

February 2
February 5
Wednesdays@Noon
February 9
February 9
February 16
February 16
February 22
February 23
February 23
Scout Sunday
Wednesdays@Noon
Youth Sunday / Souper Bowl of Caring
Second Half Super Bowl Party
40th Annual Organ Fest
Savvy Senior Outing
Annual Meeting of the Congregation

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

January 26, 2025

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.



GUEST PREACHER, REV. KEN HOCKENBERRY — *Today* — Today we welcome the Rev. Kenneth J. Hockenberry as our guest preacher. Ken is a graduate of Grove City College (Bachelor of Music / Voice Major) in PA, and Princeton Theological Seminary

Music / Voice Major) in PA, and Princeton Theological Seminary (Master of Divinity) in NJ. He has served churches in Syracuse, NY, Louisville, KY, and Skokie, IL. Currently he is serving as Stated Clerk and Business Manager for Chicago Presbytery. Ken is married

to the Rev. Judy Hockenberry, who retired as an Associate Pastor at First Pres Arlington Heights in March of 2023. Ken and Judy have three grown children, Katie (37), Jenny (34 – married to Haley Edlin), and Andrew (32). In July 2024 they welcomed twin grandsons, born to Jenny and Haley - Theodore "Theo" James and "Jude" Willis.

WEDNESDAYS@NOON — Wednesday, February 5 / 12:10 pm / Sanctuary — Join us for an afternoon recital featuring Christopher Urban, organ.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION — Sunday, February 23 / 11:30 am / Sanctuary — Please plan to attend in person. Your presence, your voice and your wisdom are all needed as we work together to look at our budgets and goals for our church. If you are not able to attend in person, we hope you will watch the Livestream or recording. Reports will also be available in print and electronically.

CONCERT SERIES: 40TH ANNUAL ORGAN FEST — Sunday, February 16 / 4:00 pm / Sanctuary — Join organists Michael Gagne, Marianne Kim, Christopher Urban and Gary Wendt as they team up to provide another dynamic and inspiring organ concert. Always a popular event and one you won't want to miss!

<u>Ianuary 26—Third Sunday after Epiphany</u>

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

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 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 CLASS: BREAKING THE CODE —

Wednesdays, through February 26 / 7:00-8:00 pm / Room 102-104 — As a follow-up to Mary Larson's Reading the Bible with Joy course, she is offering a small group style Bible study on the Book of Revelation. Please join us as we discuss Breaking the Code (Revised Edition) by Bruce Metzger. The study goes through the entire Book of Revelation. Breaking the Code provides a trustworthy guide to the rich symbolism of this important biblical book. We highly encourage you to buy the book and prepare for the class each week. However, if you just want to jump in, you will be welcomed with open arms. The book is available through Christianbook.com and Amazon for \$11.99. We're excited to traverse this study together.

YOUTH SUNDAY — Sunday, February 9 — Mark your calendars: Youth in grades 5-12 are invited to take part in the music, liturgy and leadership of worship! Please join us in worship to support the youth of First Pres and if you're a youth who is interested in participating, please email Rev. Rebekah Anderson! Whether you'd like to help in the background or have a major leadership role, there's a way that everyone can contribute to Youth Sunday!

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING — *Sunday*, *February* 9 — Help our youth as they participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring by donating spare change or bills on Sunday, February 9. Souper Bowl of Caring supports local hunger relief charities across the nation and encourages neighbors to tackle hunger in their local communities. Our youth will be collecting for this mission after both worship services. Please give generously.

SUPER BOWL PARTY FOR THE SECOND HALF — Sunday, February 9 / 4:30 pm / Home of Bill & Sue Lyon — Our social group for 60-75 year-olds is having a Super Bowl party, Sunday, February 9, at 4:30 pm. The hosts are Bill & Sue Lyon, 931 N Vail Ave, AH. Wear your favorite football jersey unless it's a Packers jersey! To RSVP, send an email to sbtalyon@comcast.net and let us know how many guests and the food item that you'll bring.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES — Sundays, February 9 & 16 — The Children's and Youth Ministries Committee will be sending care packages to support our college students on their journey. If you'd like to donate treats or other items to include in the packages, we will be collecting on Sundays, February 9 and 16, or you can deliver them to the church office by February 19. Suggested items: \$5 Starbucks gift cards, prepackaged snacks such as cookies, candy bars, crackers, granola bars, etc. Monetary donations to help cover shipping are also appreciated and can be given online. We are also collecting current mailing addresses for the college students. If you have college students in your family, please send the info to Rebekah Anderson, rebekahanderson@firstpresah.org or Darl Pochert, darl.pochert@icloud.com.

Serving, Giving, and Growing

COFFEE: GROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION & SERVICE — Sundays, through March 2 / 10:30-11:30 am / Room 110 — Coffee Grounds is a member-led study group open to ALL adults, of ALL ages. Invitation to the New Testament (An 8-week Disciple Bible Study) — Explore the writings of the New Testament using the story of Jesus as the starting point. This survey of the testament looks at how the early church took ownership of and was shaped by the story of Jesus and how the church learned how to develop as disciples and create communities of faith. Participants gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of the New 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.



FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH — BOOK STUDY: Sponsored by the Congregational Life and Education Committee (CLE) — Discover the book of *James*, a novel by author Percival Everett, published by Doubleday in 2024. The novel is a

reimagining of Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain, but told from the perspective of Huckleberry's friend on his travels, Jim, who is an escaped slave. Scan the QR code for book discussion "Meet Up" group(s).



PADS NEEDS HELP! JUST ONE SHIFT! — On January 14, we opened our doors to clients. Now we need your help! We are a church that has supported PADS for over 30 years, and we need volunteers to step up and sign up to work the various shifts. If

everyone agreed to work just one shift, we would be set for the season. We need you! The QR code will direct you to the sign up page. Thanks! Pastor Barbara

BLANKET DRIVE SPECIAL OFFERING — Collection through the month of February — Not everyone is lucky to have that warmth and comfort. During the months of January and February, PW will be collecting for the Church World Services Blanket Drive. A \$10 donation will provide a blanket for someone needing a little support, warmth and encouragement. Please help by donating! Checks may be made out to First Presbyterian Church, indicate Blanket Drive in the memo, or you may donate online by selecting Blanket Drive in the drop down menu. Thank you! Questions? Contact Lois Meisterheim at mlmeisterheim@gmail.com.

PLEASE GIVE TO COVER YOUR PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT — In 2025, the apportionment is \$38.00 per member. Any funds you designate for the apportionment will be used for this purpose and will free up our General Fund dollars to be used in supporting the vision, overall ministry and missions of our congregation. Please consider contributing your share. An Initial Offering Envelope for this purpose has been included with the 2025 weekly offering envelopes. If you do not receive envelopes, please use one of the Per Capita envelopes from the pew pockets in the Chapel and Sanctuary or donate online by selecting 'Per Capita' in the dropdown menu.

FIRST PRES COMMUNITY OF WOMEN — On the third Wednesday of the month from September through May, the women of the church gather in the Parlor at 9:30 am to reflect on the current study of scripture and just spend time together. The current study is titled, Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation. All are invited. Please come on February 19 (off-site), March 19, April 16 and May 14. There is an option for evening meetings on Tuesdays, February 18, March 18, April 15 and May 20 at 7:00 pm in the Parlor. There is food and drink, opportunities for service, sharing our gifts and enjoying our time together! We will close out the season with a salad luncheon in Fellowship Hall at noon on May 21. Call Jan Niemeyer at 847-287-4103 or Mary Larson at 847-668-0929 for more information.

Worship Next Sunday

February 2, 2025: Fourth Sunday after Epiphany / Scout Sunday

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

10:30 am — Worship (Sanctuary)

Music: Chancel Choir and First Pres Brass

Preacher: Rev. Laura Sherwood

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Jeremiah 1:4-10

Sermon Title: "Equipped for the Journey"

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	\$393.00
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NEW GIVING OPPORTUNITY: Dia Nuevo — Our first quarter bookmarks will go to the support of Dia Nuevo, a Spanish speaking, new worshipping community of the Chicago Presbytery in Hanover Park. Dia Nuevo is comprised of first generation immigrants from Colombia, Venezuela and Guatemala.

HAVE YOU TURNED IN YOUR 2025 COMMITMENT CARD? — If you have not yet had a chance to turn in your Commitment Card for 2025, you are invited to place your card in the offering plate, or you can drop it off or mail it to the church office, to the attention of Debbie Walter, business administrator. You can also enter your commitment online at firstpresah.org.



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.

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 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!